

**4. Water Rate Structure Review Framework and Update**

**Cadre et mise à jour de l'examen du barème des redevances d'eau**

**Committee Recommendations**

**That Council:**

- 1. Approve the guiding principles and review framework for the water, wastewater and stormwater rate structure as described in this report.**
- 2. Direct staff to develop a stormwater rate structure for consideration, that considers impervious area as the basis for fee calculation as described in this report.**
- 3. Direct staff to begin consultation with public and stakeholders and develop final recommendations on a revised rate structure and report back to Committee and Council before Q2 of 2025.**

**Recommandations du Comité**

**Que le Conseil :**

- 1. approuve les principes directeurs et revoie la structure-cadre du barème de redevances pour les réseaux d'aqueducs, d'égouts et de gestion des eaux pluviales conformément aux modalités exposées dans ce rapport;**
- 2. demande au personnel d'élaborer un barème de redevances pour la gestion des eaux pluviales, qui tient compte de la zone imperméable comme point de départ dans le calcul des redevances selon les modalités exposées dans ce rapport;**
- 3. demande au personnel de commencer à consulter le public et les parties prenantes, de mettre au point les recommandations finales sur un barème de redevances révisé et d'en rendre compte au Comité et au Conseil municipal avant le deuxième trimestre de 2025.**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL**

The Committee approved the following Direction to staff (Councillor D. Brown):

That staff be directed to provide a presentation on the Water Rate Structure Review Framework and Update at the November 30, 2023 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC) and as the Water Rate Structure Review Framework progresses, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee receive an update with the same frequency as the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

**POUR L'INFORMATION DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL**

Le comité a approuvé la DIRECTIVE au personnel suivante (Conseiller D. Brown) :

Que l'on demande au personnel de présenter le rapport Cadre et mise à jour de l'examen du barème des redevances d'eau à la réunion du 30 novembre 2023 du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales (CAAR), et d'informer le Comité des progrès sur la question à la même fréquence que le Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique.

**Documentation/Documentation**

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 21 November 2023.  
  
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 21 novembre 2023.
2. Deputy City Treasurer's report, Revenue, Finance and Corporate Services Department, dated 9 November 2023 (ACS2023-FCS-REV-0006)  
  
Rapport du Trésorier municipal adjoint, Recettes, Direction générale des services des finances le 9 novembre 2023 (ACS2023-FCS-REV-0006)

**Extract of Draft Minutes 8  
Environment and Climate  
Change Committee  
21 November 2023**

**Extrait de l'ébauche du  
procès-verbal 8  
Comité de l'environnement et  
du changement climatique  
Le 21 novembre 2023**

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File No. ACS2023-FCS-REV-0006 - City-wide

**Report recommendations**

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described in this report.**
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that  
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develop final recommendations on a revised rate structure and  
report back to Committee and Council before Q2 of 2025.**

Carried

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the report from Mr. James Muhuni, Deputy City Treasurer, Revenue, Finance and Corporate Services Department (FCSD) and Ms Diane Lawson, Specialist, Revenue By-Law Review, FCSD. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Committee then heard from Mr. Jake Morrison<sup>+</sup> who spoke to a brief slide presentation. Correspondence was also received from Mr. John Dickie, Eastern Ontario Landlord Association. Copies of Mr.

Morrison's presentation and Mr. Dickie's correspondence are also held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Prior to Committee discussions, Councillor Brown introduced the following Direction to staff:

**DIRECTION TO STAFF (Councillor D. Brown)**

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Following questions to the delegation and to staff, and with discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented.