

MOTION without Notice

Sewer Access Hole for 353-357 College Street

Moved by: Councillor

Saxe

Seconded by: Councillor

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SUMMARY:

The hostel at 353-357 College Street obtained zoning approval several years ago to expand its building and small business into the adjacent vacant lot. Due to a city error, the zoning and site plan approval approved a building layout that did not provide the necessary sewer access hole. As a result of the city error, the approved building can only be built if the sewer access hole is located in the sidewalk, which is normally contrary to the Municipal Code.

Staff are working on recommendations to accommodate the error in this particular case without weakening the general requirements of the Municipal Code.

This is urgent because the redevelopment of the derelict lot by a small business is ready to proceed but is blocked until the alternative sewer access hole is approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council Request the General Manager, Toronto Water, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Development Review, to report directly to the July 29, 30, and 31, 2026, City Council meeting with respect to compliance with certain sections of Chapter 681 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code for the applicant under Site Plan Application 18111118STE20SA at the property municipally known as 353-357 College Street.

Date: June 25, 2026