

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

Notice is hereby given that City officials are recommending to Toronto City Council the enactment of a by-law, effective January 1, 2024, amending the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, and any other necessary Municipal Code Chapters as may be required, to:

- increase the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers;
- increase certain proposed water and wastewater service fees;

As shown in Appendix A (attached), the recommended interim increases in the water and wastewater consumption rates for metered and flat rate consumers, effective January 1, 2024, are as follows:

- for metered consumers, the Block 1 Rate and the Block 2 Rate by 3 percent; and for flat rate consumers, all rates by 3 percent.

The proposed interim increases to water and wastewater service fees, effective January 1, 2024, are shown in Appendix B (attached).

City officials are recommending the adoption of the proposed 2024 interim water and wastewater consumption rates and water and wastewater service fees, effective January 1, 2024, in advance of the 2024 Tax and Rate Supported Operating and Capital Budgets. The recommended interim water and wastewater consumption rates are consistent with the financial modeling and the rate increase requirements presented during the 2023 Budget Process. These interim rates may be amended by City Council when the 2024 Rate supported Operating and Capital Budgets are considered,

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, are set out in the report to the Executive Committee of Toronto City Council from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the General Manager, Toronto Water entitled "2024 Interim Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service Fees" (the "Report").

The Toronto Water Division of the City of Toronto, which is fully funded from the water and wastewater consumption rates and services fees, 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 proposed interim water and wastewater consumption rate increases will ensure that funding continues to be available to the City for the continued provision of these water and wastewater services. The proposed water and wastewater service fee increases reflect the increased costs of providing those specific services.

The Executive 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, to be held in person and via video conference:

Date: December 5, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Video Conference, or
Committee Room 1, Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West

To make a presentation at the Executive Committee meeting on **December 5, 2023**, please email exc@toronto.ca or call 416-392-7033 no later than 12:00 p.m., **December 4, 2023**. Presentations will be limited to 5 minutes per person, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Written comments may be submitted to the Executive Committee, by email exc@toronto.ca, by fax 416-392-2980 or by mail addressed to:

Executive Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Any comments received after the Executive Committee meetings will be forwarded to City Council.

The Executive Committee will make its recommendations on **December 5, 2023**, which will be forwarded for consideration to City Council at its meeting on **December 13, 14 and 15, 2023**.

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.

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 Boriana Varleva, Senior Financial Analyst, Revenue Services, North York Civic Centre, 5110 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M2N 5V7, Telephone: 416-392-4949; Email: boriana.varleva@toronto.ca

To obtain at no cost, or to view a copy of the Report, please visit the City Clerk's website at: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/#/committees/2468/23272>

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 28 day of November, 2023.

John Elvidge
City Clerk

Appendix A - 2024 Interim Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates

I	II	III	IV	V		
Ref. No.	Service	Fee Description	Fee Basis	Fee Paid After Due Date	Fee Paid On/Before Due Date	Annual Adj.
1	Metered Water Consumers	Block 1 Domestic - Use General Water Service Rate Applicable to all consumers of water, including the first 5,000 cubic metres per year (m3/per year) consumed by industrial users	Per cubic metre - (\$/m3)	\$4.7555	\$4.5178	No
2	Metered Water Consumers	Block 2 - Industrial Process - Use Service Rate - Applicable to industrial process use for eligible property or portions of property and is applicable to volume of water consumed over 5,000 cubic metres per year (m3/per year) of such use	Per cubic metre - (\$/m3)	\$3.3288	\$3.1624	No
3	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Dwelling house rate	Per Room; Per Annum	\$70.61; \$437.03 Minimum annual charge	\$67.08; \$415.18 Minimum annual charge	No
4	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Rooming house rate	Per Room; Per Annum	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
5	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Basins	Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
6	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Baths	Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
7	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Bidets	Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
8	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Saunas connected to water or drains	Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
9	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Shower baths	Not attached to bath tub - Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No

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10	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Sinks	Sinks - Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
11	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Urinals	Self-acting - Each	\$162.28	\$154.17	No
12	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Water Closets	Self-acting - Each	\$218.10	\$207.20	No
13	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For pair of tubs (in one fixture)	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
14	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For single or additional tub - Each	\$81.17	\$77.12	No
15	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Washing Machine	Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
16	Flat Rate Non- Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Factories, office buildings, stores, garages, warehouses and similar places of business	Per Flat - Per Annum	\$217.96	\$207.07	No
17	Flat Rate Non- Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Private hospitals, rest homes, schools, fraternity houses, clubs, hotels and similar places	Per Room; Per Annum	\$123.98	\$117.79	No
18	Flat Rate Non- Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Basins	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
19	Flat Rate Non- Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Baths	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No

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20	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Bidets	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
21	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Saunas connected to water or drains	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
22	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Shower Baths	Not attached to bath tub - Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
23	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Sinks	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
24	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Urinals	Self-acting - Each	\$324.30	\$308.09	No
25	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Water Closets	Self-acting - Each	\$433.84	\$412.15	No
26	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For pair of tubs (in one fixture)	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
27	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For single or additional tub - Each	\$136.57	\$129.75	No
28	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Washing Machines	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
29	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Baptistries	Each	\$91.64	\$87.06	No
30	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Barber shop or beauty parlour	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No

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31	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Church buildings used as a place of worship	Each for any such fixture in a church building so used coming within rows 18-30	Variable	Variable	No
32	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Dental Fountains	Each	\$672.98	\$639.34	No
33	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Commercial dish washers	Each	\$540.57	\$513.55	No
34	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Drinking Fountains	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
35	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Fountains	For 1.6mm orifice or less, each per season	\$433.84	\$412.15	No
36	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Fountains	All others, each per person	\$1,725.96	\$1,639.67	No
37	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Materials used in buildings or in alterations or repairs to buildings and other construction work	Bricks per 1,000	\$4.62	\$4.39	No
38	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Materials used in buildings or in alterations or repairs to buildings and other construction work	Other masonry, including concrete blocks, tiles, and similar materials, on basis of equivalent number of bricks to replace same, per 1,000 bricks	\$4.62	\$4.39	No
39	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Materials used in buildings or in alterations or repairs to buildings and other construction work	Plastering per 1,000 sq. yd	\$163.18	\$155.03	No
40	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Materials used in buildings or in alterations or repairs to buildings and other construction work	Per cubic yd - Concrete	\$11.30	\$10.74	No
41	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Materials used in buildings or in alterations or repairs to buildings and other construction work	Minimum rate for each building or for repairs or alterations, where any of the above material is used	\$54.45	\$51.73	No

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42	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Photographic washing tanks	Each	\$271.29	\$257.73	No
43	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Wash racks	Each	\$1,347.86	\$1,280.47	No
44	Unmetered Consumers - Former City of Etobicoke	Residential and commercial rates, Flat rate, Single family	Tri-Annual	\$445.64	\$423.36	No
45	Unmetered Consumers - Former City of Etobicoke	Hydro substations	Tri-Annual	\$320.56	\$304.54	No
46	Unmetered Consumers - Former City of Etobicoke	Building water and sewer service rates; not metered up to three months not refundable	Each	\$948.04	\$900.64	No

Appendix B - 2024 Interim Water Services

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
Ref. No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
1	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Installing 19 mm New Residential Water Service and Meter	Full Cost Recovery	Flat fee per connection	\$5,453.61	No
2	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Installing 25 mm New Residential Water Service and Meter	Full Cost Recovery	Flat fee per connection	\$6,319.06	No
5	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Disconnection Fee for any residential water service less than or equal to 25 mm	Full Cost Recovery	Flat fee per disconnection	\$1,612.37	No
9	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Metered water provided to construction sites	City Policy	Consumption per cubic metre	Block 1 Water rate	No
11	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Fire hydrant Permit	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Fee	\$204.28	No
12	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Water meter accuracy test ; Meter less than or equal to 50mm - No Chamber - applied if meter does not over-register	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Fee	\$204.28	No
13	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Water turn off fee for demolition; (disconnection of old water service not included)	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Fee	\$102.07	No
14	Revenue Services (Finance)	Cost of water consumption from last water meter reading to the date of disconnection of service	Full Cost Recovery	Per Cubic Metre	Block 1 Water rate	No
15	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Water Turn-off or Turn-on	Full Cost Recovery	Each Turn-off or Turn-on	\$102.07	No
15.1	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Single Service call Turn-off and Turn-on within 30 min	Full Cost Recovery	Turn-off and Turn-on Service within 30 min	\$102.07	No
17	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Conduct fire hydrant flow test	Full Cost Recovery	Per Flow Test	\$340.52	No

18	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Unmetered water from each unmetered hydrant- less than or equal to 50 cubic metre	City Policy	Per 50 cubic metre	50 cubic metre @ Block 1 Water rate	No
19	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Metered water received at hydrant	Full Cost Recovery	Per cubic metre of water	Block 1 Water rate	No
21	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Unregistered water each day order not complied	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Rate	\$68.04	No
25	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Annual Seasonal Meter Activation Fee : includes replacement, removal of water meter; 1 turn on, 1 turn off	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Fee	\$261.94	No
27	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Unmetered water - general or use of non-City supplied meter	Full Cost Recovery	Estimated consumption per cubic metre	Block 1 Water rate	No
32	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Reuse of residential water service 19 mm to 25 mm	Full Cost Recovery	Per service to be reused	\$340.25	No
33	Revenue Services	Administrative fee to reflect a change in ownership on an existing utility account	Full Cost Recovery	Per ownership change	\$48.60	No
35	Revenue Services	Water Special/Final Reading	Full Cost Recovery	Per Customer Request	\$20.82	No
36	Revenue Services	Water Consumption Statements	Full Cost Recovery	For One Year	\$55.57	No
37	Revenue Services	Water Consumption Statements	Full Cost Recovery	For each subsequent year	\$34.73	No
39	Revenue Services	Water Collection Field Visit	Full Cost Recovery	Per Field Visit	\$34.73	No
40	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of MECP Municipal drinking Water Licensing Program	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$3,080.16	No
41	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Fee for lost or damaged automated meter reading transmitter	Full Cost Recovery	per location	\$114.99	No
42	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Manual water meter reading fee for consumers with water meters refusing installation of a new automatic water meter and associated meter reading equipment	Full Cost Recovery	Per visit	\$104.38	No

43	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Flat rate legacy fee, in addition to any existing water and wastewater flat rates charged, for residential flat rate consumers who refuse the installation of an automatic water meter and associated meter reading equipment	Full Cost Recovery	Per year	\$1,392.37	No
44	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Processing annual water supply backflow prevention device testing reports	Full Cost Recovery	per report	\$63.48	No
45	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Water Service Upgrade Fee - Lead Water Service Replacement Programs (19 mm to 25 mm upgrade only)	Full Cost Recovery	Flat fee per connection	\$620.05	No
46	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Water Service Upgrade - Lead Water Service Replacement (greater than 25 mm upgrade)	Full Cost Recovery	Per connection	Actual Cost + 15% administrative fee	No
47	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Metered water received at bulk water fill station(s)	Full Cost Recovery	Per cubic metre of water	Block 1 water rate	No

Appendix B - 2024 Interim Wastewater Services

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Ref. No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
2	Revenues - Environment & Administration	Sewer Surcharge on private water	Full Cost Recovery	Per Cubic Metre	57% of Block 1 Water Rate	No
4	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	To install new residential sanitary sewer service connection in road allowance	Full Cost Recovery	Per Installation	\$13,641.13	No
5	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	To install new residential storm sewer service connection in road allowance	Full Cost Recovery	Per Installation	\$13,641.13	No
6	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	To disconnect residential sanitary sewer service connection in road allowance	Full Cost Recovery	Per Disconnection	\$1,683.50	No
15	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Inspection fee for the reuse of residential City sewer connection up to 150 mm in diameter	Full Cost Recovery	Per service to be reused	\$681.93	No
16	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Technical Review by Toronto Water staff - Application to Toronto Water for exemption to permit the construction of a driveway sloped downwards towards a residential building.	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$2,043.90	No
17	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Technical Review by Toronto Water staff - Application to Toronto Water for new connection or change or alteration to the existing storm connection, sanitary or water supply connection	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$408.51 minimum fee, additional \$100.77/hour for each hour after 4 hours to a maximum of \$2,043.90(Plus HST)	No

18	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Technical Review by Toronto Water staff - Application to Toronto Water for request to encroach within a City permanent or temporary easement (related to City water and sewer infrastructure)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$408.51 minimum fee, additional \$100.77/hour for each hour after 4 hours to a maximum of \$2,043.90(Plus HST)	No
19	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Technical Review by Toronto Water staff - Application to Toronto Water for request to release from title a City easement (related to City water and sewer infrastructure)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$408.51 minimum fee, additional \$100.77/hour for each hour after 4 hours to a maximum of \$2,043.90(Plus HST)	No
20	Revenues - Environment & Administration	Initial fee for establishment of new industrial waste surcharge agreement	Full Cost Recovery	Per agreement	\$1,048.06	No
24	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Record search for Sewers by-law and water supply by-law compliance violation	Full Cost Recovery	per address or per water account	\$123.98	No