

October 21, 2013

To: Budget Committee

From: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Subject: Update on the Water Meter Program

**Committee Recommendations:**

**The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommended to the Budget Committee, to be considered concurrently with the 2014 Water and Wastewater Rates and Services Fees and Toronto Water's 2014 Operating Budget, that:**

1. **City Council authorize, effective July 1, 2014, the following amendments to Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, of the Toronto Municipal Code:**
  - i. **Appendix D, Schedule 1, Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates, be amended to include a manual water meter reading fee of \$80 per visit; and**
  - ii. **Appendix D, Schedule 1, Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates, be amended to include a flat rate legacy fee of \$1,020 per year for residential flat rate consumers.**
2. **City Council authorize, effective July 1, 2014, any other amendments to the Municipal Code to implement the above fees to water consumers who refuse or fail to allow access for the purposes of installing new water meters and associated meter reading equipment under the City's Water Meter Program.**

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee also:

- A. Recommended to City Council for consideration on November 13, 2013, that:
  1. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Water, to report through the 2014 budget process on the feasibility and cost of amending the Water Service Replacement Program to include the replacement of the public section of a lead water service as a Priority Replacement in conjunction with the Water Meter

Program, so that the public and private sections are replaced at the same time when the private section replacement is required for the installation of a new water meter.

2. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Water to consider re-allocating the projected surplus funds budgeted for the Water Meter Program to the Priority Replacements Program to increase the number of lead service replacements to meet the demand.
  3. City Council request the General Manager, Toronto Water, to provide advice notices on at least an annual basis reminding customers of their responsibility to maintain plumbing connections satisfactorily to enable new metering devices to be installed from time to time.
  4. City Council direct that the fee to shut off and restore water service to a private dwelling be waived in cases where shut-off is required for the purpose of installing a new service connection as a result of replacing the City water meter.
- B. Referred the following motion by Councillor Davis to the General Manager, Toronto Water, for a report directly to City Council on November 13, 2013, if possible:

"City Council request Toronto Public Health and Toronto Water to ensure that the NSF – 053 free water filters are being provided to households replacing the private portion of lead water service when the replacement is required to install a Water Meter."

The General Manager, Toronto Water, and the Manager, Water Meter Program, Toronto Water, gave a presentation to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the Update on the Water Meter Program.

Background:

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on October 21, 2013, considered a report (October 4, 2013) from the General Manager, Toronto Water, on "Update on the Water Meter Program".

Background Information

(October 4, 2013) Report from the General Manager, Toronto Water, on Update on the Water Meter Program

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-62304.pdf>

(October 4, 2013) Appendix A - Water Meter Installation Progress by Ward - Account Status at August 31, 2013

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