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We fully support an integrated watershed management approach to the water related challenges that Calgary will, or probably will face in the future.

River flooding and stormwater are of course our major concerns but we recognize that water security can be a larger issue in our dry climate.

We fully support a major upstream storage project on the Bow River in the form of a new or enlarged dam and reservoir as an essential part of Calgary's flood protection and water security. Completion of a new upstream storage project in a timely fashion will require a cooperative and can-do approach by the city, the province, the federal government and citizens.

Even with everyone's best efforts new storage will not be operational for 10-20 years – the challenge for all of us is to achieve the earlier estimate.

Turning to stormwater management, we have participated in the engagement as part of the important Stormwater Management Strategy review and we look forward to continuing to do so.

The Northwest Inner City Drainage Study, part of the Community Drainage Improvement program, identified a number of needed stormwater management facility upgrades in the Hillhurst and Sunnyside communities and we are pleased with the progress made to date.

The rebuilding of one pump station for additional capacity and improved flood resilience is nearly complete and a second, new, pump station is scheduled to start construction any day now.

The Upper Plateau Separation project is now in engineering. This project will handle the stormwater from all or parts of the communities of Rosedale, Houndsfield Heights/Briar Hill, Mount Pleasant, Capitol Hill and Banff Trail so that water does not flood Sunnyside.

Other projects are further up the pipeline but are moving forward.

We want to thank Water Resources for their collaborative attitude as these projects were developed and for moving them forward as quickly as they are.

We want to acknowledge and thank the city and the province for jointly funding the three major projects closest to completion, and the federal government for their contribution to one pump station.

I will discuss Sunnyside Flood barriers during the next agenda item.

Thank you.

