

July 31st, 2015**CHARLES CACCIA PARK AND UNDERGROUND
HOLDING WATER STORAGE TANK UPDATE**

Dear Friends:

Hoping that you are enjoying the summer season. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the status of the Charles Caccia Park (formally known as Nairn Park) & the underground holding water storage tank construction.

Background & Update

As part of the Basement Flooding Protection Program, the storage tank project at Charles Caccia Park was undertaken to address an old chronic basement flooding problem in our community. The vicinity of Charles Caccia Park is one of the lowest topographical points in the entire City of Toronto that resulted in devastating impacts for Ward 17 residents during extreme weather events. As you know, the construction commenced in spring 2013 and due to an unfortunate delay, the restoration of the park was expected to be completed this summer.

Most recently, I met with City staff from Engineering and Construction Services, Parks & Recreation, and Toronto Water on Monday June 22, 2015 to discuss the status of the Charles Caccia Park holding tank. The completion date for the underground holding water tank has been moved to November 2015, and the park restoration will take place in the **spring/summer of 2016**. According to City staff, this further delay is due to unforeseen and unpredictable site conditions that could not be anticipated until digging in the park took place. However, this further delay is totally unacceptable!

As you know, this major multi-million capital infrastructure project has been the subject of multiple community consultation meetings during the last three years. The community understood the "short-term pain" would be accompanied by "long-term gain" as the chronic basement flooding will be eliminated and the local park will be tremendously improved.

I strongly believe that residents in our community, as well as my office, deserve a firm completion date for the construction of the holding tank and the enhancements to the park. For your information, I brought a Notice of Motion to the attention of Toronto City Council on July 7th to address and ease the community's apprehension and frustration for the severe impact of the extended construction duration.

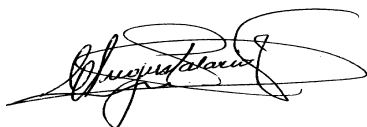
As a result, **Bondfield has apologized** for the delays and as noted under recommendation #6 on the reverse letter, Bondfield has agreed to add a further \$100,000 for enhancements to the splash pad to be undertaken at Charles Caccia Park as well as additional improvements to green spaces in Ward 17. Please refer to the attached letter of commitment for your information.

As your City Councillor, I will ensure that the roads, sidewalks and catch basins get an increased level of maintenance to keep them free of mud and construction residues, construction nuisance, and noise is minimized, and the project is completed as scheduled. I'll keep you updated.

If you have any concerns at all, please feel free to contact my office at 416-392-7011.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



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