



**2015 WATER AND WASTE WATER PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE  
February 10, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members Present:</b> Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Chair Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Nirmala Arm Strong Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Logan Kanapathi  <b>Regrets:</b> Councillor Karen Rea	<b>Staff Present:</b> Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services Joel Lustig, Treasurer Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services Dennis Flaherty, Director of Corporate Communication & Community Relations Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Heena Mistry, Senior Business Analyst Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Water and Wastewater Public Information Meeting convened at 6:07 p.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti presiding as Chair.

**1. 2015 PROPOSED WATER/WASTEWATER RATES**

Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services, and Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning provided a presentation on the 2015 proposed water/wastewater rate increase.

**2. DISCUSSION**

Deputation No. 1

A resident asked the following questions:

**1) Why is Peel paying so much less than other municipalities displayed on the bar graph for water?**

Staff advised that York Region water rates may be slightly higher, as it does not have a direct water source. A municipality's water rate will also depend on the condition of its water system and on the health of its reserve.

**2) Why is there more focus on high rises rather than townhomes and semi-detached homes, in the presentation, when discussing future development ?**

Staff advised that Markham has a mixed growth plan, which includes single detached homes, townhomes, and high rises. The presentation was highlighting the impact of the water rate increase on different types of dwellings.

It was noted that water usage is declining, possibly due to new products available to consumers that conserve water.

**Moved by Regional Councillor Jones**

**Seconded by Councillor Ho**

**That the presentation entitled "2015 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rate" be received; and,**

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**CARRIED**

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

That the Water and Wastewater meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.