



September 14, 2021

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Committee Room 1
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair McKelvie and Committee Members,

RE: IE24.14 -Wellington Street Capital Projects

On July 14, 2021, City Council adopted a motion to request the Auditor General to consider including an audit of the construction and utility work on Wellington Street East in the Auditor General's 2022 Work Plan on the following matters regarding work on Wellington Street East between Yonge Street and Church Street:

- a. factors which led to delays on Wellington Street East that have created over five years of utility and construction activity;
- b. improvements to the process and work that could have mitigated delays; and
- c. recommendations to improve utility and construction management and collaboration to ensure the timely and cost-effective delivery of future streetscape work in the City of Toronto.

The motion was moved following significant disruption on Wellington Street East, affecting businesses and residents who have now been told to expect work to stretch into a fifth year. The impacts have been profoundly difficult for businesses on and adjacent to Wellington Street East, even before adding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was meant to determine what caused the Wellington Street East to drag for 5 years and to prevent future construction delays and disruptions.

Based on the motion moved in the summer, it is recommended that:

1. The Infrastructure and Environment Committee refer the Wellington Street Capital Projects staff report to the Auditor General and request that they complete an audit of the utility and construction report, include it in their 2022 work plan and report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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