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To: Board of Health

From: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Subject: Establishment of a Toronto Water Lead Content Mitigation Rebate Program

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on April 8, 2009, amongst other things, submitted a copy of the report (March 25, 2009) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, and the Medical Officer of Health entitled “Establishment of a Toronto Water Lead Content Mitigation Rebate Program” to the Board of Health for its information.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommended to City Council that:

1. City Council approve the implementation of a Faucet Filter Rebate Program to assist with the purchase of an NSF/ANSI-053 certified lead filter, including replacement cartridges, that consists of the following:
 - a. an annual reimbursement, to a maximum of \$100, for residents who are deemed to be ‘at risk’ as a result of meeting certain eligibility criteria as listed in the Implementation Points below; and/or
 - b. a one-time reimbursement, to a maximum of \$50, for residents who are deemed to be ‘at risk’ as a result of meeting certain eligibility criteria as listed in the Implementation Points below and have had the City-side portion of their water service line that was composed of lead pipe replaced within the past six months.
2. The combined household income limit for the Faucet Filter Rebate Program be adjusted as the limit of the Water Relief Program changes.
3. The City Treasurer, in consultation with the General Manager of Toronto Water, investigate options for a voluntary-based loan program to assist homeowners in the replacement of the private side lead service connection and report to the Executive Committee in November 2009.
4. The General Manager of Toronto Water develop improved communication and notification procedures to give homeowners advanced notice of projects under the Lead

Water Service Replacement Program and the Emergency Replacement Program to enable residents to plan and make financial arrangements for private service replacement.

5. The General Managers of Toronto Water and Transportation Services prepare and forward to all Councillors by June 30, 2009, the plan for lead service replacements in their Wards for the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons and further, the remainder of the 5 year lead service replacement capital plan be completed and forwarded to Councillors as soon as possible.

Background:

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on April 8, 2009, considered the following:

- a. report (March 25, 2009) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, and the Medical Officer of Health entitled "Establishment of a Toronto Water Lead Content Mitigation Rebate Program"; and
- b. Member Motion (January 29, 2009) referred by City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009.

Background Information:

Establishment of a Toronto Water Lead Content Mitigation Rebate Program-Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20066.pdf>)

Transmitted from City Council - Referral of Member Motion MM30.5
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-19138.pdf>)

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Attachment

- c. General Manager, Toronto Water
Medical Officer of Health