

September 11, 2024

Moved by Councillor Stephen Dasko

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Fonseca

WHEREAS in July 2024 and August 2024, Mississauga faced unprecedented rainstorms and the City received more rainfall in a short period than ever before; and

WHEREAS these weather conditions brought significant hazardous conditions, stress and inconvenience, impacting residential homes, properties and lives; and

WHEREAS from August 17 to 18, 2024 our City saw varying amounts of rainfall from 6.2 mm up to as much as 170 mm in some areas – leading to high water levels and major disruptions on roads, creeks, and highways; and

WHEREAS this only serves to show the unpredictability of these types of storms and range of impacts our City can see, from what is called a “100-year storm”; and

WHEREAS the City is taking stormwater management seriously as shown by the investment in 2024, in which the City has allocated \$33.7 million for stormwater improvements, focusing on projects along Cooksville Creek, Etobicoke Creek and erosion control initiatives; and

WHEREAS since 2016, the City has invested over \$231.5 million in stormwater infrastructure, as well as the 10-year plan of an additional \$340 million for ongoing upgrades and maintenance to enhance our resilience against future storms; and

WHEREAS the City remains committed to continued investments in further enhancing our stormwater infrastructure to withstand future weather events, and include investments such as stormwater ponds, new pipes in the ground, and repairs to creek and riverbanks to prevent erosion; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Mississauga send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to include neighbourhoods in the vicinity of the LITTLE ETOBICOKE CREEK in their assessment and to urge the Minister to take all necessary steps to immediately activate the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) program for the City of Mississauga; and

THAT items not addressed in the staff’s report of September 18, 2024, be requested to expedite the stormwater capital program and identify projects that could be advanced with the additional federal and provincial government funding and report back by the beginning of October 2024; and

THAT staff report back on a storm water charge program that would compensate affected residents up to \$1,000.00 per household permitting staff to advise on the maximum allocation of the program and determine whether it can be retroactive or moving forward; and

THAT The City of Mississauga Legal Services & Risk Management Division continue to address flood related inquiries by homeowners and their insurance companies as may be required.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Desha". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.