



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Extending and Continuing City Council-Authorized 2014  
Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service  
Fees and Solid Waste Management Services Rates**

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| <b>Date:</b>                 | June 11, 2014   |
| <b>To:</b>                   | Executive Committee   |
| <b>From:</b>                 | Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer<br>Deputy City Manager, Cluster B |
| <b>Wards:</b>                | All   |
| <b>Reference<br/>Number:</b> | P:\2014\Internal Services\rev\ec14018rev (AFS19775)                               |

**SUMMARY**

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This report seeks Council authority to extend and continue, beyond December 31, 2014, the 2014 Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service Fees (the "Toronto Water Rates") and the 2014 Solid Waste Management Services Rates (the "Solid Waste Rates"), set out in Appendix A and B respectively to this report, previously approved by Council at its meeting on December 16, 17 and 18, 2013, (collectively, the "Rates") until such time as the newly elected Council has considered and approved the 2015 Operating and Capital budgets for Toronto Water and Solid Waste Management Services and any corresponding changes which may be necessary to the Rates.

In addition, to streamline efficiencies and address this issue, particularly, for future election years, this report seeks Council authority to make any necessary amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, to provide that all fees and charges approved by Council and set out in the Appendices to Chapter 441 continue in full force and effect until such time as they are amended or repealed, unless otherwise authorized by Council and specified in the Municipal Code.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B recommend that:**

1. City Council extend and continue the Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service Fees set out in Appendix A to this Report, and approved by City Council, and enacted by By-law No. 1698-2013, beyond December 31, 2014 until such time that City Council adopts Toronto Water's 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets and any corresponding changes, which may be necessary to the Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service Fees.
2. City Council extend and continue the Solid Waste Rates set out in Appendix B to this Report, and approved by City Council and enacted by By-law 136-2014, beyond December 31, 2014 until such time that City Council adopts the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets for Solid Waste Management Services and any corresponding changes, which may be necessary to the Solid Waste Rates.
3. City Council authorize amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, to provide that all fees and charges approved by City Council and set out in the Appendices to Chapter 441 continue in full force and effect until such time as they are amended or repealed, unless otherwise authorized by City Council and specified in the Municipal Code.
4. City Council authorize the necessary amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees and Charges, and any other necessary Municipal Code Chapters as may be required, to give effect to Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 above.
5. City Council grant authority to the City Solicitor to introduce any necessary Bills required to implement these recommendations, subject to any necessary refinements, including stylistic, format and organization, as may be identified by the City Solicitor, the Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer, the General Manager, Toronto Water and the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services.

### **Financial Impact**

The City of Toronto Water and Wastewater Program is currently fully funded on a 'pay as you go' basis through combined water and wastewater rates without any reliance on borrowing/debenture financing.

Solid Waste Management Services Operating Budget is fully funded from a combination of rate/user fee revenue, reserve funds, sale of recyclables and industry stewardship funding.

Toronto Water and Wastewater and Solid Waste Management Services customers will not experience any change in the Rates as a result of the extension and continuation of the Rates as recommended in this report. However, it is anticipated that rate increases for 2015 may be required when the new Council considers the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets of Toronto Water and Solid Waste Management Services.

The property tax budget is not impacted by the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

City Council at its meeting on December 16, 17 and 18, 2013, adopted as amended, Item EX36.17: *2014 Rate Supported Budgets - Toronto Water and 2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fees* authorizing the Toronto Water Rates. Council's decision is available at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EX36.17>

The Toronto Water Rates as authorized by Council were enacted by By-law 1698-2013, and included in City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441: Fees and Charges, Appendix D - Schedule 1, Water & Wastewater Consumption Rates, Schedule 2, Water Services and Schedule 3, Wastewater Services available at:

[http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184\\_441-d.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_441-d.pdf)

City Council at its meeting on December 16, 17 and 18, 2013, adopted as amended EX36.18: *2014 Rate Supported Budgets - Solid Waste Management Services and Recommended 2014 Solid Waste Rates* authorizing the Solid Waste Rates. Council's decision is available at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EX36.18>

The Solid Waste Rates, as authorized by Council, were enacted by By-law 136-2014, and included in City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441: Fees and Charges, Appendix A - Schedule 1, Solid Waste Management Services, available at:

[http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184\\_441-a.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_441-a.pdf)

## COMMENTS

The last meeting of the current term of Council is scheduled for August 27 and 28, 2014. Given the upcoming municipal election in October 2014, staff will not be in a position to recommend any changes in the Rates until the new Council is in place and staff have prepared and submitted their respective 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets for consideration and approval by the new Council later in 2015. For this reason, it is recommended that the current Rates be extended and continued until such time as the matter is considered and approved by the new Council in 2015.

So as to avoid the need for the future extension and continuation of any fees and charges at the end of the next term of Council, this report also recommends that Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees and Charges, be amended to provide that, unless otherwise indicated in the Municipal Code, all fees and charges shall continue in full force and effect until such time as they are amended or repealed by Council. In addition, future staff rate reports will indicate, where appropriate, that the rates continue in effect until replaced by Council.

This report also recommends that Council authority be provided to enact any necessary by-law to amend Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees and Charges, and any other necessary Municipal Code Chapters as may be required, to give effect to the recommendations in this report.

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## SIGNATURE

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## ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Water & Wastewater Consumption Rates to Extend and Continue  
Appendix B: Solid Waste Rates to Extend and Continue