

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 Establishment of New Wastewater Service Fees related to the Administration of CLI ECAs

Notice is hereby given that City officials are recommending to Toronto City Council the enactment of a by-law, effective January 1, 2025, 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; and
- 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, 2025, are as follows:

- for metered consumers, the Block 1 Rate and the Block 2 Rate by 3.75 percent; and
- for flat rate consumers, all rates by 3.75 percent.

The proposed interim increases to water and wastewater service fees, effective January 1, 2025, are shown in Appendix B (attached).

City officials are also recommending to Toronto City Council the establishment of proposed new fees (CLI ECA Fees) to recover the City's costs related to the administration and review of applications in respect of pre-authorized wastewater and stormwater infrastructure alterations under the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks ("MECP") new Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval application process for municipal wastewater collection and stormwater management systems ("CLI ECAs") which will replace the MECP's current Transfer of Review Program ("TOR Program"). The CLI ECA Fees are shown in Appendix C (attached). It is recommended that the CLI ECA Fees be effective on the issue date by the MECP of the CLI ECAs to the City (anticipated later in 2025).

As part of the City's transition from the TOR Program to the CLI ECAs, it is further recommended that the City's current TOR Program fees, being Wastewater Service Fees Reference Numbers 21, 22 and 23 (currently set out in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, Appendix D - Schedule 3, Wastewater Services) be deleted effective on such date as mutually agreed to by the MECP and the General Manager, Toronto Water.

City officials are recommending the adoption of the proposed 2025 interim water and wastewater consumption rates and water and wastewater service fees, effective January 1, 2025, in advance of the 2024 Tax and Rate Supported Operating and Capital Budgets.. These interim rates may be amended by City Council when the 2025 Rate supported Operating and Capital Budgets are considered.

Except as set out in this Notice, 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, and the proposed CLI ECA Fees, 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 "2025 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. In addition, the proposed CLI ECA Fees will ensure recovery of the City's costs related to the administration and review of applications under the CLI ECAs which will replace the TOR Program.

At its meeting to be held virtually and in-person on December 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Committee of Toronto City Council will hear in person, or by his or her counsel, agent or solicitor, any person who wishes to speak to the matter. The meeting details are as follows:

Date: December 10, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Location: By Video Conference or Committee Room 1, Toronto City Hall,
2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West**

To submit comments or make a presentation to the Executive Committee on December 10, please contact the Committee no later than 12:00 p.m. on December 9, 2024:

**Executive Committee
City Clerk's Office**

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

The Executive Committee will make its recommendations on December 10, 2024, which will be forwarded for consideration to City Council at its meeting on December 17, 18 and 19, 2024 or at a subsequent meeting.

While the staff report sets out proposed changes, the appropriate Committee and/or City Council may make amendments from the recommendations set out in the report.

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. Toronto City Council may also make 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:

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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/2468/24404>

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 this December 3, 2024.

John Elvidge
City Clerk

Appendix A - 2025 Interim Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates

Ref. No.	I Service	II Fee Description	III Fee Basis	IV Fee Paid After Due Date	Fee Paid On/Before Due Date	V Annual Adj.
1	Metered Water Consumers	Block 1 Domestic - Use General Water Service Rate (\$/m3) 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)	\$4.9338	\$4.6872	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)	\$3.4535	\$3.2809	No
3	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Dwelling house rate	Per Room; Per Annum	\$73.25; \$453.41 Minimum annual charge	\$69.59; \$430.74 Minimum annual charge	No
4	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Rooming house rate	Per Room; Per Annum	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
5	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Basins	Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
6	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Baths	Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
7	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Bidets	Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
8	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Saunas connected to water or drains	Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No

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9	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Shower baths	Not attached to bath tub - Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
10	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Sinks	Sinks - Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
11	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Urinals	Self-acting - Each	\$168.36	\$159.95	No
12	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Water Closets	Self-acting - Each	\$226.28	\$214.97	No
13	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For pair of tubs (in one fixture)	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
14	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For single or additional tub - Each	\$84.22	\$80.01	No
15	Flat Rate Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Washing Machine	Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	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	\$226.13	\$214.83	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	\$128.63	\$122.20	No
18	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Basins	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No

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19	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Baths	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
20	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Bidets	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
21	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Saunas connected to water or drains	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
22	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Shower Baths	Not attached to bath tub - Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
23	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Sinks	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
24	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Urinals	Self-acting - Each	\$336.46	\$319.64	No
25	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Water Closets	Self-acting - Each	\$450.10	\$427.60	No
26	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For pair of tubs (in one fixture)	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
27	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Laundry Tubs	For single or additional tub - Each	\$141.69	\$134.61	No
28	Flat Rate Non-Residential Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Washing Machines	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No

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29	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Baptistries	Each	\$95.07	\$90.32	No
30	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Barber shop or beauty parlour	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
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	\$698.22	\$663.31	No
33	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Commercial dish washers	Each	\$560.84	\$532.80	No
34	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Drinking Fountains	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
35	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Fountains	For 1.6mm orifice or less, each per season	\$450.10	\$427.60	No
36	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Fountains	All others, each per person	\$1,790.68	\$1,701.15	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	\$4.78	\$4.55	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	\$4.78	\$4.55	No

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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	\$169.30	\$160.84	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	\$11.72	\$11.14	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	\$56.48	\$53.66	No
42	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Photographic washing tanks	Each	\$281.46	\$267.39	No
43	Flat Rate Consumers - Former City of Toronto	Wash racks	Each	\$1,398.40	\$1,328.48	No
44	Unmetered Consumers - Former City of Etobicoke	Residential and commercial rates, Flat rate, Single family	Tri-Annual	\$462.34	\$439.23	No
45	Unmetered Consumers - Former City of Etobicoke	Hydro substations	Tri-Annual	\$332.58	\$315.96	No
46	Unmetered Consumers - Former City of Etobicoke	Building water and sewer service rates; not metered up to three months not refundable	Each	\$983.58	\$934.41	No

Appendix B - 2025 Interim Water and Wastewater Service Fees

2025 Interim Water Service Fees

	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	\$5,671.75	No
2	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Installing 25 mm New Residential Water Service and Meter	Full Cost Recovery	Flat fee per connection	\$6,571.85	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	\$1,676.86	No
11	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Fire hydrant Permit	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Fee	\$212.45	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	\$212.45	No
13	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Water turn off fee for demolition; (disconnection of old water service not included)	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Fee	\$106.15	No
15	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Water Turn-off or Turn-on	Full Cost Recovery	Each Turn-off or Turn- on	\$106.15	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	\$106.15	No
17	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Conduct fire hydrant flow test	Full Cost Recovery	Per Flow Test	\$354.14	No
21	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Unregistered water each day order not complied	Full Cost Recovery	Flat Rate	\$70.76	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	\$272.42	No
32	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	Reuse of residential water service 19 mm to 25 mm	Full Cost Recovery	Per service to be reused	\$353.86	No
33	Revenue Services	Administrative fee to reflect a change in ownership on an existing utility account	Full Cost Recovery	Per ownership change	\$50.30	No

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Ref. No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
35	Revenue Services	Water Special/Final Reading	Full Cost Recovery	Per Customer Request	\$21.55	No
36	Revenue Services	Water Consumption Statements	Full Cost Recovery	For One Year	\$57.51	No
37	Revenue Services	Water Consumption Statements	Full Cost Recovery	For each subsequent year	\$35.95	No
38	Revenue Services	Returned Cheques	Full Cost Recovery	Per NSF Cheque	\$46.12	No
39	Revenue Services	Water Collection Field Visit	Full Cost Recovery	Per Field Visit	\$35.95	No
40	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of MECP Municipal drinking Water Licensing Program	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$3,203.37	No
41	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Fee for lost or damaged automated meter reading transmitter	Full Cost Recovery	per location	\$119.59	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	\$108.56	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	\$1,448.06	No
44	Revenue - Customer & Technical Support	Processing annual water supply backflow prevention device testing reports	Full Cost Recovery	per report	\$66.02	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	\$644.85	No

2025 Interim Wastewater Service Fees

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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	\$14,186.78	No
5	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	To install new residential storm sewer service connection in road allowance	Full Cost Recovery	Per Installation	\$14,186.78	No
6	Revenue - Distribution & Collection	To disconnect residential sanitary sewer service connection in road allowance	Full Cost Recovery	Per Disconnection	\$1,750.84	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	\$709.21	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	\$2,125.66	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	\$424.85 minimum fee, additional \$104.80/hour for each hour after 4 hours to a maximum of \$2125.66(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	\$424.85 minimum fee, additional \$104.80/hour for each hour after 4 hours to a maximum of \$2125.66(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	\$424.85 minimum fee, additional \$104.80/hour for each hour after 4 hours to a maximum of \$2125.66(Plus HST)	No

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Ref. No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
20	Revenues - Environment & Administration	Initial fee for establishment of new industrial waste surcharge agreement	Full Cost Recovery	Per agreement	\$1,089.98	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	\$128.94	No

APPENDIX C

Proposed New CLI ECA-Related Fees

Ref No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review sanitary sewers and sanitary forcemains (Form SS1)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$4,000.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million or total pipe length exceeds 1 km to a maximum fee of \$5,000.00	No
TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review combined sewers and combined sewage storage tanks and structures (Form CS1)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$4,000.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million or total pipe length exceeds 1 km to a maximum fee of \$5,000.00	No

Ref No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review storm sewers, ditches, culverts and storm forcemains (Form SW1)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$4,000.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million or total pipe length exceeds 1 km to a maximum fee of \$5,000.00	No
TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review sewage pumping station (Form SS2)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$5,600.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million to a maximum fee of \$6,600.00	No

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TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review stormwater pumping stations (Form SW2)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$5,600.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million to a maximum fee of \$6,600.00	No
TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review stormwater management facilities (Form SW2)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$5,600.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million to a maximum fee of \$6,600.00	No

Ref No.	Service	Fee Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adj.
TBD	Revenues - Water Infrastructure Management	Administration of CLI ECA-related application: to process and review third pipe collection system (Form SW3)	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$4,000.00 minimum fee; additional \$1,000.00 when the estimated cost of the proposed works exceeds \$4 million or total pipe length exceeds 1 km to a maximum fee of \$5,000.00	No