

PUBLIC NOTICE

Review of the Rate Structure for Drinking Water, Sanitary and Storm Water Services

The proposed changes have the potential to affect all landowners in the City.

The City is reviewing the method used to recover costs for the delivery of drinking water, sanitary and storm water services. At the June 23rd Planning & Environment Committee meeting, options were tabled. These options are undergoing public review until the end of September 2009.

In addition to the current rate structure, three alternative rate structures were identified, which include the following changes:

- The water rate and the sewer rate will differ according to the actual costs incurred to deliver those services. (i.e. the sewer rate would no longer be a 100 percent surcharge applied to the water rate).
- A new “base charge” would be introduced. The purpose of the base charge is to recover service costs that are not related to the amount of water a customer uses, for example meter reading and billing services. The fire service charge would be included in the new base charge.

The key difference between the three options is how storm water costs are recovered. The proposed rate structure change is intended to be rate neutral; and improve revenue stability, rate transparency and fairness.

As part of the public review process, the City is hosting five public information sessions:

September 15th 3 - 8 p.m. - Manotick Hall - 5572 Doctor Leach Drive

September 22nd 5 - 8 p.m. - Nepean Sportsplex Hall B - 1701 Woodroffe Avenue

September 22nd 5 - 8 p.m. - Kanata Recreation Complex, Upper Hall - 100 Walter Baker Place

September 23rd 5 - 8 p.m. - St. Laurent Complex, Winter Room - 525 Côté Street

September 23rd 5 - 8 p.m. - Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, Ellwood Hall - 1265 Walkley Road

Public participation is an important part of the consultation process. Representatives of the City of Ottawa will be available to discuss the proposed options, answer questions and receive public feedback.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the options under consideration, please visit: Ottawa.ca/ratestudy, or contact the Project Manager at 613-580-2424 ext 23307 or via ratestudy@ottawa.ca