



DATE: April 10, 2014

TO: Honourable Mayor and Members of Council
Senior Management Team

RE: COMMUNICATION - Special Council Meeting - April 29, 2014
Item # 4, Finance, Administration & Audit Committee - March 31, 2014

**2014 DRAFT WATER AND WASTEWATER/STORM OPERATING BUDGETS AND THE
2015 – 2017 PLAN**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, the Director of Public Works and the Director of Financial Services recommend:

1. THAT subject to public input the 2014 proposed water budget with revenues \$51.8M be approved and the 2014 proposed Wastewater Budget/Storm with revenues totaling \$59.6M be approved; and
2. THAT the following consumption rates and service fees that form part of the Water and Wastewater/Storm operating budgets be approved and that Schedule "A" of By-Laws 167-73 and 12-74 be amended to reflect the 2014 Proposed Water and Wastewater/Storm budgets, as follows:
 - (a) The City's water rate be increased from \$1.3298 to \$1.4075 per cubic meter effective in May 2014 the day after the Water By-Law is adopted; and
 - (b) The City's wastewater/storm rate be increased from \$1.5049 to \$1.6781 per cubic meter effective in May 2014 the day after the Wastewater By-Law is adopted; and
 - (c) The City's service fees on schedule "A" of By-Laws 167-73 and 12-74 be updated to include the sale of bulk water at the current water and wastewater rate per cubic meter effective the day after the water and wastewater By-Laws are adopted.

Background

At the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting of March 31, 2014 item #4 was referred to a Special Council meeting on April 29, 2014 in the evening to obtain public input for consideration and that the Water and Wastewater/Storm budgets, 2015 – 2017 Plan, services fees and associated consumption rates be considered for approval.

Conclusion

Upon approval the Water and Wastewater/Storm service fees and associated consumption rates will generate funds that will support the annual operations and build reserves for the future renewal of the City's infrastructure as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Respectfully submitted/

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