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BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE SPEAKING NOTES

- We wish to address two items today - Councillor Layton's motion regarding the Industrial Waste Surcharge program and Councillor Crawford's motion asking for a staff briefing note on option for modifying the Block 2 rate.
- This is all about keeping manufacturing jobs in Toronto by keeping our City competitive.

Councillor Layton's motion

- We ask that Councillor Layton's motion that all four parameters be charged for under the Industrial Waste Surcharge program be turned down.
- The reason for this is that while companies discharging only one parameter would see no change, others would see a significant change in cost that could be quite punitive. This is not in the best interest of keeping our jobs here.
- An important consideration is the matter of economies of scale. Large water users make a considerable contribution to the revenues of Toronto's wastewater treatment plants. This contribution helps lower the overall water cost to other users by allowing Toronto Water to provide economies of scale.
- Further, many companies that are large water users pay more than their fair share of stormwater charges and fixed billing costs that have no relationship to the amount of water a facility uses.
- Lastly, Toronto needs to do everything it can to be competitive which includes the Surcharge program and the Block 2 rate.

Councillor Crawford's motion

- TIN supports this motion.
- While Block 2 users account for only 6.5% of the total water consumed in Toronto, many of them are manufacturers that play a key role in supporting the City's economy.

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