



EMAILED

January 28, 2025

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

Attention: Ms. Cathrine Regan

Dear Mayor Chow and Committee Members:

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

In light of world trade tensions, the Toronto Industry Network (TIN) is writing to respectfully ask that the Executive Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed in consultation with stakeholders to develop policies that would mitigate the disproportionate cost to large water users of unfairly paying for stormwater and water service charges based solely on their water consumption.

Many manufacturers are Block 2 water users using water for process or the products they produce. As Block 2 water customers, they pay 30% less for water consumed over 5,000 m3 but subsidize other water users because of the volumes they consume. For more than 10 years, TIN has been engaged with City staff including Toronto Water and Economic Development & Culture, to develop a stormwater charge (done by many municipalities) as well as a water service charge based on factors like lot size, amount of impervious surface, number of meters, etc. This engagement has taken a lot of our time and resources.

Consultation stopped last Spring, and we were quite surprised and disappointed to read that the current staff report recommended any further exploration of a stormwater and/or water service charge be discontinued. This has sent a strong signal to our members. In recent years, TIN has had to react to a litany of policy proposals and issues that add cost and complexity to doing business in Toronto such as: employment land conversions, congestion, the Port operation, the proposed Building Emissions Performance Standards, the proposed Commercial Parking Levy, etc. The current policy of allocating the cost of the City's stormwater management and water service costs is inequitable and unfair to all large water users.

Toronto needs its manufacturing community for the direct and indirect jobs it provides, the high taxes it pays and the products it produces. Competing with other jurisdictions to retain

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business in Toronto is paramount. Given the weak Canadian economy, the unstable world situation which has affected our supply chains and the new threat of a tariff war, industry competitiveness is more important than ever.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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

Craig McLuckie,
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