



**2018 PROPOSED WATER/WASTEWATER RATE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE
November 21, 2017**

MINUTES
Attendance:

<p>Members Present: Mayor Frank Scarpitti Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Amanda Collucci Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p> <p>Regrets: Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Alan Ho</p>	<p>Staff Present: Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services Joel Lustig, Treasurer Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Budget Committee convened at 6:07 pm with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath presiding as Chair.

1. 2018 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rate Meeting Presentation

Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services and Andrea Tang, Senior Manager of Financial Planning provided a presentation entitled “2018 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rate”.

Discussion

A Committee Member asked how much the City spends on its water assets per year. Staff advised that the City's Waterworks capital budget is on average between \$8M to \$9M per year. The 2018 capital water budget is 8.7 million. These funds will be used for number of projects such as watermain replacement, sanitary sewer rehabilitation, and water meter replacement. A Committee Member asked if the City Charges to replace a water meter. Staff advised that the City does not charge for scheduled water meter replacements. It will charge to test a water meter if a resident thinks is faulty. If the water meter is faulty the fee will be waived.

A Committee Member asked if the City's projections for its water reserve balance was on target for 2017. Staff reviewed on the 2017 water reserve opening balance, transfers to and draws from the reserve, and the projected ending balance, advising that the projection was on target with the 2017 projected surplus being less than budget by \$0.50M. The reserve ending balance for 2017 is projected to be 60.75M.

A Committee Member asked if the top ten institutional, commercial, and industrial customers will experience a \$22 to \$32K water bill increase in 2018. Staff confirmed that this is correct and that the majority of the increase resulted from the Region's 9% water rate increase.

A Committee Members asked if water consumption is trending down. Staff advised that water consumption has trended down slightly in recent years.

The Committee discussed the Region's water reserve and questioned if the Region was trying to build its reserve too quickly. Committee asked if a representative from the Region could come and provide a presentation to Council on its strategy with respect to building its water reserve. Deputy Mayor Heath agreed to look into this inquiry.

Moved by Regional Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Amanda Collucci

That the 2018 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rate presentation be received.

Carried

2. Adjournment

That the 2018 Proposed Water/Wastewater Rate Public Consultation Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.