



**2013 WATER AND WASTE WATER PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE
February 13, 2013**

MINUTES

Attendance:

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| <p>Members Present: Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Chair Deputy Mayor Heath Regional Councillor Gord Landon Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Logan Kanapathi Councillor Carolina Moretti Councillor Howard Shore</p> <p>Regrets: None</p> | <p>Staff Present: Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services Karen Liu, Senior Financial Analyst Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services Joel Lustig, Treasurer Judy Rigby, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p> |
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The Water and Wastewater Public Information Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m. with Mayor Frank Scarpitti presiding as Chair.

1. 2013 PROPOSED WATER & WASTEWATER RATES

Ms. Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning, provided a presentation on the proposed water and wastewater rates.

2. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

QUESTIONS

There was a question regarding the meaning of non-revenue water. Staff advised that non-revenue water refers to water purchases from the Region that are not recuperated from retail sales. Some uses of non-revenue water include water used for fire protection and flushing of the system, and water lost due to leakage.

DEPUTATIONS

A resident expressed concerns on the impact of the proposed water and wastewater increase to seniors with fixed incomes, and suggested that the City to think of ideas to finance improvements to the City's water system that will minimize the impact on residents. The resident questioned how much revenue was generated from this rate increase.

Staff responded that additional revenues of approximately \$6,500,000 would be generated based on the 2012 water distribution of 31,000,000m³ and 2013 rate increase of \$0.2099/m³. Staff also added that 78% of the increase in revenues would be attributed to Region's wholesale rate increase of 10% on water purchases and wastewater treatment services. The remaining balance will be retained by Markham to reinvest funds for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Waterworks infrastructure, and to update the water and sewer system to meet provincial requirements.

It was noted that the City of Markham had a 0% tax rate increase for three consecutive years from 2009 to 2011, and that since then Markham had modest tax rate increases.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the presentation entitled "Proposed 2013 Water & Wastewater Rates" be received and that a report be brought back to General Committee on this matter; and,

That the deputation be received.

CARRIED

A member of Council requested a continuity schedule on the Waterworks Reserve. Staff will include the schedule as part of the report that will be brought back to the February 25 General Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Water & Wastewater Rates Public Information Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.