MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: Hugh Whiteley

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RE: CONFIRMATION OF GORDON STREET SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY FOR 1373 AND 1389 GORDON STREET DEVELOPMENT

Greetings:

The Functional Servicing and Stormwater Management Report for the proposed development at 1373 and 1389 Gordon Street states in section 2.2.2 Existing Sanitary Sewer **"It is understood that there are currently capacity constraints within the municipal sanitary sewer downstream of the Site. The City of Guelph is currently working on upgrading the infrastructure to eliminate the capacity constraints, with construction completion anticipated for 2024."**

This statement suggests that the existing sanitary sewer system does not have the capacity to convey flows from the proposed development.

In Attachment 13 of the Staff Decision Report for this project it is stated that **sufficient capacity is available in the sanitary sewer system .**

In Attachment 15 of the Staff Decision Report for this project, under the heading Wastewater, it is stated that **"model results suggest the existing collection system has sufficient capacity to manage the increased flows from the proposed development".**

There is an obvious contradiction between the information on sanitary sewer capacity provided to the developers for 1373 & 1389 Gordon Street and the information in the Staff Decision Report.

I ask Council Members to obtain answers to the following questions:

(1) Are there currently capacity constraints within the municipal sanitary sewer downstream of the site ?
(2) What is the cause for these constraints in a relatively recently installed section of sanitary sewer?
(3) If there are currently capacity constraints what is the justification for the assertion that sufficient capacity is available in the sanitary sewer system.

I have made repeated inquiries to city staff asking for the location of the supposed capacity constraints and for flow data documenting the extent of the constraints but have not been given the information I requested.

Best regards

Hugh Whiteley