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Chair and Members of the Civic Works Committee

Re: Residential Drainage – Storm Water Discharge

There are a number of residential areas in the city where sump pumps are directing storm water directly to the street resulting in a buildup of ice on adjacent sidewalks during the winter months. Residential subdivisions built in 1985 to 1995 are more prone to this issue as builders at that time, were not required to connect residential sump pumps into the City's storm sewer system. It is my understanding that in order to resolve this type of issue, the general practice is to extend a storm water lateral from the home to the storm sewer located on the street. I have been advised that a voluntary pilot project is currently underway on Guildwood Boulevard to address this very issue.

Unfortunately some areas of the city, such as Mockingbird Crescent do not have storm sewers fronting the residential properties and there is no specific City of London program, mechanism or budget to rectify this issue in this type of circumstance.

I am therefore seeking support of the following recommendation:

“That the following actions be taken with respect to storm sewer connections in residential areas:

- a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to the Civic Works Committee providing an update with respect to the voluntary pilot project currently underway on Guildwood Boulevard to extend residential sump pumps into the City of London storm sewer systems; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee with information pertaining to the feasibility of a implementing a sump pump discharge mitigation pilot project utilizing low impact development technologies, for properties located on Mockingbird Crescent.

Respectfully submitted,

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