

CITY OF TORONTO BUDGET COMMITTEE – JANUARY 26, 2021 – 6:00 PM
ONWARDS

ITEM BU28.1 – PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ON THE 2021 CAPITAL AND
OPERATING BUDGETS

PRESENTED BY:

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As the duly appointed representative of the Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130 in the matter of the Bluffs Erosion Remediation Project, I request that the Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130 be provided financial support from the 2021 City of Toronto Capital and Operating Budgets (most likely the Capital Budget) to assist the Corporation in arresting the ever increasing loss of crest line of the Scarborough Bluffs on our property that will eventually provide a loss of safety to the existing essential structures on the property. If this erosion is left unabated it will eventually provide a challenge to other property owners in the area to the north of our location.

BACKGROUND:

26, 28, 30 Livingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario is a residential property that is located along 307 metres of the Scarborough Bluffs. Many years ago, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority provided fortification along the shoreline directly below our property with the intent of stopping wave erosion by the lake at the toe of the property. This action was successfully completed and the erosion at the toe of the bluffs appears to have been arrested.

Since 2010/2011, Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130 has been working closely with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on a fee for services basis in the development of slope crest remediation plans. During this time frame, Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130 has spent approximately \$214,000.00 (taxes not included) on the development of geotechnical surveys, plans, recommendations and a partial slope remediation as guided by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The partial bluff face remediation that was completed in 2015 has been successful..

Currently, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is focused on other high priority issues which has put them in the position of potentially not being able to continue working with us until the end of 2021 or into 2022. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has stated as of December 16, 2020, that based on funding parameters, our property would not be eligible for assistance under the TRCA's Erosion Risk Management Program (ERMP)

In addition, there has been an unanticipated higher rate of erosion on certain parts of our property, particularly the area at the south end of our tennis court which is directly adjacent to our community building (referred to as the pool hut) and the swimming pool. As we have some grave concerns regarding the stability of the pool hut and the swimming court due to their very close proximity to the swiftly eroding tennis court, we approached the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto Building Group to seek direction on how we should react to our concerns. We were advised by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on December 16, 2020 that it would be prudent for Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130 to complete a value engineering assessment of the amenities (pool hut and swimming pool) within the hazard area to determine whether relocation or decommissioning of some of these structures would outweigh stabilization work with the structures in their current locations. We are following the advice of the Authority by approaching a multiple number of geotechnical engineers that have worked for the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority in the past, to provide us with appropriate quotations for these required studies. We anticipate that the resultant studies will be a potentially expensive cost to the Corporation.

In the year 2012, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority produced for Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130, a study entitled TRCA CONTRACT RSD 12-05, LIVINGSTON ROAD SLOPE STABILITY REVIEW, 26 TO 30 LIVINGSTON ROAD, TORONTO, ONTARIO (Prepared for: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority) authored by Sarafinichin Associates Ltd. GeoEngineering Consultants. This report is dated September 7, 2012 (Project T1792). The financial impact of this report if fully implemented to a successful conclusion would have represented a cost to the Condominium Corporation MTCC 1130 of approximately 3.9 million dollars (before taxes) in 2012 dollars. We would only assume that in today's dollars, the sum might have increased to some degree. We are not in position at this moment to know what the current costing may be.

We do not have the financial resources to privately fund this required bluff face remediation, hence our request to the City of Toronto in financing this urgently needed solution.

We are currently working with the office of Councillor Paul Ainslie in this matter to see if his office is able to provide our request with support from the City of Toronto. We have substantiated this request with a submitted petition from the home owners of this property (230 signatures).

We look forward to your response to our request. Thank you for your time and attention.

I have inserted a couple of reference photos for your review to a better understanding of the situation

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