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To the Chair and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Re: Filing Extension for the Sewer Surcharge Rebate Program

Currently the City of Toronto's Sewer Surcharge Rebate Program (SSR Program) provides a rebate to eligible industrial and commercial consumers on the percentage of water not returned to the sanitary sewer system. The program requires applicants to annually verify their water consumption and sewer discharge by February 1 for the preceding year. The COVID-19 pandemic, during the period of 2020-2021, adversely impacted the ability of certain industrial and commercial consumers to meet the February 1, 2021 submission deadline in respect to their sewer surcharge rebate application for the 2020 calendar year.

Molson Coors Beverage Company ("Molson") in Etobicoke North is one example of an impacted industrial consumer that was unable to meet the February 1 deadline for the 2020 calendar year. Molson is a long-standing Toronto industry that provides a positive economic contribution to the City of Toronto and significant expansion plans and capital investment by Molson at its Etobicoke North Brewery facilities are anticipated in the near future. For nine (9) consecutive years from 2012 to 2020, this company has met the eligibility requirements for the City of Toronto's SSR Program and has received almost \$15,000,000 in rebates since joining the program.

To support and assist industrial and commercial consumers impacted by COVID-19, I am requesting IEC to consider a revision of the due date to submit the annual verification for eligible industrial and commercial consumers for the 2020 calendar year be extended from February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Recommendation

1. The Infrastructure & Environment Committee request that City Council authorize amending Chapter 849 to extend the due date to submit the annual verification for the City's Sewer Surcharge Rebate Program for eligible industrial and commercial consumers for the 2020 calendar year from February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



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Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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