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Via Email: pwic@toronto.ca

TO: Chair Robinson and Members of the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

DATE: February 23, 2018

RE: **2018.PW27.4: Feasibility of Ensuring the Disconnection of Sanitary and Storm Laterals at Time of Demolition**

On behalf of the members of the Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc. ("LPRO"), I write to express our disappointment regarding the information and recommendations in the February 8, 2018 Report from the General Manager, Toronto Water.

We did expect that the Report which took some sixteen months, and was at the request of our Councillor, would recommend a plan for change that reflected the policy of the majority of municipalities across North America; to require the capping of laterals at the time of disconnection during demolition of single family dwellings. Simply cap them when they are disconnected. Straightforward and cost-effective. The 1732 English Proverb "a stitch in time" comes to mind. To do anything else than follow this logical process defies common sense. Why would you leave it for someone to have to start digging up the front lawn months later to try to find them? When the house is demolished the open end of the electric supply line from the street isn't just cut and left bare, the incoming water supply line isn't left open, the gas line is properly capped, the telephone and cable lines are not left loose to fly in the wind. Why are the sanitary sewer pipes/laterals ignored?

LPRO has been aware of the major work Old Orchard Grove Ratepayers Associations' Debra Satok has undertaken over the past number of years. She has truly become an authority on the subject and we urge you to accept her submission and deputation, and appreciate that it is provided, not as a criticism of current policy, but to bring to light the need for change. We urge Toronto to adopt the practice considered a mandate in most North American cities. An industry Best Practice.

Yours truly,

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Vice-President

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c.c. Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, Ward 16
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