
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

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3Rs Working Group 2008 Annual Report

Committee Recommendations

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 3Rs Working Group Terms of Reference as described in Attachment 1.
2. Subject to the adoption of Recommendation 1, the General Manager be authorized to enter into amending agreements with the current 3Rs Working Group members, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to reflect the changes to the Terms of Reference in Recommendation 1 and to reflect the specific term of membership for each current member as set out in Attachment 2.

Origin

(March 23, 2009) Report from General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, and Chair, 3Rs Working Group

Summary

The 3Rs Working Group ("3RWG") Terms of Reference, approved by City Council in November 2007, requires an annual status report submitted jointly with the General Manager of Solid Waste Management Services. This annual report summarizes the group's work and activities through 2008, changes to membership and plans for 2009. This report recommends changes to the 3RWG Terms of Reference regarding rotation schedule, nominating panel composition, and attendance and also recommends the City to enter into amending agreements with the current members of the 3RWG to reflect the change to the Terms of Reference.

Background Information

3Rs Working Group 2008 Annual Report-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20051.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Recommended Changes to 3Rs Working Group Terms of Reference

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20052.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Revised Membership Term of Current Members of 3RWG

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20053.pdf>)

Communications

(April 8, 2009) presentation from Heather Ducharme, Chair, and Elaine Lepage, Vice Chair, 3Rs Working Group (PW.New.PW23.2.1)

Speakers

Heather C. Ducharme, Chair, Toronto 3Rs Working Group

Elaine Lepage, Vice Chair, Toronto 3Rs Working Group

PW23.4	ACTION			Ward: All
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Amendments to Solid Waste Collection By-laws**Committee Recommendations**

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends that:

1. Council adopt the proposed revisions to Chapter 844, Waste Collection, Residential Properties as found in Appendix "A";
2. Council adopt the proposed revisions to Chapter 841, Waste Collection, Commercial Properties as found in Appendix "B"; and
3. Council direct the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bills to Council to implement the above recommendations.

Origin

(March 20, 2009) Report from General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services

Summary

This report requests Council's authority for amendments to Chapters 841, Waste Collection, Commercial Properties and 844, Waste Collection, Residential Properties of the Municipal Code. These amendments are designed to reflect current Solid Waste Operations, help improve the readability of the Chapters, ensure consistent use of terminology between the Chapters and to clarify the duties and responsibilities of owners, residents and the General Manager under the Chapters.

Background Information

Amendments to Solid Waste Collection By-laws-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20060.pdf>)

Appendix A - Proposed Changes to Chapter 844, Waste Collection, Residential

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20061.pdf>)

Appendix B - Proposed Minor Changes to Chapter 841, Waste Collection, Commercial

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20062.pdf>)

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Request for Authority to Enter into Crossing Agreements with Oil Pipeline Companies**Committee Recommendations**

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends that:

1. The City of Toronto enter into agreements with Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Sarnia Products Pipeline, Sun-Canadian Pipeline and Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. with Terms and Conditions satisfactory to the Executive Director, Technical Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor to allow the City's contractor to install watermains crossing the interprovincial high-pressure oil pipelines as part of the work related to the Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive Watermain Replacement Project.
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Origin

(March 2, 2009) Report from Executive Director, Technical Services

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request authority to enter into crossing agreements with oil pipeline companies, specifically Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Sarnia Products Pipeline, Sun-Canadian Pipeline and Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc., to allow the City's contractor to install watermains crossing the six interprovincial high-pressure oil pipelines on Irwin Road and Elmhurst Drive in Ward 2 - Etobicoke North.

Background Information

Request for Authority to Enter into Crossing Agreements with Oil Pipeline Companies-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-20063.pdf>)

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Establishment of a Toronto Water Lead Content Mitigation Rebate Program

Committee Recommendations

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends 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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee submitted a copy of the report (March 25, 2009) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, and the Medical Officer of Health to the Board of Health for its information.

Origin

(March 25, 2009) Report from General Manager, Toronto Water, and Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health

Summary

Recent testing has found some elevated levels of lead in the water supply in homes constructed prior to 1955. Lead in drinking water is considered a health risk for children under the age of six and pregnant women. This report recommends the implementation of a Faucet Filter Rebate Program for residents of this 'at risk' group whose combined household income is below \$50,000 and has a confirmed lead service (the water line connected to a City's watermain). The program provides an annual \$100 rebate for the purchase of an NSF/ANSI-053 faucet mounted filter certified by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) to remove lead until the City-side service connection is replaced.

In addition, studies have also shown that when service connections are replaced an increase in lead levels can occur and last up to several months. To reduce this health concern for this period of time, upon completion of the City-side service connection, a one-time rebate of \$50 is recommended for the 'at risk' group to purchase new cartridges and/or a faucet filter.

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>)

Communications

(April 8, 2009) submission from Jack Skupinski, President, Aquasana Canada (PW.New.PW23.10.1)

(April 8, 2009) submission from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30 - Toronto-Danforth (PW.New.PW23.10.2)

Speakers

Michael Alex

Jack Skupinski, President, Aquasana Canada (Submission Filed)

Councillor Janet Davis, Ward 31 - Beaches-East York

(Referred from City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009 - MM30.5)

10a Establishment of a Toronto Water "Lead Content Mitigation Subsidy Program"

Origin

(January 29, 2009) Member Motion from City Council

Summary

Recent reports have underscored the depth and breadth of the lead contamination in Toronto's water supply. Some tests have suggested that literally tens of thousands of Toronto's households may be affected, which poses an ongoing and unacceptable public health risk, particularly to infants and expectant mothers. The creation of a subsidy program, similar to the successful Basement Flooding Prevention Subsidy Program, which grants homeowners funds to initiate measures that mitigate the flooding danger directly and urgently, would help to make Toronto's tap water safer almost immediately at minimal cost.

There are water filters (NSF/ANSI 53) and other inexpensive measures available which would be ideal to subsidize under such a program, and which will have an immediate impact on the safety of Toronto's drinking water. City Staff estimate that it may take up to 9 years for some lead services to be replaced. Almost a decade is a dangerous and unacceptable amount of time to expect residents to wait for this public health issue to be addressed, especially when innovative ideas like these are available to address the risk very cheaply and quickly.

(Submitted to City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009 as MM30.5)

Background Information

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

Submitted Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee