

## Public Notice

### **Proposed Amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code for Increases to the Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Certain Water and Wastewater Service Fees, and the deletion of the water certification fee from the Water Services fee schedule.**

Notice is hereby given that City officials are recommending to Toronto City Council the enactment of a by-law effective March 13, 2015 amending the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, and any other necessary Municipal Code Chapters as may be required to give effect thereto, as follows:

- to increase the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers;
- to increase certain proposed water and wastewater service fees;
- to delete the Revenue Services water certification fee of \$25.50 from the Water Services fee schedule.

As shown in Appendix A (attached), the recommended increases in the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers are as follows:

- for metered consumers, the Block 1 Rate by 8.0 %, and the Block 2 Rate by 8.0%; and
- for flat rate consumers, all rates by 8.0%.

The proposed increases to water and wastewater service fees, are shown in Appendix B (attached).

The particulars of the proposed water and wastewater consumption rates and service fee increases, as well as the reason for a fee deletion, are set out in the report to the Budget Committee of Toronto City Council from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Toronto Water entitled "2015 Water and Wastewater Rates and Service Fee Report" (the "Report").

City officials are not recommending any other changes to any of the other Water and Wastewater rates and fees outlined in City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges.

The Toronto Water Division of the City of Toronto provides water and wastewater (WWW) services to the consumers within the City, areas in Peel (wastewater services) and York Region (water services). The City operates an extensive WWW infrastructure to deliver clean water for consumption and to treat wastewater before it is returned to Lake Ontario. The Toronto Water 2015 Operating Budget requires a combined water and wastewater expenditure level of \$1.081 billion, which is fully funded from the 2015 water and wastewater consumption rates and service fees. The proposed water and wastewater consumption rate increases will ensure that the appropriate funding is

available to the City for the continued provision of these water and wastewater services. The water and wastewater service fee increases reflect the increased costs of providing those specific services.

The Budget Committee has established two subcommittees to hear public deputations on the 2015 Capital, Operating and Rate Supported Budgets. The Budget Subcommittee for City Hall and Scarborough Civic Centre Consultation and the Budget Subcommittee for Etobicoke and North York Civic Centres Consultation will receive presentations from any person, or their counsel, agent or solicitor, who wishes to speak to the matter at one of the following meetings:

**City Hall** - Committee Room 1, 100 Queen St. West

**February 2, 2015**

Session 1 - 9:30 a.m.

Session 2 - 6:00 p.m.

**Etobicoke Civic Centre** - Council Chamber, 399 The West Mall

**February 2, 2015**

Session 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Session 2 - 6:00 pm.

**Scarborough Civic Centre** - Council Chamber, 150 Borough Drive

**February 3, 2015**

Session 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Session 2 - 6:00 p.m.

**North York Civic Centre** - Council Chamber, 5100 Yonge Street

**February 3, 2015**

Session 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Session 2 - 6:00 pm.

To make a presentation at one of the Budget Subcommittee meetings on February 2 and 3, 2015, please email [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) or call 416-392-4666 no later than 4:00 p.m., January 30, 2015. Presentations will be limited to 5 minutes per person, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Written comments may be submitted to the Budget Committee, by email [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca), by fax 416-392-1879 or by mail addressed to:

Budget Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor, West Tower  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Any comments received after the Committee meetings will be processed to Council.

The Budget Committee will make its final recommendations on February 20, 2015, which will be forwarded for consideration by the Executive Committee at its special meeting on March 2, 2015 and then to City Council at its special meeting on March 10 and 11, 2015.

The adopted rates and fees will be implemented through a by-law that will amend the Municipal Code.

For further information concerning the Report and the proposed rates and fee increases, please contact Adir Gupta, Manager, Financial Policy, Corporate Finance, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, Telephone: 416-392-8071 – Email: [agupta@toronto.ca](mailto:agupta@toronto.ca)

To obtain, at no cost, or to view a copy of the Report, please visit the City Clerk's website at: [www.toronto.ca/council](http://www.toronto.ca/council).

While the Report sets out the recommended rates and fee increases and a fee deletion, the appropriate Committee may change these recommendations.

Further, Toronto City Council may adopt rates and fees that differ from the recommendations, including rates and fees that are higher or lower than the rates and fees set out in the Report, changes to rates and fees for which no change is recommended, and may adopt additional new rates or fees.

**Further information:**

If this matter is postponed at the Committee meeting or Council meeting or considered at a subsequent Committee meeting, no additional notice will be provided other than the information on the subsequent Committee or Council agenda. Please contact the above noted City official if you require notice in these cases.

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Dated at the City of Toronto January 23, 2015

Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk