

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, a Change in the Eligibility Criteria for the Block 2 Rate and the Introduction of a Dedicated Stormwater Charge Removing Stormwater Management Costs from the Water Rate

Notice is hereby given that City officials are recommending to Toronto City Council the enactment of a by-law 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 change the eligibility criteria for the Block 2 Rate to require that an eligible consumer must have an annual consumption of over 5,000 cubic metres per year (5,000 m³/year) instead of over 6,000 cubic metres per year (6,000 m³/year).

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).

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

The particulars of the proposed water and wastewater consumption rates and service fee increases as well as the reduction in the eligibility consumption threshold for Block 2 Rate consumers 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 "2016 Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service Fees Report" (the "Report").

In addition, notice is hereby given that City officials are recommending to Toronto City Council the development and formulation of a stormwater management funding model premised on the establishment of a dedicated stormwater charge; thereby, removing stormwater management costs from the water rate with implementation of the stormwater charge in 2018 at the earliest. It is intended that the actual stormwater

charge will be determined during 2018 budget process, and a further Public Notice with the specific details will be given at that time. The particulars of the proposed stormwater charge recommendation 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 “Funding Options for Paying for Toronto Water's Stormwater Management Capital Program”.

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 2016 Operating Budget requires a combined water and wastewater expenditure level of \$1.158 billion, which is fully funded from the 2016 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 will hear public deputations from any person, or their counsel, agent or solicitor, who wishes to speak to the matter at the following meeting:

Date: November 13, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West

To make a presentation at the Budget Committee meeting on November 13 2015, please email buc@toronto.ca or call 416-392-4666 no later than 12:00 p.m., November 12, 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, 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 forwarded to City Council.

The Budget Committee will make its final recommendations on November 24, 2015, which will be forwarded for consideration by the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 1, 2015 and then to City Council at its meeting on December 9 and 10, 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, 5th Floor, East Tower, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, Telephone: 416-392-8071; Email: 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.

While the Report sets out the recommended rates and fee increases, 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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Closed Meeting Requirements: If the Committee wants to meet in closed session (privately), a Committee member must make a motion to do so and give the reason why the Committee has to meet privately (City of Toronto Act, 2006).

Dated at the City of Toronto this 5th day of November, 2015.

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk