



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2011

Council Chamber

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire
Services
Dennis Flaherty, Director, Communications & Community
Relations
Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Andrea Tang, Manager Financial Planning
John Wong, Technology Support Specialist
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator
Karen Liu, Senior Financial Analyst

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor J. Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Councillor A. Chiu

The Public Information Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m. with Regional Councillor Gord Landon in the Chair.

1. PROPOSED 2012 WATER/WASTEWATER RATES (5.3 & 7.0)

Peter Loukes, Director, Environmental Services, provided some background information including the key services and key accomplishments for 2011, water performance indicators and trends, and highlights for 2012. The Committee discussed reduced consumption and water loss from leakage and other non-revenue causes.

Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning gave a presentation on background information and financial matters, including:

- 2011 Comparative Municipal Water/Wastewater Rates;
- 2011 Water and Wastewater Reserve Study Update;
- 2012 Town of Markham's Proposed Water/Wastewater Rates;
- 2012 Region of York Blended Rate Increases;
- Infrastructure Surcharge;
- Comparative 2011 & 2012 Markham Water/Wastewater Rates;
- Impact to Residents and top 10 Institutional, Commercial, Industrial (ICI) Customers.

The total increase proposed is \$0.2113 per cubic metre in 2012. Staff responded to several questions from the Committee. Discussions included initiatives to save water and reduce the rates.

Marion Matthias requested clarification on the progressive increase in water rates.

A resident had questions regarding the impact of the Anode installed in his yard; and regarding the increase in rates in spite of reduced water use. Staff responded to the questions.

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by: Councillor Carolina Moretti

That the presentations of Peter Loukes, Director of Operations and Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning regarding the Proposed 2012 Water/Wastewater Rates be received; and,

That staff report back to the November 14, 2012 General Committee on feedback from the Public Meeting and the 2012 Proposed Water/Wastewater rate increase.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Information Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.