

Motion: UPGRADE THE CAPACITY OF THE Q.E.W. CULVERT AT COOKSVILLE CREEK

Moved by: Councillor Dipika Damerla Seconded by: Councillor Stephen Dasko

WHEREAS Cooksville Creek flows through a culvert crossing the Q.E.W. east of Camilla Road;

AND WHEREAS, despite significant upstream upgrades to the Cooksville Creek, the extreme rainfall events in July and August 2024 resulted in significant flooding damage to homes in and around the QEW Culvert, as the Culvert has become a choke point;

AND WHEREAS increasing the capacity of the Q.E.W. culvert at Cooksville Creek would significantly help alleviate upstream flooding and remove existing buildings, homes, and land out of the Regulatory floodplain;

AND WHEREAS in around 2004, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation commenced the design of the Q.E.W./Hurontario Street interchange project;

AND WHEREAS, in discussions with the City of Mississauga, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation was willing to include the Q.E.W. culvert upgrade as a part of the Q.E.W./Hurontario Street interchange design;

AND WHEREAS in the 2004 Development Charges Background Study and the 2004 10-year stormwater capital plan, a Cooksville Creek culvert improvement project at the Q.E.W. was included, with a developer's contribution component;

AND WHEREAS in around 2005, the City of Mississauga, in coordination with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, pursued a cost-sharing commitment from a private landowner, where the culvert upgrade would remove their lands from the floodplain and allow development, but was unable to reach an agreement;

AND WHEREAS, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation subsequently completed the design and construction of the interchange improvements without any capacity upgrades to the Cooksville Creek culvert, which was a missed opportunity to reduce flooding risk significantly;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga continues to commit to address flooding along Cooksville Creek, including the construction of open and underground stormwater management facilities;

AND WHEREAS any meaningful reduction in flooding risk in the regulatory flood plain of the Cooksville Creek requires addressing the bottleneck at the QEW culvert

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Mayor write a letter to the Honourable Minister of Transportation of Ontario to urge the Province to prioritize the upgrade of the Q.E.W. culvert at Cooksville Creek and to direct Ministry staff to work with the City of Mississauga staff to explore opportunities for a current solution, including cost-sharing opportunities.

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