

## 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, the Introduction of New Service Fees related to Water and Wastewater and the Transfer of Certain Services Fees to Toronto Water from Engineering and Construction Services**

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, effective January 1, 2014;
- to increase certain proposed water and wastewater service fees, effective January 1, 2014;
- to establish a minimum fee for sanitary discharge permits and to clarify the existing minimum fees and fee basis for industrial waste surcharge agreements and permits and sanitary discharge agreements, effective January 1, 2014;
- to establish a service fee, based on actual cost, for CCTV inspections of sewage works impacted by private construction, effective January 1, 2014;
- to transfer various service fees related to routine disclosure record searches for Sewers By-law compliance violations and, also, the Ministry of the Environment Transfer of Review Program from Engineering and Construction Services, formerly Technical Services, to Toronto Water, effective January 1, 2014;
- to establish a new fee of \$75.00 to be charged for a lost or damaged automated meter reading transmitter, effective January 1, 2014;
- to establish a new manual water meter reading fee of \$80.00 per visit, effective July 1, 2014;
- to establish a new annual flat rate legacy fee of \$1,020.00 for residential flat rate consumers, effective July 1, 2014; and,
- to establish a new service fee of \$50.00 related to the administration of the water supply backflow prevention program, effective September 1, 2014.

The recommended increases in the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers effective January 1, 2014, 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 proposed new and revised service fees (Schedule 2, Ref. No. 41, 42, 43 and 44; and Schedule 3, Ref. No. 3, 3.1, and 26) and fees to be transferred to Toronto Water (Schedule 2, Ref. No. 40 and Schedule 3, Ref. No. 21, 22, 23 and 24), are shown in [Appendix B](#).

The particulars of the proposed water and wastewater consumption rates and service fee increases, as well as the proposed new fees and transfer of fees, are set out in the following three reports:

- 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 2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees ("2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report");
- The report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee of Toronto City Council from the General Manager, Toronto Water entitled Update on the Water Meter Program, referred to Budget Committee for consideration at its meeting on November 6, 2013 (to be considered concurrently with the 2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report and Toronto Water's 2014 Operating Budget) ("Update on the Water Meter Program Report"); and,
- The report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee of Toronto City Council from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Toronto Water, entitled Amendments to the Sewers, Water Supply and Fees By-laws and referred to Budget Committee for consideration at its meeting on November 6, 2013 (to be considered concurrently with the 2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report and Toronto Water's 2014 Operating Budget) ("Amendments to the Sewers, Water Supply and Fees By-Laws 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 2014 Operating Budget requires a combined water and wastewater expenditure level of \$1.022 billion, which is fully funded from the 2014 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 establishment of the proposed new fees reflect the cost of providing those services, or a portion thereof. The transfer of fees to Toronto Water will ensure that the costs are recovered for the continued provision of certain routine record disclosure searches and various Transfer of Review program 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:

Wednesday, November 6, 2013  
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 **416-392-4666**, or e-mail [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 5, 2013. 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, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, by e-mail [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) or fax 416-392-1879.

The Budget Committee will make its final recommendations on November 12, 2013, which will be forwarded for Executive Committee's consideration at its special meeting on December 5, 2013 and to City Council at its meeting on December 16 and 17, 2013. The adopted rates and fees will be implemented through a by-law that will amend the Municipal Code.

For further information on any of the three reports identified above and the proposed 2014 rates, fee increases and the establishment of new service fees and the transfer of fees, please contact Adir Gupta, Manager, Financial Policy, Corporate Finance, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, Telephone: 416-392-8071 – Email: [agupta@toronto.ca](mailto:agupta@toronto.ca)

To obtain, at no cost, or to view a copy of the 2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report, the Update on the Water Meter Program Report and the Amendments to the Sewers, Water Supply and Fees By-laws Report, please visit the City's website at: [toronto.ca/council](http://toronto.ca/council).

While the reports outlined above set out the recommended rate and fee increases, the proposed new fees and the transfer of certain existing fees to Toronto Water, 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 reports.

**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 30th day of October, 2013.

Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk