

February 17, 2017

Chair and Members of  
Civic Works Committee

Re: Basement Flooding Grant Program By-law

In September 2013, the City of London enacted a “Basement Flooding Grant Program By-law” to provide a grant to residential home owners:

- who have experienced sanitary sewer discharges in their basements and have installed an approved sump pump system in accordance with this by-law; and,
- who are experiencing or are in an area likely to experience basement flooding caused by a surcharged sanitary or storm sewer and who subsequently disconnect the footing tile from either the sanitary or storm sewer and install a sump system for disposal of flooding tile water to a suitable outlet other than the sanitary sewer system.

The By-law provides for a grant for up to 75% of the demonstrated installation costs subject to maximum grants allocations in accordance with the By-law.

The undersigned believe that the By-law should be amended as follows:

- a) to provide for a grant of up to 90% of the demonstrated installation costs; and,
- b) to provide for the remaining costs to be provided to the home owner by means of a loan with a repayment period of up to 10 years, with payments being applied to the property taxes.

We respectfully request support of the following recommendation:

“That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to the Civic Works Committee with a draft proposed by-law to amend By-law No. A.-7015-285 entitled “A by-law to repeal and replace By-law A.-6403-272 being “A By-law to provide for a City of London Sump Public, Sewage Ejector, and Storm Private Drain Connection Grant Program to owners of semi-detached, detached and duplex residential properties, condominium corporations, and to non-profit housing co-operative for units used for residential purposes” to provide for the following:

- a) a grant of up to 90% of the demonstrated installation costs; and,
- b) to provide for the remaining costs to be provided to the home owner by means of a loan with a repayment period of up to 10 years, with payments being applied to the property taxes.”

Respectfully submitted,

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