

# ATTACHMENT 1

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO FOUNDATION DRAINAGE POLICY**

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Toronto Water will amend the Foundation Drainage Policy (FDP), effective October 1, 2026. The amended FDP will allow a limited quantity of foundation drainage containing groundwater to be discharged into the City's storm sewers, under the following conditions:

- Foundation drainage flows meet the quality limits for storm sewer discharge in the Sewers By-law;
- The storm sewer to which the foundation drain connects will discharge directly to a watercourse or Lake Ontario without interacting with the combined sewer system (i.e., there is no interaction with any flow control structures);
- The maximum dry-weather discharge rate from foundation drainage is 3 L/s/ha for sites > 0.7 ha, and 2 L/s for sites ≤ 0.7 ha; and
- The total discharge rate under wet-weather conditions to the storm sewer from the site (i.e., both foundation drainage and stormwater) complies with all stormwater management targets per the City's Wet Weather Flow Management Guidelines.

Toronto Water will also make administrative and other edits to the FDP as necessary to improve its clarity and usability.