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Attention: Josie Franch, Public Consultation Co-ordinator

Dear Ms. Franch:

Re: Etobicoke Waterfront Stormwater Management Facilities Study – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Ward 6 - Etobicoke

We are responding to your community meeting held at the Assembly Hall on November 12, 2009.

CCFEW (Citizens Concerned about the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront) is a community, non-profit organization seeking to promote a healthy waterfront, preservation and expansion of parkland, citizen engagement and compatible development within our community. In 1997, we published a report, “**Toward the Ecological Restoration of South Etobicoke**”, still [available online](#) which contains many observations and recommendations still relevant to this study.

We recently received the Urban Hero Award from the Etobicoke Guardian and have a long history of working with the City and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority towards these goals.

In general, CCFEW is highly supportive of this initiative and appreciates the efforts being made by the City of Toronto. We understand that a number of solutions ranging from Wet Ponds to Storage Tanks to High Rate Treatment facilities are being considered. As an environment group representing south Etobicoke we are supportive of more natural processes rather than engineered solutions.

During the process of implementing any recommendations coming from the Environmental Assessment process we would like the City to consider the opportunities to enhance, improve and resolve other community issues during the construction of any

natural or engineered solutions. We believe that, not only can the City improve water quality through the implementation of the management of stormwater, that other community benefits can be derived at the same time.

The following is a summary of our comments and recommendations to date:

Colonel Sam Smith Park

We believe that there is a range of opportunities within this park. As the largest and most valued of our waterfront parks we would like you to consider:

- Use natural processes as much as possible within the park area
- Daylighting of the buried Jackson Creek (currently part of a storm sewer emptying at Rotary Park)
- Restore base flow to the remnant North Creek (terminates at the wetland pond)
- If storage tanks must be used that they be placed underneath the parking lots of Humber College and the Lakeshore Yacht Club. Contents of these storage tanks could be pumped into North an Jackson creeks to supplement base flow
- If a flow balancing system is selected for this site, the south east end of the park at the lake edge would be the preferred location

Cliff Lumsdon Park

We do not support any systems or facilities at this location as we believe that parts of the old New Toronto pumping station are buried underground and recommend that Rotary Park be considered instead.

Prince of Wales Park

At this location we would ask the City to consider placing any storage tanks under the parking lot or the ice pad.

Norris Crescent Park

We must express our total dismay with this park being considered for a facility of any kind. The park has only just been completed after many years of community participation and anticipation. We believe that this park should be removed from your list of identified locations. As we understand that a large sewer pipe will need to be installed along Lakeshore Boulevard we would recommend using this main sewer to take the water over to the Humber Bay Park into a wetland, hybrid pond-wetland or flow balance system.

Mimico Memorial Park

We do not support any stormwater management facilities at this location. We would suggest that the City consider placing a tank under the tennis court facility adjacent to the park, or under a parking lot at one of the nearby schools.

Humber Bay Park West

We would recommend that any new systems in this park should be a wet pond, constructed wetland or hybrid pond-wetland. We also believe that public access to the area currently fenced off for the yacht clubs private uses should be re-configured to allow for public access similar to the arrangement in Sam Smith Park for the Lakeshore Yacht Club.

Long Branch Park

We would like the City to consider an opportunity to use this park and Lake Promenade for a stormwater facility. There are speeding issues along Lake Promenade and we would like to suggest the removal of the current road which could be used for a storage pipe or tank with a pedestrian-bicycle trail on the surface. We believe this would reduce the speeding traffic, create a larger park area, and better public-pedestrian access to the waterfront. Obviously the parking for tenants would need to be appropriately dealt with by access at one corner on Lake Promenade. We would like to review this with the staff at your convenience.

Marie Curtis Park

We would recommend that Marie Curtis be considered. The parking lot on the east side of the park should be removed from the creek edge and located near 42nd Street. A storage tank could be placed underneath. This would immediately remove any oil and contamination from cars from washing directly into the creek. A new parking lot needs to be built and a stormwater facility could be built at the same time.

We would be glad to discuss our recommendations with you and look forward to the next stages of this process

Yours truly,

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