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February 4, 2025

Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of Council,
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Ms. Sylwia Przedziecki

Dear Mayor Chow and Councillors:

RE: Ex20.12 - Reducing Stormwater Runoff and Mitigating Basement Flooding

Following up on our previous letter and deputation to Executive Committee on this item, the Toronto Industry Network (TIN) is writing to ask once again that Council direct staff in consultation with stakeholders to develop policies that would rectify the grossly unfair practice of making large water users pay disproportionately for stormwater and water service charges based solely on their water consumption.

The importance of this request is amplified by the new and potentially very damaging threat posed by the Trump trade war against Canada. Many manufacturers in Toronto depend on imports for production and exports to the United States to run their businesses successfully. Importantly, many manufacturers in Toronto serve the local market supplying items such as food and paper products, vaccines, plastics, insulation, etc. We appreciate the Mayor's leadership in working with other government partners to mitigate the effect of these tariffs that will hurt all Torontonians, especially those who work in manufacturing or who provide services to that sector. We would welcome the opportunity to be part of that effort.

In the past few years, TIN has been confronted by a series of issues that threaten the competitiveness and stability of our manufacturing community such as conversions, the proposed Commercial Parking Levy, Buildings Emissions Performance Standards, the Port operations, congestion, etc. We have been working with the City on the stormwater/water services charges file for many years. TIN's goal is to try to make the cost of doing business in Toronto as competitive as possible.

The tariff crisis is layered on a weak Canadian economy, continuing supply chain issues and an unstable world situation. Directing staff of key Divisions to continue the discussions with large water users on this important matter would be a strong vote of confidence.

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I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Craig McLuckie', with a stylized, cursive script.

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