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Request to Speak to a Committee of Council

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Committee Requested

Kindly indicate which Committee: *

General Issues Committee

If you selected Advisory/Sub-Committee from the above list, please indicate name of Committee:

Requestor Information

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 Reason(s) for delegation request: * To make presentation on the 2013 Rate Budget for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? * Yes No

Are you a lobbyist ? Yes No

(The information collected for the Lobbyist registry system was implemented by City Council in 2004 and the information provided is on a voluntary basis.)

If your answer is Yes to the lobbyist question, who are you representing? :

Requests to speak to Council are forwarded to the Committee for consideration. Once considered by Committee, and approved, you will be notified of the date for your presentation.

This form is not for the purpose of presenting unsolicited proposals by Vendors to Committee. Such proposals are subject to a competitive process as required by the City's Purchasing Policy.

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The City collects personal information as authorized under Section 5.11 of the City's Procedural By-law No. 10-053 for the purpose of entertaining individuals requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before Committee. The Procedural By-law is a requirement of Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act. Questions about the collection of personal information can be directed to the Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk, City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5 (905 546-2424 ext. 4304).

The Voluntary Lobbyist Registry is a public document and will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's office.



**Hamilton-Halton
Home Builders'
Association**

Community Builders...Building Communities

December 7, 2012

General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Re: 2013 Rates Budget for Water and Wastewater

We are writing to express our concerns with portions of the 2013 Rates Budget for Water and Wastewater as it relates to the planned upgrades and expansion of the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWWTP). The Rates Budget has been prepared based on revised project costs, revised phasing/timing of the project(s), and revised assumptions of the Development Charges component that will be used to partially finance the project, none of which are in keeping with the current Development Charges (DC) By-Law. It is our position that the Rates Budget should have been prepared to reflect the currently approved DC By-law, and not be based on revised assumptions in advance of the 2014 DC Review Process.

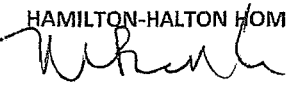
The 2012 Budget and current DC By-Law included \$770 million for upgrade and expansion of the WWWWTP as one project. By comparison, the 2013 Budget includes \$480 million for water quality projects to be completed by 2016 as Phase 1 one of the project, and \$262 million included for expansion of the WWWWTP beyond 2022 as a second phase. Phasing of these projects results in dramatic deviations from the 2012 Budget, as well as the assumptions used in preparing the 2011 DC By-Law. As a result of phasing the projects in this manner, the overall component paid by DCs for the combined projects increases, while total project costs have decreased. Furthermore, the report makes suggestions about how DCs collected will result in a surplus in early years, to be applied to projects in later years. It is our position that changes to the methodology and/or revision of DCs should be done as part of a DC Review process only. As a consequence of these changes, the City will be collecting DCs on the basis of assumptions about the upgrades and expansion of the WWWWTP that are no longer consistent with its intent for proceeding, nor its approved Capital Budgets. Moreover, the changes are based on assumptions about the costs and timing of works that will be determined through the 2014 DC Review, and predetermines the outcomes of that process.

These changes create a problematic situation that needs to be addressed. We wish to go on record as voicing our strong opposition to this Rates Budget setting a precedent for the next DC By-Law, thereby precluding the review of projects, splits between growth/non-growth, normally carried out at that time. We further wish to note that our Association will expect a full accounting of the funds that have already been collected, and will continue to be collected, under the 2011 DC By-Law, and if appropriate, refunds to account for overpayments. Lastly, we wish to reiterate our position made in our presentation to committee on August 13, 2012 regarding grant allocation, and advise that our membership expects grants to be allocated to the overall project costs and split between growth and non-growth, as originally calculated in the 2011 DC-Bylaw. In order to avoid these challenges, we highly recommend that the City amend the components of the 2013 Rates Budget related to the WWWWTP to be consistent with the Background Study to the 2011 DC By-Law. Future Rates Budgets could then be prepared consistently with any revised assumptions of the approved 2014 DC By-Law.

In summary, it is our position that it is not appropriate for the Rates Budget to be used as a precedent to be followed in undertaking a subsequent Development Charges Review Process.

Yours truly,

HAMILTON-HALTON HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION


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