

January 14, 2017

Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

Re: **Wastewater Management**

The City of London seems to constantly find itself the subject of accusations, questions, complaints and demands from various parties about sanitary and storm sewer overflow into the Thames River. I know that the City has undertaken, and continues to undertake, steps to mitigate those overflows, including: implementation of a Pollution Prevention and Control Plan, investing in hydraulic sewer modelling and flow modelling, and undertaking extensive monitoring programs. However, it has been some time since the Municipal Council has received an update on the progress being made to mitigate sanitary and storm sewer overflow into the Thames River, Dingman Creek, Medway Creek, Pottersburg Creek and the Coves. I would therefore respectfully request that the Municipal Council direct the Civic Administration to report back to the Civic Works Committee by June 30, 2017 as follows:

- a) a report summarizing the Pollution Prevention Control Plan (PPCP) Phase 1 Report, and providing the status of the PPCP Phase 2 Report, with the latter to include details on work to date, findings and next steps for measuring overflows and bypasses; and
- b) a report providing historical and current data on the amount of untreated sewage being discharged from pollution control plants to the Thames, the reason for the aforementioned discharges, a summary of system improvements in the last 10 to 20 years, a summary of system improvements included in the current Capital Budget, as well as any other related information that may be educational for both the Municipal Council and the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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