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## **BRIEFING NOTE**

# **Proposed Increase in Water & Wastewater Rates for 2006**

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### **Issue/Background:**

- Ontario Regulation 244/02 (Fees and Charges) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that a municipality hold at least one public meeting and provide a minimum of 21 days notice of the public meeting prior to passing a by-law to impose a fee or charge.
- The proposed 2006 budget requests (Operating & Capital & Capital Forecast) for Toronto Water and resulting water and wastewater rate increase for 2006 will be considered by the Works Committee at its meeting on November 8, 2005.
- In order to comply with the legislative requirements, a public notice will be posted on the City's Web Site on October 14, 2005. This notice is attached for your reference.

### **Key Points:**

- The review of Toronto Water's proposed 2006 budgets (Operating & Capital & Capital Forecast) has been undertaken by the City Manager and Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer.
- Based on the review, the 2006 Water and Wastewater rate is proposed to increase by 9% (or, approximately \$33 per annum per average household), effective January 1, 2006.
- The Works Committee at its meeting scheduled for November 8, 2005 will have before it the proposed 2006 Operating & Capital Budgets and resulting rate recommendations.
- The proposed budgets and rate report details will be released during the Works Committee's normal agenda cycle.
- Following consideration by the Works Committee, the Toronto Water budget requests and the water/wastewater rate increase proposal will proceed through the normal Committee process (to Policy and Finance Committee), and will be considered by Council at its December 5-9, 2005 meeting.

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