

Changes to the On-Street Parking Machine/Meter Rates

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From:	President, the Toronto Parking Authority
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain City Council authority to apply consumer price inflation adjustments to the on-street machine/metered spaces in the City of Toronto. If adopted, this report will result in the following:

- On-street machine/metered spaces currently at \$3.50 (inclusive of HST) per hour, will be increased to a rate of \$4.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour;
- On-street machine/metered spaces currently at \$2.50 (inclusive of HST) per hour, will be increased to a rate of \$3.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour; and,
- On-street machine/metered spaces currently at \$2.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour will be increased to a rate of \$2.25 (inclusive of HST) per hour.

These existing hourly rates have been in place since the fall of 2007.

The overall impact of the proposed changes will result in the average hourly rate at machine/metered spaces increasing from its current level of \$1.92 (inclusive of HST) per hour to an average of \$2.13 (inclusive of HST) per hour, which constitutes an increase of 11% which is in line with the 10% increase in the Toronto CPI over the 2007 to 2012 time frame.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The President of the Toronto Parking Authority recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing on-street machine and metered rates as follows:
 - a. Machine/metered spaces with a current rate of \$3.50 (inclusive of HST) per hour be increased to \$4.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour;
 - b. Machine/metered spaces with a current rate of \$2.50 (inclusive of HST) per hour be increased to \$3.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour;
 - c. Machine/metered spaces with a current rate of \$2.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour be increased to \$2.25 (inclusive of HST) per hour.
2. City Council amend Subsection 179-7D of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority, to adjust the Authority's delegated authority to fix rates from the existing upper limit of \$3.50 (inclusive of HST) per hour to \$4.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour, with the continuing requirement that the rates have been agreed to by the Ward Councillors for the Ward in which the parking meters or parking machines are located.
3. City Council amend the maximum rate fee in Column V of Appendix G- Schedule 1, 'Toronto Parking Authority' of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, from \$3.10 to \$3.54 (rate does not include HST), and replace the Fee Description of Column II of Appendix G- Schedule 1, 'Toronto Parking Authority' of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, which currently states 'On-Street Parking Zone AA' with 'On-Street Parking'.
4. City Council amend Schedule I to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 910, Parking Machines, by deleting the current Schedule I and inserting a revised Schedule I which incorporates the changes set out in Recommendation 1 above.
5. City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to undertake the actions necessary to implement recommendations 1 to 4, inclusive, including any amendments that may be required to by-laws, and the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

Financial Impact

These changes, if fully implemented, will result in an increase of approximately \$4,000,000 in annual revenue. The Authority will incur costs of \$280,000 to implement the changes.

COMMENTS

The last comprehensive review and adjustments to rates at on-street machine/metered parking locations in the City of Toronto was undertaken in early 2007 (Planning and Growth Management Committee Item PG4.6 as adopted by City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2007 <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-05-23-cc08-dd.pdf>). The Toronto Parking Authority has continued to monitor the effects of the 2007 rate changes.

Usage levels at the on-street machine/metered spaces have remained stable following the changes in rates implemented in 2007. Therefore, only changes to rates which reflect changes in the underlying level of consumer price inflation (CPI) since 2007 are being proposed at this time. The proposed changes to the rates at machine/metered spaces are itemized below.

Current Rate per hour (inclusive of HST)	Proposed Rate per hour (inclusive of HST)
\$3.50	\$4.00
\$2.50	\$3.00
\$2.00	\$2.25

In addition to the rate changes indicated, amendments to Chapter 179-7D, Chapter 441 and Chapter 910 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code are being requested.

Chapter 179-7D of the City of Toronto Municipal Code provides the Toronto Parking Authority with a delegated authority to adjust rates at machine/metered spaces without reporting through the standing committees of Toronto City Council, subject to the consent of the Ward Councillor in the ward in which the changes are being undertaken. This authority is utilized to undertake modest changes which typically impact only a small localized area. Comprehensive changes to rates which impact large areas of the City of Toronto, such as the recommendations contained in this report have traditionally been reported through and authorized by Toronto City Council. This practice has been followed with respect to this comprehensive rate change. However, the delegated rate limit in section 179-7D of the City of Toronto Municipal Code needs to be increased to \$4.00 (inclusive of HST) per hour to be consistent with the highest hourly rate which will be in effect at machine/metered spaces, following the implementation of the proposed rate increases, to continue to allow the process outlined in Chapter 179-7D of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to operate.

Chapter 441 'Fees and Charges' of the City of Toronto Municipal Code lists the highest fee in effect at machine/metered spaces. Chapter 441 needs to be amended to reflect the highest hourly rate which will be in effect following the implementation of the proposed rates in this report. The existing listed rate of \$3.10 needs to be increased to \$3.54 to reflect the rates in this report. Chapter 441 lists charges which do not include HST. In addition, the fee description of Column II of Appendix G- Schedule 1, 'Toronto Parking

Authority’ of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, needs to be revised such that ‘On-Street Parking Zone AA’ is replaced with ‘On-Street Parking’.

The existing Schedule I of the Chapter 910 of the Municipal Code will be repealed and replaced with a revised schedule reflecting the changes being proposed.

The Board of Directors at the Toronto Parking Authority approved the recommended changes at their meeting of May 22, 2012.

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