

# Water and Wastewater| Public Consultation Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Members	Councillor Amanda Collucci, Chair Councillor Andrew Keyes, Vice-Chair Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Regional Councillor Jack Heath Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Isa Lee
Regrets	Mayor Frank Scarpitti (ex-officio) Regional Councillor Joe Li	Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Khalid Usman
Roll Call	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services	Joel Lustig, Treasurer Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services Asif Aziz, Senior Financial Analyst Lisa Chen, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting, Financial Services Laura Gold, Council and Committee Coordinator

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Water and Wastewater Public Consultation Meeting convened at 6:31 PM with Councillor Amanda Collucci in the Chair.

## 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

## 3. WATER AND WASTE WATER RATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING PRESENTATION

Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services, and Asif Aziz, Senior Financial Analyst provided a presentation on the proposed 2021 Water and Wastewater Rate.

Staff provided the following responses to inquiries from Members of Council:

York Region Water and Wastewater Rate

The City's water and wastewater rate cannot be finalized until York Region's rate is known, as the rate is determined by combining York Region, and Markham's rate. York Region's water and wastewater rate is projected to be 2.9%, based on its 2015 Water Study.

Waterworks Reserve

The goal of the City's Waterworks Reserve study update is ensure that there is sufficient funds in the reserve for the next 25 years based on known inflows and outflows.

Replacement of Water Infrastructure

Every year the City replaces 2-5 km of watermains per year. Currently, most of the work is being done in West Thornhill.

Water Leakage

The City estimates that its ILI (Leakage Index) is around 1.25 per year, which is better than most municipalities. An ILI close to one is considered world class.

Water Theft

It is estimated that water theft remains at approximately 0.3%. Some water hydrants continue to have the reflective rings on them.

Cost of Water

The cost of water has increased as a result to: 1) significant regulatory changes due to drinking water contamination in Walkerton, Ontario in 2000, 2) Asset management / maintain infrastructure state of good repairs requirements, and 3) increased labour and construction costs over the years.

Financial Modeling

Staff agreed to provide Council with a financial forecast reflecting:

- 1) 2.9% York Region water rate increase flow through to the City of Markham
- 2) 0% increase for Non-Revenue Water, Operating Expenditures and Reserve Contribution
- 3) 5 and 10 year recovery for 2020 and 2021 impact starting in 2022

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Keith Irish

That the Water and Waste Water Rate Presentation be received.

Carried

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Water and Wastewater Public Consultation Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.