

Financial Plan for the City of Toronto's Municipal Drinking Water License Renewal

Date: May 8, 2024

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

From: General Manager, Toronto Water and Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain City Council approval of a Financial Plan prepared as a condition of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence renewal process under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*. A Municipal Drinking Water Licence, issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), approves the operation of a municipal drinking water system. The City of Toronto's current Drinking Water Licence, which was previously approved by City Council in July 2019, expires on January 29, 2025.

The Financial Plan for the City of Toronto's drinking water system has been prepared in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07 and must be approved by a resolution of Council for submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by July 29, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Toronto Water and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommend that:

1. City Council approve the Financial Plan (Attachment 1) prepared for the City of Toronto's Municipal Drinking Water System, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07, for submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water License renewal process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no direct financial impacts as a result of the preparation of the Financial Plan. The Plan has been developed based on Toronto Water's 2024 Operating Budget, 2024 Capital Budget and 2025-2033 Capital Plan, and 2024 Water and Wastewater

Consumption Rates and Service Fees as part of the 2024 Budget process and deemed adopted as amended by Council on February 14, 2024.

DECISION HISTORY

The Financial Plan represents a summary of financial information extracted from the 2024 Capital Budget and 2025-2033 Capital Plan and based on the 2024 Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Service Fees included in the 2024 Mayor's Proposed Budget and deemed adopted as amended by Council at its meeting of February 14, 2024. The Council Decision Documents can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.MPB15.1> and <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CC15.1>

The 2024 Interim Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Services Fees report was approved by Council at its meeting for December 13, 2023. The Council decision can be viewed at: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EX10.4>

The Financial Plan approved by Council for submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by July 16, 2019 as a condition of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence issued to the City of Toronto on February 10, 2020 can be viewed at: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.IE6.6>

The Financial Plan approved by Council for submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by August 17, 2014 as a condition of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence issued to the City of Toronto on February 11, 2015 can be viewed at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.PW32.15>

The Financial Plan approved by Council for submission to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by August 17, 2010 as a condition of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence issued to the City of Toronto on February 17, 2010 can be viewed at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2010.PW34.5>

In accordance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and fulfilling the requirements of the City of Toronto's Drinking Water License, Council has previously provided authorizations, through reports submitted to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, summarized in the following.

The report entitled "Authority to Enter into Agreement for Municipal Drinking Water System Operating Authority Accreditation" was approved by Council at its meeting of February 22 to 23, 2010. A copy of the Council Decision Document can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2010.PW30.6>

The report entitled "Signing Authority for Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program" was approved by Council at its meeting of November 30 to December 7, 2009. A copy of the Council Decision Document can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2009.PW28.11>

Financial Plan for Drinking Water License Renewal Page 3 of 6 The report entitled "Designating the General Manager of Toronto Water as the Owner Representative for

Implementation of the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard” was approved by Council at its meeting of July 16 to 17, 2007. A copy of the Council Decision Document can be found at; <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2007.PW7.9>

COMMENTS

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The proclamation of Section 33 of Ontario’s Safe Drinking Water Act in May 2007 marked the commencement of the transition from the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks’ Certificate of Approval Program to the new Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program (the “Licensing Program”). The changes to the approvals process addressed recommendations from Justice O’Connor’s Report of the Walkerton Inquiry.

Under the Licensing Program, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) grants authority to use or operate a drinking water system through a Municipal Drinking Water Licence, subject to the owner meeting the following four prerequisites: receiving a Drinking Water Works Permit; submitting an acceptable Operational Plan; having an Accredited Operating Authority; and obtaining a Permit to Take Water. The City of Toronto’s current Municipal Drinking Water Licence for its Drinking Water System was issued on November 9, 2020, by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

In Part Two of Justice Dennis O’Connor’s Report of the Walkerton Inquiry, Justice O’Connor stressed the importance of ensuring that municipalities plan for the long-term financial sustainability of their drinking water systems. This is to ensure that adequate finances are available to cover both day-to-day operational costs as well as the costs of maintaining and upgrading municipal water systems in order to ensure the safety of drinking water supplies now and into the future.

As part of the Province’s commitment to implement all of the Walkerton Inquiry recommendations, the Provincial Minister of the Environment issued O.Reg.453/07 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* (SDWA) in the summer of 2007. This regulation requires Municipal Drinking Water System owners to prepare and submit Council-approved Financial Plans as a condition of the new Municipal Drinking Water Licence set out in Part V of the SDWA.

The Financial Plan is to cover a period of 6 years and include the following details:

- The proposed or projected financial position of the drinking water system;
- The proposed or projected financial operations of the drinking water system;
- The drinking water system’s proposed or projected gross cash receipts and gross cash payments; and
- The extent to which the financial information relates directly to the replacement of lead water service pipes as defined in section 15.1- 3 of Schedule 15.1 to Ontario Regulation 170/03 (Drinking Water Systems), made under the Act.

A Financial Plan for the period covering 2020-2025 was approved by Council at its meeting on July 16, 2019, and submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and

Housing on August 7, 2019, in compliance with the renewal requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence. This licence will expire on January 29, 2025. In order to seek a license renewal, a new Council approved Financial Plan, for the period covering 2025-2030, needs to be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by July 29, 2024.

The City will submit the Municipal Drinking Water Licence renewal application package to the MECP by July 29, 2024. The MECP will undertake its review of the licence renewal application package, and upon successful review and approval the MECP will issue the renewed licence.

The City of Toronto's Drinking Water System Financial Plan (2025-2030), presented in Attachment 1, has been prepared drawing on financial information and details contained within the Toronto Water 2024 Operating Budget, 2024 Capital Budget and 2025-2033 Capital Plan (as described in the 2024 Budget Notes for Toronto Water); and 2024 Water and Wastewater Consumption Rates and Services Fees and Charges (as included in the 2024 Mayor's Proposed Budget and recommendations in *Budget Implementation Including Property Tax Rates, User Fees and Related Matters* report). These documents and the previous staff report titled "Lead in Drinking Water Mitigation Strategy" (February 23 and 24, 2011), from the General Manager, Toronto Water, to City Council have been compiled into the "City of Toronto's Drinking Water System Financial Plan (2025-2030), Support Document". This Report and the Support Document will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, forming the City of Toronto's formal submission in fulfillment of the Financial Plan requirements of Ontario Regulation 453/07.

The current budgets ensure that sufficient funding is available to meet the quality standards necessary for treating water and that the required infrastructure is being well maintained, renewed and expanded on a timely basis. This funding is provided through the approved 3% water rate increase in 2024 and future planned annual water rate increases as outlined in the 2024 Budget Notes for Toronto Water, which is also reflected in this Financial Plan.

Water rate increases are necessary for the continued safe and reliable operation of the water treatment and supply system. City Council has approved a plan that will allow Toronto Water to implement a "pay as you go" model for the net operating and capital expenditures during the next six years and no debt exists as of December 31, 2023 or is expected to be issued in accordance with the Financial Plan.

The information presented in the Financial Plan is prescribed by O. Reg. 453/07, Section 3(1), and the following summarizes the key assumptions made in extracting data and information from existing financial systems and documents:

- Toronto Water's Water and Wastewater Programs are integrated both with each other and with the other Programs in the City's Financial Information System (FIS) and as a result separate specific financial statements relating specifically to the Water Program's Financial Assets and Liabilities are not available directly from the FIS.
- Staff have, therefore, provided reasonable estimates based on realistic assumptions in the Financial Plan. For these purposes, 43% and 57% of such non-specific revenues and expenses have been allocated to Water and Wastewater

program areas, respectively, in accordance with Section 849-23 of the Water and Sewage Services and Utility By-Law. However, the actual expenses of each Program may vary significantly from this ratio depending on the capital spending for each Program. Adjustments have been made to reflect projected capital spending for the Water Capital Program estimated based on the 2025-2030 Water and Wastewater Rate Model (Rate Model).

- Capital expenditures included in the Financial Plan are based on the 2024-2033 Capital Plan for the Water Program based on individual capital projects for each of Toronto Water programs.
- Since the aggregate operating expenditures are not exactly in 43%:57% ratio, the residual surpluses after providing funding for the Water Capital Program are to be used to fund the Wastewater Program residual operating and capital requirements.
- The Non-Financial Assets in the Financial Plan represent the historical amortized value of the Tangible Capital Assets, namely the assets required to treat and deliver water supply to the consumers. The replacement value for the drinking water system alone is an estimated \$26.8 billion. The need to address water infrastructure has resulted in a Capital Plan that invests an estimated \$2.695 billion in water infrastructure renewal over the next 6 years (2025-2030).

A more detailed description of the derivation of information contained within the Plan is provided in Attachment 2.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - City of Toronto's Drinking Water System Financial Plan (2025-2030)

Attachment 2 - Notes Regarding Financial Plan (2025-2030)

Attachment 3 - Safe Drinking Water Act 2002-Ontario Regulation 453/07 Financial Plans

CITY OF TORONTO'S DRINKING WATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL PLAN (2025-2030)

[In Accordance with Safe Drinking Water, 2002 – O.Reg. 453/07]

Table 1: Details of Financial Position

Sub	Description (\$000)	Projections	Financial Plan					
		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
A	Total Financial Assets (Current Assets)	647,896	532,258	483,347	410,648	365,761	340,664	293,760
B	Total Liabilities	64,140	72,499	76,035	53,523	57,862	69,297	57,720
C	Net Financial Assets/(Debt)	583,757	459,759	407,312	357,125	307,899	271,367	236,040
D	Non Financial Assets (Tangible Capital Assets)	4,373,381	4,694,537	5,085,844	5,387,079	5,698,478	6,023,004	6,334,392
E	Tangible Capital Assets Changes	321,154	391,306	301,234	311,398	324,525	311,386	327,273

Table 2: Details of Proposed or Projected Financial Operations

Sub	Description (\$000)	Projections	Financial Plan					
		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
A	Total Revenues	621,036	606,354	589,800	588,071	601,917	616,190	631,227
	Water Rates	539,071	524,663	508,914	507,310	521,059	535,160	549,641
	York region	34,957	35,460	35,928	36,826	37,746	38,690	39,657
	Other Revenues	36,357	36,290	36,925	37,848	38,794	39,764	40,758
	Interest Earnings on Reserve Funds	10,651	9,941	8,034	6,087	4,317	2,576	1,170
B	Total Expenses	323,441	330,945	339,187	332,320	339,264	355,689	351,522
	Amortization Expenses	105,023	107,174	111,060	98,908	100,016	110,460	100,163
	Interest Expenses							
	Other Expenses	218,418	223,771	228,128	233,412	239,248	245,229	251,359
C	Annual Surplus or (Deficit)	297,595	275,410	250,613	255,751	262,653	260,502	279,705
D	Accumulated Surplus (or Deficit)	447,365	722,775	973,388	1,229,138	1,491,791	1,752,293	2,031,998

**CITY OF TORONTO'S DRINKING WATER SYSTEM
FINANCIAL PLAN (2025-2030)**
[In Accordance with Safe Drinking Water, 2002 – O.Reg. 453/07]

Table 3: Details of Proposed or Projected Gross Cash Receipts / (Gross Cash Payments)

Sub	Description (\$000)	Projections	Financial Plan					
		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
A	Operating Transactions	402,618	386,472	361,057	327,249	360,604	377,166	363,569
B	Capital Transactions	459,639	531,748	436,903	424,129	437,173	429,650	434,970
C	Investing Transactions	41,551	25,167	22,783	19,283	25,278	22,157	19,775
D	Financing Transactions							
E	Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents	-15,470	-120,109	-53,063	-77,597	-51,290	-30,327	-51,626
F	Cash and Cash Equivalents: beginning of the year	526,663	511,193	391,084	338,021	260,424	209,134	178,806
	Cash and Cash Equivalents: end of the year	511,193	391,084	338,021	260,424	209,134	178,806	127,181

Table 4: Lead Water Service Replacement

Sub	Description (\$000)	Projections	Financial Plan					
		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
A	WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT	48,963	44,045	34,818	31,590	31,590	31,590	31,590

Notes Regarding Financial Plan (2025-2030)

Table 1: Details of Financial Position

Item	Description	Comment/Assumption
A	Financial Assets	<p>Cash: Year-end balance from Table 3 (Line F)</p> <p>Accounts Receivable:</p> <p><i>Operating:</i> estimated at December 31, 2023 and balance adjusted for inflation in the years following</p> <p><i>Capital:</i> estimated at 25% of Tangible Capital Recoveries</p>
B	Liabilities	<p>Accounts Payable:</p> <p><i>Operating:</i> estimated at December 31, 2023 and balances adjusted for inflation in the years following</p> <p>Capital: Estimated at 10% of Tangible Capital Assets</p>
C	Net Financial Assets /(Debt)	The difference between financial assets (A) and the liabilities (B).
D	Non Financial Assets	The estimated amortized value of assets at the beginning of each year based on the 2024-2033 Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Water Services.
E	Tangible Assets Changes	Net Additions to Tangible Assets based on the Approved 2024-2033 Capital Plan for Water Services.

Notes Regarding Financial Plan (2025-2030)

Table 2: Details of Proposed or Projected Financial Operations

Item	Description	Comment/Assumption
A	Total Revenues	<p>Water Rate Revenues: estimated based on the 2024-2033 Water and Wastewater Rate Model (Rate Model). Adjustments have been made to reflect projected water capital and operating program requirements over the 2025-2030 planning period.</p> <p>User Charges: Revenues from water sales to Region of York, as per Rate Model.</p> <p>Other Revenues: estimated at 43% mostly from various user fees including watermain connection fees, as per Rate Model.</p> <p>Interest Earnings: estimated at 43% of interest earned on Toronto Water capital financing reserve funds.</p>
B	Total Expenses	<p>Amortization expenses: amortization of tangible capital assets as estimated for different types of assets depending on their useful life.</p> <p>Other Expenses: salaries, materials and supplies, equipment, services and rents, inter-divisional charges, payment in lieu of taxes, grants, shared expenses of water and wastewater services, estimated at 43% of the total operating expenses included in the Rate Model.</p>
C	Annual Surplus/ Deficit	Total Revenues (A) less Total Expenses (B)
D	Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)	<p>Annual Surplus as added to the accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year. The beginning surplus for 2024 based on the 2024-2033 Water and Wastewater Rate Model.</p> <p>Note: The Water and Wastewater Programs combined are self-sustaining. Any annual surpluses after providing funding for the Water Program are used to fund the Wastewater Program capital asset acquisitions.</p>

Table 3: Details of Proposed or Projected gross cash receipts / (gross cash payments)

Item	Description	Comment/Assumption
A	Operating Transactions	Includes planned annual surplus, amortization expense and changes in working capital.
B	Capital Transactions	Includes planned capital asset acquisitions as per the 2024-2033 Approved Capital Budget and Plan.
C	Investing Transactions	Includes planned capital contributions from Region of York and Development Charge Reserve Funding as per the 2024-2033 Approved Capital Budget and Plan.
D	Financial Transactions	Program is self-sustaining, with no debt funding, and total net expenditures (operating and capital) are recovered through water rate and wastewater surcharges.
E	Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents	Calculated based on the planned operating, capital and investing transactions (A+C-B).
F	Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	Annual Cash and Cash Equivalents Balance as added to the accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year. The beginning cash and cash equivalents balance for 2024 determined as the Rate Model ending net 2023 Capital Financing Reserve Fund balance.

Notes Regarding Financial Plan (2025-2030)

General Comments:

Toronto Water is a Division of the City of Toronto and has two Programs: Water and Wastewater, respectively. Separate financial statements as per Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's Public Sector Accounting Standards are not prepared for Toronto Water and the assets and liabilities of the Water and Wastewater Programs are consolidated with other City programs in the financial statements.

The Water and Wastewater Programs are self sustaining and the total net expenditures for operating and capital expenditures are recovered through the water and sewer service rates.

43% of the Toronto Water rate revenues are allocated to the Water Program as 57% is considered to be the sewer service rate per Section 849-13 of the Municipal Code - Water and Sewage Services and Utility Bill. However, the actual expenses of each Program may vary significantly from this ratio depending on the capital spending for each Program. Adjustments have been made to reflect projected capital spending for the water capital program based on the 2025-2030 Approved Water and Wastewater Capital Plan.

An audit of the City of Toronto 2023 financial statements has not yet been completed.

**SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT 2002-ONTARIO REGULATION 453/07
FINANCIAL PLANS**

ONTARIO REGULATION 453/07

made under the

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FINANCIAL PLANS

Requirement to prepare financial plans

1. (1) A person who makes an application under clause 32 (1) (b) of the Act for a municipal drinking-water licence shall, before making the application, prepare and approve financial plans for the system that satisfy the requirements prescribed under section 2.

(2) A person who makes an application under subsection 32 (4) of the Act for the renewal of a municipal drinking-water licence shall, before making the application, prepare and approve financial plans for the system that satisfy the requirements prescribed under section 3.

(3) As a condition in a municipal drinking-water licence that is issued in response to an application made under section 33 of the Act for a municipal drinking-water licence, the Director shall include a requirement that the owner of the drinking-water system, by the later of July 1, 2010 and the date that is six months after the date the first licence for the system is issued, prepare and approve financial plans for the system that satisfy the requirements prescribed under section 3.

(4) The Director shall include, as a condition in a municipal drinking-water licence, the requirement set out in subsection (3) in any amendments to a license made after the application, if the condition is not satisfied at the time when the amendment is made.

Financial plan requirements; new systems

2. For the purposes of clause (b) of the definition of “financial plans” in subsection 30 (1) of the Act, the following requirements are prescribed for financial plans that are required by subsection 1 (1) to satisfy the requirements of this section:

1. The financial plans must be approved by a resolution that indicates that the drinking-water system is financially viable and that is passed by,
 - i. the council of the municipality, if the owner of the drinking-water system is a municipality, or
 - ii. the governing body of the owner, if the owner of the drinking-water system has a governing body and is not a municipality.

2. The financial plans,

- i. must include a statement that the financial impacts of the drinking-water system have been considered, and
 - ii. must apply for a period of at least six years.
3. The first year to which the financial plan must apply is the year in which the drinking-water system is expected to first serve the public.
4. For each year in which the financial plans apply, the financial plans must include details of the proposed or projected financial operations of the drinking-water system itemized by,
 - i. total revenues, further itemized by water rates, user charges and other revenues,
 - ii. total expenses, further itemized by amortization expenses, interest expenses and other expenses,
 - iii. annual surplus or deficit, and
 - iv. accumulated surplus or deficit.
5. The owner of the drinking-water system must,
 - i. make the financial plans available, on request, to members of the public who are served by the drinking-water system without charge,
 - ii. make the financial plans available to members of the public without charge through publication on the Internet, if the owner maintains a website on the Internet, and
 - iii. provide notice advising the public of the availability of the financial plans under subparagraphs i and ii, if applicable, in a manner that, in the opinion of the owner, will bring the notice to the attention of members of the public who are served by the drinking-water system.
6. The owner of the drinking-water system must give a copy of the financial plans to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Financial plan requirements; licence renewal

3. (1) For the purposes of clause (b) of the definition of “financial plans” in subsection 30 (1) of the Act, the following requirements are prescribed for financial plans that are required by subsection 1 (2) or a condition that is included in a municipal drinking-water licence under subsection 1 (3) to satisfy the requirements of this section:

1. The financial plans must be approved by a resolution that is passed by,
 - i. the council of the municipality, if the owner of the drinking-water system is a municipality, or
 - ii. the governing body of the owner, if the owner of the drinking-water system has a governing body and is not a municipality.
2. The financial plans must apply to a period of at least six years.
3. The first year to which the financial plans must apply must be the year determined in accordance with the following rules:

- i. If the financial plans are required by subsection 1 (2), the first year to which the financial plans must apply must be the year in which the drinking-water system's existing municipal drinking-water licence would otherwise expire.
 - ii. If the financial plans are required by a condition that was included in a municipal drinking-water licence under subsection 1 (3), the first year to which the financial plans must apply must be the later of 2010 and the year in which the first licence for the system was issued.
4. Subject to subsection (2), for each year to which the financial plans apply, the financial plans must include the following:
 - i. Details of the proposed or projected financial position of the drinking-water system itemized by,
 - A. total financial assets,
 - B. total liabilities,
 - C. net debt,
 - D. non-financial assets that are tangible capital assets, tangible capital assets under construction, inventories of supplies and prepaid expenses, and
 - E. changes in tangible capital assets that are additions, donations, write downs and disposals.
 - ii. Details of the proposed or projected financial operations of the drinking-water system itemized by,
 - A. total revenues, further itemized by water rates, user charges and other revenues,
 - B. total expenses, further itemized by amortization expenses, interest expenses and other expenses,
 - C. annual surplus or deficit, and
 - D. accumulated surplus or deficit.
 - iii. Details of the drinking-water system's proposed or projected gross cash receipts and gross cash payments itemized by,
 - A. operating transactions, that are cash received from revenues, cash paid for operating expenses and finance charges,
 - B. capital transactions, that are proceeds on the sale of tangible capital assets and cash used to acquire capital assets,
 - C. investing transactions, that are acquisitions and disposal of investments,
 - D. financing transactions, that are proceeds from the issuance of debt and debt repayment,
 - E. changes in cash and cash equivalents during the year, and
 - F. cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the year.
 - iv. Details of the extent to which the information described in subparagraphs i, ii and iii relates directly to the replacement of lead service pipes as defined in section

15.1- 3 of Schedule 15.1 to Ontario Regulation 170/03 (Drinking-Water Systems), made under the Act.

5. The owner of the drinking-water system must,
 - i. make the financial plans available, on request, to members of the public who are served by the drinking-water system without charge,
 - ii. make the financial plans available to members of the public without charge through publication on the Internet, if the owner maintains a website on the Internet, and
 - iii. provide notice advising the public of the availability of the financial plans under subparagraphs i and ii, if applicable, in a manner that, in the opinion of the owner, will bring the notice to the attention of members of the public who are served by the drinking-water system.
6. The owner of the drinking-water system must give a copy of the financial plans to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

(2) Each of the following sub-subparagraphs applies only if the information referred to in the sub-subparagraph is known to the owner at the time the financial plans are prepared:

1. Sub-subparagraphs 4 i A, B and C of subsection (1).
2. Sub-subparagraphs 4 iii A, C, E and F of subsection (1).

Alternative requirements for two or more drinking-water systems

4. If section 3 applies to the financial plans of two or more drinking-water systems that are solely owned by the same owner, the requirements prescribed by the section may, as an alternative, be satisfied by financial plans that comply with the section but treat those systems as if they were one drinking-water system.

Amendment of financial plans

5. Sections 2 or 3 do not prevent financial plans from being amended.

Additional information

6. The requirements of this Regulation do not prevent a person from providing additional information in financial plans prepared for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Act.

Commencement

7. This Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.

Made by:

LAUREL C. BROTEN
Minister of the Environment

Date made: August 8, 2007.