



The Toronto Industry Network

November 12, 2013

EMAILED

Councillor Frank Di Giorgio and
Members of the Budget Committee
10th Floor West, City Hall
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Ontario,
M5H 2N2.

Attention: Ms. Kelly McCarthy

Dear Committee Members,

Re: BU47.1

The Toronto Industry Network is writing to express its concern regarding Motions 5 & 6 below that you will be considering today:

*5 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Frank Di Giorgio (Referred)
That:*

Effective April 1, 2014, that the Industrial Waste Surcharge Program be amended to utilize the Type 1 ODF Formula-Unit cost per kilograms as presented in Appendix D of the 2013 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees Report enabling full cost recovery for the services provided by the City.

*6 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Frank Di Giorgio (Referred)
That:*

- 1. City Council amend the draft Capital Plan to reflect a water rate increase of 8% in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.*

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2. *The General Manager, Toronto Water be requested to make best efforts to report back to the Budget Committee meeting of November 12, 2013 with additional projects to be added to the 10-year Capital Plan to reflect a water rate increase of 8% in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017*

TIN believes that the cost of services and the fees it charges its business community should be very competitive to encourage business retention and keep jobs in Toronto.

Motion 5 is contrary to the Council policy established regarding the new Industrial Waste Surcharge Program that phased in what are significant costs to some of our members. We recommend that the current policy be followed.

Motion 6 is contrary to the Council direction to staff to consult next year with stakeholders to develop for the 2015 budget and subsequent years a rate structure that would examine other ways to charge for the water, wastewater and stormwater services the City provides. The current system is punitive to Block 2 water users and TIN would welcome the opportunity dialogue with City officials on this matter. We ask that your Committee recommend to Council that the current direction be followed.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Scrivener". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Scrivener
Director of External Affairs