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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Ticket Revenues - Top 3 Offence Types

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SUMMARY

As requested by Government Management Committee in its consideration of GM21.6 "Parking Ticket Activity - 2012", this report provides information on the breakdown of revenue for the top three (3) categories of parking ticket offence types, as well as a breakdown of these tickets based on location of issuance. The top three parking ticket offence types, in descending order, are Expired Meter Offences, No Parking and Permit-related offences. These three categories make up approximately 58% of all tickets issued in 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Treasurer recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 8, 2013, the Government Management Committee, in its consideration of GM21.6 "Parking Ticket Activity – 2012", requested the Treasurer to report directly to City Council on the breakdown of revenues for the first three (3) categories of parking offences which comprise 57.66% of all offences in 2012, and further that these three (3) categories be broken down by Community Council. The

Committee's decisions on this item are available at:
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.GM21.6

ISSUE BACKGROUND

This report provides information on the revenues generated by each of the top three (3) parking ticket offence types, and a breakdown based on location of issuance.

The breakdown of ticket issuance by Community Council, as requested by Committee, cannot be provided as the City's Parking Ticket Management System (PTMS) does not capture offence location by Community Council area or ward. The PTMS database categorizes tickets according to the municipal by-laws under which the tickets are issued. Some of these by-laws were enacted by the former pre-amalgamation municipalities. As such, this report includes staff's best approximation of issuance by each of the former municipalities, with certain exceptions outlined below.

A capital project to replace or upgrade the current parking ticket management system is planned to begin in 2017. It is expected that a new system will capture information on the location of parking ticket issuance that will make reporting out of ticket issuance by location easier and more accurate in future.

COMMENTS

In 2012, the City of Toronto issued 2,761,802 parking tickets. Enforcement of parking regulations falls under the responsibility of the Toronto Police Service (TPS), through its Parking Enforcement Unit. Revenue Services Division is responsible for processing and collecting fines for all parking tickets issued in the City of Toronto.

Table 1 below provides the top three parking ticket offence categories for 2012, and the revenues associated with each of these three categories.

Table 1: Top 3 Parking Ticket Offence Types – City of Toronto - 2012

Offence type[1]	Set Fine Amount	Tickets Issued in 2012		Face Value of Tickets Issued	Value of Tickets Paid as at Dec. 31, 2012[2]	
		#	% of 2012 Total	$ (millions)	$ (millions)	% of 2012 Total
Expired Meter Offences	$30.00	594,355	21.52%	$17.8	$10.6	20.5%
No Parking	$40.00	569,783	20.63%	$22.8	$11.6	22.7%
Permit-related offences	$30.00	428,462	15.51%	$12.9	$8.0	15.5%
Total of above		**1,592,600**	**57.66%**	**$53.5**	**$30.3**	**58.7%**
Totals for the 2012 Year		2,761,802			$51.6	

1. The offence types listed comprise a number of individual but related parking infraction offence codes.
2. Based on an analysis of prior years' collections experience, and given that offenders will continue to pay 2012 tickets in 2013 and later years (when renewing their license plates), the projected long-term collection rate is approximately 80% of all tickets issued.

From Table 1, the top three (3) offence categories represent approximately 58% of all parking tickets issued in 2012:

- "Expired Meter" offences (i.e. offences related to failing to deposit the fee in parking meters or Pay and Display machines or displaying an expired time receipt) is the largest category representing 21.5% of all tickets issued.

- "No Parking" offences (i.e. offences related to prohibited parking areas such as major arterial roadways and transit routes) is the second largest category at 20.6%.

- "No Valid Permit" (i.e., offences where vehicles are ticketed for failing to display a valid residential parking or other permit), represents 15.5% of all tickets issued in 2012.

A full list of all major offence types was provided as Attachment 1 to GM21.6: "Parking Ticket Activity – 2012". The staff report is available at:

http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-56809.pdf

The Government Management Committee had also requested a breakdown of revenues associated with the top three (3) offences by Community Council area. It was determined that this breakdown could not be provided in the format requested as the City's Parking Ticket Management System (PTMS) does not record place of issuance by ward or Community Council area. The only data fields in PTMS that capture the location of issuance are the street address field and the municipal by-law code for the offence. The address field cannot be used to determine community council area or location given that some of the main arterial roads run through several wards and community council areas. Additionally, some street names are repeated / duplicated in different community council areas. As such, staff used the municipal by-law code to link tickets issued to a former pre-amalgamation municipality. However, given that some of the earlier parking by-laws under the former municipalities have been merged into new harmonized by-laws for the amalgamated City, it is not possible to provide a totally accurate picture of ticket issuance by former municipality.

Table 2, below, provides a breakdown of the top three (3) ticket offences by former municipality, with the exception of tickets issued under:

a) new harmonized by-laws which will appear under the "Toronto" column, regardless of where they were issued.

b) former by-laws that governed roads administered by the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto (e.g., Bloor Street), which traversed a number of municipalities, and may have been issued in any of the former municipalities which contained a portion of a metro road. These tickets are recorded under the "Metro" column.

Staff are reasonably confident that the information provided in Table 2 provides a general approximation of ticket issuance by former municipalities. A review of parking enforcement officer deployment and permit distribution supports the fact that the former Toronto would have highest share of tickets issued for these top three (3) offences.

Plans are in place to replace or upgrade the current parking ticket management system beginning in 2017. It is expected that a new system will enable the capturing of data related to the location of parking ticket issuance. This in turn will enable the reporting of ticket issuance with a greater degree of ease and accuracy.

Table 2:
Breakdown of Top Three Offence Categories by Former Municipality: 2012[1]

	Expired Meter Offences	No Parking Offences	Permit Offences	Total
Parking Ticket Issuance				
East York	26	9,032		9,058
Etobicoke	408	12,527		12,935
Metro[2]	495	104,625		105,120
North York	1,922	42,379		44,301
Scarborough	4	12,058		12,062
Toronto	591,189	370,809	428,460	1,390,458
York	287	18,345		18,632
Other[3]	24	8	2	34
Total	**594,355**	**569,783**	**428,462**	**1,592,600**
Parking Ticket Revenues (based on Total Issuance & Set Fine Amount)[4]				
East York	$780	$361,280		$362,060
Etobicoke	$12,240	$501,080		$513,320
Metro[2]	$14,850	$4,185,000		$4,199,850
North York	$57,660	$1,695,160		$1,752,820
Scarborough	$120	$482,320		$482,440
Toronto	$17,735,670	$14,832,360	$12,853,800	$45,421,830
York	$8,610	$733,800		$742,410
Other[3]	$720	$320	$60	$1,100
Total	**$17,830,650**	**$22,791,320**	**$12,853,860**	**$53,475,830**

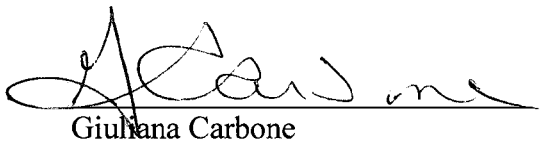
1. For reasons outlined on page 3 of this report the number & fine value of tickets identified in Table 2 are staff's best approximation of ticket issuance by location.
2. By-laws of the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto (Metro by-laws) are enforced on roads administered by the former Metro, some of which span across several former municipalities (for example: Bloor Street) and as such, tickets issued under the Metro by-law category have no former municipal association and geographical issuance locations cannot be determined.
3. The "Other" category represents tickets that were issued for the respective offence, however, the ticket did not indicate a bylaw affiliation.
4. Parking Ticket Revenues represent the total potential revenue if all tickets issued were paid (and not amounts collected as at December 31, 2012). Based on historical collection rates, an overall collection rate of approximately 80% is anticipated.

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