

Revised Public Notice

2013 Rate Supported Budgets - Toronto Water and 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees

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 Related to Industrial Waste Surcharge Agreements.

The Budget Committee of Toronto City Council will be considering the 2013 Rate Supported Budgets - Toronto Water and 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees at its meetings on November 7, 2012 and November 12, 2012.

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, as follows:

- to increase the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers;
- to increase certain proposed water and wastewater service fees, including service fees related to industrial waste surcharge parameters;
- to establish a service fee related to a new industrial waste surcharge parameter; and
- to establish a new industrial waste surcharge agreement fee

all effective January 1, 2013.

The recommended increases in the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers effective January 1, 2013, are:

- 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%, as shown in Appendix A.

The proposed increases to water and wastewater service fees, as well as the recommended two new industrial waste surcharge related fees (identified in Schedule 3 of Appendix B, Ref. No. 1.4 and 20), effective January 1, 2013, are shown in Appendix B.

The particulars of the proposed water and wastewater consumption rates and service fee increases 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 2013 Water and Wastewater Rate and Service Fee Report. The industrial waste surcharge related fees details are set out in the report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee of Toronto City Council from the General Manager, Toronto Water entitled Sewers By-law Administration – Response to Request for Information, referred to Budget Committee for consideration at its meeting on November 7, 2012 (to be considered concurrently with the 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees report and Toronto Water's 2013 Operating Budget).

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 2013 Operating Budget requires a combined water and wastewater expenditure level of \$940.641 million, which is fully funded from the 2013 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 increases to the service fees related to industrial waste surcharge parameters and the establishment of a new service fee related to a new industrial waste surcharge parameter reflect the cost of providing those services to individual users of such service. The proposed new fee for establishing an industrial waste surcharge agreement reflects the administrative, legal, operational and other costs related to the review, consideration, investigation and establishment of a new industrial waste surcharge agreement where considered appropriate by the General Manager, Toronto Water.

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:

Monday, November 12, 2012
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 **416-392-4365** or **416-338-5851**, or e-mail buc@toronto.ca no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 9, 2012. 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 Kelly McCarthy, 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 12, 2012, which will be forwarded for Executive Committee's consideration at its special meeting on November 19, 2012 and to City Council at its meeting on November 27 and 28, 2012. The adopted rates and fees will be implemented through a by-law that will amend the Municipal Code.

For further information on the 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report, and the Sewers By-law Administration – Response to Request for Information Report, the proposed 2013 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 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report and the Sewers By-law Administration – Response to Request for Information Report, please visit the City’s website at: toronto.ca/council.

While the 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report sets out the recommended rate and fee increases and the Sewers By-law Administration – Response to Request for Information Report sets out the proposed fee increases and new sewer surcharge agreement related 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 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report and the Sewers By-law Administration – Response to Request for Information 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, 2012.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk