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Date: June 20, 2014

To: Members of the Budget Committee

From: Councillor James Pasternak

Re: Water Meter Enforcement

Summary:

Beginning July 1, 2014, metered water customers who have not permitted an automated water meter to be installed on their property under the City's Water Meter Program will be charged a Manual Meter Reading Fee in the amount of \$80.00 per meter reading in addition to what they already have to pay for water supply to their property. Flat rate water customers are to be charged a Legacy fee of \$1,020 per year. In addition, failure to comply with the City's Water Meter Program may result in a fine of up to \$50,000, and ultimately, loss of water. The third party supplier continues to send letters to this effect.

I have met with residents from across the City on this matter and there is a concern that there is no alternative option available. An amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 851, Water Supply may be necessary.

I request that this matter be added to the June 20th, 2014 Budget Committee Agenda.

Recommendation:

1. Request that the General Manager of Toronto Water put a moratorium on the enforcement of the fees that will be applied on July 1st, 2014 to those who have not installed an automated water meter until December 31st, 2014 so that staff can assess third party suppliers and their enforcement processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

James Pasternak
Councillor, Ward 10