

Dear Committee Members,

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss with you some aspects of the Harris Park shoreline reconstruction:

*Release of the Environmental Impact Statement, including a wildlife inventory. This has not yet been made public even though requests have been made for review.

*A request to use non-petroleum based products such as tar for walkways. Instead explore alternatives such as metal grills.

*A request to review materials in building an outlook platform and/or the cost and need for such a platform.

These concerns were raised at public open houses, but not addressed by staff. Information was also forwarded to staff and not addressed.

The Harris Park Project has frustrated many residents and has exposed deficiencies on how these projects are designed, tendered, costs associated with these projects, and the lack of alternative approaches to these projects.

Flooding is a very serious issue that is changing rapidly. As far as I know, London still uses 250-year flood cycle and in some cases 100-year storm models to inform floodplain mapping. If the insurance industry is shifting to 20-year models, that could have massive implications for real estate and land use planning policies. Still using a 250 model has become out of date. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/quebec-desjardins-flooding-mortgage-1.7129986>

It is understandable to have limited knowledge of stormwater management, and rely heavily on staff recommendations. These projects are massively expensive and have huge environmental impacts. The learning curve for these projects is steep. My experience is that the public open houses tend to be dismissive of public concerns simply because it is assumed that public understanding of the issues do not compare to the expertise of staff. Public concerns are typically explained away. There are many examples of this in written correspondence with staff.

Therefore it may be that smaller changes can be accomplished to make the project less harmful and polluting.

Thank You

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