

Water and Waste Water Public Consultation Meeting

No. 1

November 18, 2021, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Live streamed

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Water and Waste Water Rate Public Consultation Meeting convened at 7:05 PM with Councillor Amanda Collucci as the Chair.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. WATER AND WASTE WATER RATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING PRESENTATION

Veronica Siu, Manager of Budgets, and Eddy Wu, Director of Environmental Services, provided a presentation on the 2022 Water & Waste Water Rate.

Staff provided the following responses to inquiries from the Committee:

Impact of not Increasing the Water and Wastewater Rates in 2020 & 2021

Staff advised that the the 4-year rate phase-in starting in 2023, at an incremental rate of 0.4% (or \$0.0196/m³) is due to Markham's decision to maintain its 2020 and 2021 water and wastewater rates at the 2019 level. The impact to the average household is approximately \$4.08 in 2023.

Unauthorized Use of Water

Staff advised that they are trying to minimize unauthorized water use by fining and blacklisting offenders, and by putting locks on hydrants in areas where water theft has been an issue. Fire & Emergency Services has been consulted on the use of locks on hydrants to ensure fire and emergency services responses are not impacted. An educational campaign will also be launched next year encouraging residents to report water theft to the Contact Centre. ES continues to look for opportunity to install a bulk water sales station preferably at the east end of the City, to encourage customers to purchase bulk water properly.

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jack Heath

That the 2022 Water and Wastewater Rate Public Consultation meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Carried