

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM7.19	ACTION			Ward: All
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Staying on Top of Sinkholes: Coordinating Toronto Transit Commission and Toronto Water Preventative Inspections - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ausma Malik

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services to work with the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission and General Manager Toronto Water to ensure a proactive schedule for inspections of sewers along streetcar lines and to report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the third quarter of 2023 should there be any obstacles to the implementation of such a plan.

Summary

A recent sinkhole that occurred in the roadway at Queen and De Grassi is the latest in a number of large sinkholes along streetcar lines. Sewer maintenance and inspections by Toronto Water could help ensure that these are addressed in a preventative manner.

A higher level of coordination between the Toronto Transit Commission and Toronto Water is required.

Developing a plan that allows for Toronto Water to complete inspections along streetcar lines in a comprehensive manner will benefit transit riders and drivers by proactively preventing emergency sinkhole closures.

This is more important than ever with the increased number of streetcar diversions and the construction of the Ontario Line. Preserving and protecting the existing streetcar routes should be the highest priority.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM7.19