Public Notice

Proposed Amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code for Increases to the Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Certain Water and Wastewater Service Fees and the Introduction of New Service Fees.

Notice is hereby given that City officials are recommending to Council of the City of Toronto the enactment of a by-law amending the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, and any other necessary Municipal Code Chapters as may be required to give effect thereto, to increase the water and wastewater consumption rates and certain proposed water and wastewater service fees effective January 1, 2012 as follows:

- for metered consumers, the Block 1 Rate by 9.0 %, and the Block 2 Rate by 9.0%; and
- for flat rate consumers, all rates by 9.0%; and
- the water and wastewater service fees as shown in Appendix B.

In addition, five new service fees reflecting the cost of providing either inspection or technical review services in relation to specific types of applications are recommended as shown in Appendix B, Ref. No. 15-19.

The recommended 2012 water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers are shown in Appendix A, and the proposed increase to certain water and wastewater service fees, as well as the recommended five new service fees, are shown in Appendix B. The particulars of the proposed water and wastewater consumption rates and service fee increases as well as the recommended five new service fees are set out in the report to the Budget Committee of Toronto City Council from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Toronto Water entitled the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rate and Service Fee Report.

The Toronto Water Division of the City of Toronto provides water and wastewater (WWW) services to the consumers within the City, areas in Peel (wastewater services) and York Region (water services). The City operates an extensive WWW infrastructure to deliver clean water for consumption and to treat wastewater before it is returned to Lake Ontario. The Toronto Water 2012 Operating Budget requires a combined water and wastewater expenditure level of \$893.583 million, which is fully funded from the 2012 water and wastewater consumption rates and service fees. The proposed water and wastewater consumption rate increases will ensure that the appropriate funding is available to the City for the continued provision of these water and wastewater services. The water and wastewater service fee increases reflect the increased costs of providing those specific services. In addition, the proposed five new services fees reflect the cost of providing those specific services.

The Budget Committee of Toronto City Council will receive presentations from any person, or their counsel, agent or solicitor, who wishes to speak to the matter, on the following date:

Thursday, November 10, 2011 9.30 a.m., Committee Room 1,

Second floor, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON

To assist in scheduling, if you wish to address the Budget Committee, please notify the City Clerk, Budget Committee, by calling **416-392-1032** or **416-397-7768**, or e-mail buc@toronto.ca no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2011. There will be a five-minute time limit for each presentation, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

To submit written comments to the Budget Committee, please send your letter to Merle MacDonald, City Clerk's Office, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, by e-mail buc@toronto.ca or fax 416-392-1879.

The Budget Committee will make its final recommendations on November 10, 2011, which will be forwarded for Executive Committee's consideration at its special meeting on November 21, 2011 and to City Council at its meeting on November 29 to 30, 2011. The adopted rates and fees will be implemented through a by-law that will amend the Municipal Code.

For further information on the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report and the proposed 2012 rates, fee increases and establishment of new service fees, please contact Adir Gupta, Manager, Financial Policy, Corporate Finance, 5th Floor, East Tower, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, Telephone: 416-392-8071 – Email: agupta@toronto.ca

To obtain, at no cost, or to view a copy of the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report, please visit the City's website at: toronto.ca/council.

While the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report sets out the recommended rate and fee increases as well as the proposed establishment of five new service fees, the appropriate Committee may change these recommendations and Toronto City Council may adopt rates and fees that differ from the recommendations, including rates and fees that are higher or lower than the rates and fees set out in the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report.

Further information:

If this matter is postponed at the Committee meeting or Council meeting or considered at a subsequent Committee meeting, no additional notice will be provided other than the information on the subsequent Committee or Council agenda. Please contact the above noted City official or the Program Contact noted on the list of fees if you require notice in these cases.

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Dated at the City of Toronto this 2nd day of November, 2011.

Ulli S. Watkiss City Clerk