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From: Oliver Hobson
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To: Saunders, Cathy
Cc: Bryant, Judy; Philip McLeod; Chip Martin; Patrick Maloney
Subject: Corporate Services Committee

Hi Cathy,

Can you please include this communication on the Agenda of the Corporate Services Committee for their public consideration at the earliest opportunity.

I also request delegation status.

If, for any reason, you are unable to satisfy my request, I would be grateful to know what changes you would require for inclusion on the agenda .

Communication begins:

Chair & members of the Corporate Services Committee,

Recent changes to the Ontario Municipal Act appear to allow for municipalities in Ontario to expand the use of Local Improvement Charges through inclusion of broader definitions as to what 'works' can be undertaken via the act .

In effect, it appears a new financing tool can be created by the municipality that would assist willing property stewards in making changes to their homes in areas involving energy efficiency, renewable energy, water and waste management works with a city undertaking the work and recovering costs via property taxes or a priority lien instances of default.

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_060586_e.htm

"For greater certainty, the definition of "work" in subsection (1) includes, without limitation,

(b) constructing any works for the collection, production, treatment, storage, supply, distribution or conservation of water or for the collection, transmission, treatment or disposal of sewage;

(q) constructing energy efficiency works or renewable energy works. O. Reg. 586/06, s. 1 (2); O. Reg. 322/12, s. 2 (2, 3)."

I request the committee consider recommending to council that such a financing tool be created after consultation with staff, council's advisory committees and interested members of the public with a purpose of finding the broadest possible definitions for what 'works' should be included and financed under (b) and (q) above.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

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