



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (RATE BUDGET) MINUTES 18-020

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson,
E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L.
Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Alectra Utilities Water, Wastewater and Storm 2018 Service Activity Report (FCS18086) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

(Whitehead/Eisenberger)

That Report FCS18086, respecting the Alectra Utilities Water, Wastewater and Storm 2018 Service Activity Report, be received.

CARRIED

2. **2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS18087) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

- (a) That the metered water consumption charges for residential properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2019:

Monthly Water Consumption (m ³)	Rate (\$/m ³)
0 – 10	0.78
10 +	1.55

- (b) That the metered water consumption charge for commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-residential (bulk meter) properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.55 per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2019;

- (c) That daily water fixed charges for all properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2019:

Meter Size	Daily Water Rate
15 mm	\$0.36
16 mm	\$0.36
20 mm	\$0.36
21 mm	\$0.36
25 mm	\$0.90
38 mm	\$1.80
50 mm	\$2.88
75 mm	\$5.76
100 mm	\$9.00
150 mm	\$18.00
200 mm	\$28.80
250 mm	\$41.40
300 mm	\$61.20

- (d) That the wastewater / storm treatment charges for residential properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2019:

Monthly Water Consumption (m3)	Rate (\$/m3)
0 – 10	0.84
10 +	1.68

- (e) That the wastewater / storm treatment charge for all commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-residential (bulk meter) properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the rate of \$1.68 per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2019;

- (f) That daily wastewater/storm fixed charges for all properties in the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2019:

Meter Size	Daily Wastewater / Storm Rate
15 mm	\$0.38
16 mm	\$0.38
20 mm	\$0.38
21 mm	\$0.38
25 mm	\$0.95

38 mm	\$1.90
50 mm	\$3.04
75 mm	\$6.08
100 mm	\$9.50
150 mm	\$19.00
200 mm	\$30.40
250 mm	\$43.70
300 mm	\$64.60

- (g) That the residential non-metered annual water rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$565.75 per annum, effective January 1, 2019;
- (h) That the residential non-metered annual wastewater / storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$613.20 per annum, effective January 1, 2019;
- (i) That the residential combined non-metered annual water and wastewater / storm rate be imposed at the flat rate of \$1,178.95 per annum, effective January 1, 2019;
- (j) That the Private Fire Line rates be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2019:

Connection Size		Monthly Rate
mm	inches	
25	1.0	\$3.42
38	1.5	\$7.87
50	2.0	\$13.68
75	3.0	\$30.78
100	4.0	\$54.72
150	6.0	\$123.12
200	8.0	\$218.88
250	10.0	\$218.88
300	12.0	\$218.88

- (k) That the 2019 Water, Wastewater and Storm Proposed User Fees and Charges be imposed, as per Appendix "G" to Report FCS18087, effective January 1, 2019;
- (l) That charges for raw water supplied to 690 Strathearne Avenue North by the City of Hamilton be imposed at the following rates, effective January 1, 2019:
 - (i) metered raw water at the rate of \$0.1163 per cubic metre;

- (ii) daily raw water fixed charges at the following rates:

Meter Size	Daily Rate
200 mm	\$28.80

- (m) That the 2019 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Operating Budget in the amount of \$222,259,479 be approved as per Appendix "A" to Report FCS18087;
- (n) That the long-term financing plan for the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater programs and related rate increases required to meet sustainable financing, as identified in the 2019-2028 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Operating Budget forecast (Appendix "A" to Report FCS18087) be approved, in principle;
- (o) That the 2019 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan in the amount of **\$284,141,000**, be approved as per Appendices "K", "N *as amended*", "Q" and "S *as amended*" to Report FCS18087;
- (p) That the 2019-2028 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Supported Capital Budget forecast and financing plan (Appendix "I" to Report FCS18087), be approved, in principle;
- (q) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare, for Council approval, all necessary by-laws respecting the 2019 water and wastewater / storm user fees, charges and rates set out in recommendations (a) through (l) of Report FCS18087;
- (r) That the additional 7.0 Full Time Equivalent Rate Supported Staffing, be approved as per Appendix "F" to Report FCS18087;
- (s) That the operating impacts referred to the 2019 Rate budget, as outlined in Report PW18089, respecting a property acquisition in Stoney Creek and the supporting Capital Financing plan, be approved as per Confidential Appendix "T" to Report FCS18087;
- (t) That the Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to negotiate the terms and placement of a debenture issue(s), and / or private placement debenture issue(s), in either a public or private market and / or bank loan agreement and debenture issue(s) and / or variable interest rate bank loan agreement and debenture issue(s), in an amount not to exceed \$94,390,000 Canadian currency, as attached in Appendices "K", "N" and "Q" to Report FCS18087, which includes

\$23,941,000 in Rate Supported municipal debt and \$70,449,000 in Development Charges Rate Supported municipal debt;

- (u) That the Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to engage the services of all required professionals to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in subsection (t) including, but not limited to, external legal counsel, fiscal agents and Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program;
- (v) That the Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, Mayor and City Clerk are each authorized and directed to enter into and / or execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all agreements and necessary ancillary documents requiring their respective signatures, to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in subsections (t), and (u), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (w) That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to enter into and / or execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all agreements and necessary ancillary documents not requiring any specific signing authority, to secure the terms and issuance of the debenture issue(s) described in subsections (t) and (u), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and with content acceptable to the Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services;
- (x) That all necessary By-Law(s) be passed to authorize the debenture issue(s) negotiated, placed and secured in accordance with subsections (t), (u), (v) and (w);
- (y) ***That the Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Infrastructure Growth Initiative (English Church Road Area), to be funded as follows, be approved in the amount of \$11 Million and be added to the City's 2019 Rates Capital Budget:***
 - (i) ***\$6.93 Million from the City's Linear Wastewater Residential Development Charge Reserve (110340); and,***
 - (ii) ***\$4.07 Million from the City's Linear Wastewater Non-Residential Development Charge Reserve (110341); and,***
- (z) ***That the matter respecting the \$11 Million Airport Employment Growth District Infrastructure Growth (English Church Road Area) Initiative be referred to the Development Charge Background Study; and,***

- (aa) That Appendix "T" to Report FCS18087, respecting the 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, remain confidential.*

MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that, although the following points are not changes to the agenda, the Committee should be advised:

- 5.2 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS18087) (City Wide)

There is a typographical error to sub-section (l) of the recommendations (page 4) – the Daily Rate shown as "\$30.40" should read "**\$28.80**".

Staff have brought forward an amending motion for Committee's consideration with respect to Report FCS18087.

(Pearson/Nann)

That the agenda for the December 6, 2018 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

- (i) Alectra Utilities Water, Wastewater and Storm 2018 Service Activity Report (FCS18086) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

Eileen Campbell, Vice President of Customer Service for Alectra, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS18086, the Alectra Utilities Water, Wastewater and Storm 2018 Service Activity Report.

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS18086, the Alectra Utilities Water, Wastewater and Storm 2018 Service Activity Report, be received.

CARRIED

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(ii) 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (FCS18087) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

Andrew Grice, Director of Hamilton Water, addressed Committee and provided the first of two presentations respecting Report FCS18087.

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That the first (Public Works) presentation, respecting Report FCS18087, 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be received.

CARRIED

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

Brian McMullen, Acting General Manager, Finance & Corporation Services Department, addressed Committee and provided the second (Finance) presentation respecting Report FCS18087, 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget.

(Clark/Eisenberger)

That the second (Finance) presentation, respecting Report FCS18087, 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be received.

CARRIED

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Ferguson/Eisenberger)

(a) That Report FCS18087, respecting the 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be amended by adding new sub-sections (y) and (z), to read as follows:

(y) That the Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Infrastructure Growth Initiative (English Church Road

Area), to be funded as follows, be approved in the amount of \$11 Million and be added to the City's 2019 Rates Capital Budget:

(i) \$6.93 Million from the City's Linear Wastewater Residential Development Charge Reserve (110340); and,

(ii) \$4.07 Million from the City's Linear Wastewater Non-Residential Development Charge Reserve (110341);

(z) That the matter respecting the \$11 Million Airport Employment Growth District Infrastructure Growth (English Church Road Area) Initiative be referred to the Development Charge Background Study.

(b) That sub-section (o) to Report FCS18087, respecting the 2019 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget, be amended by deleting the dollar amount of "\$273,141,000" and replacing it with the dollar amount of "**\$284,141,000**".

AMENDMENT CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

J. Farr, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk