

# Water and Wastewater & Treatment 2016 Rates





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# **Background**

- Rate changes typically approved alongside rate supported budgets during the fall
- Alignment with all 4 year budgets
- Delays in rate increases beyond January 1, 2016 will impact revenues required to support expenditure forecasts by about \$400,000/month





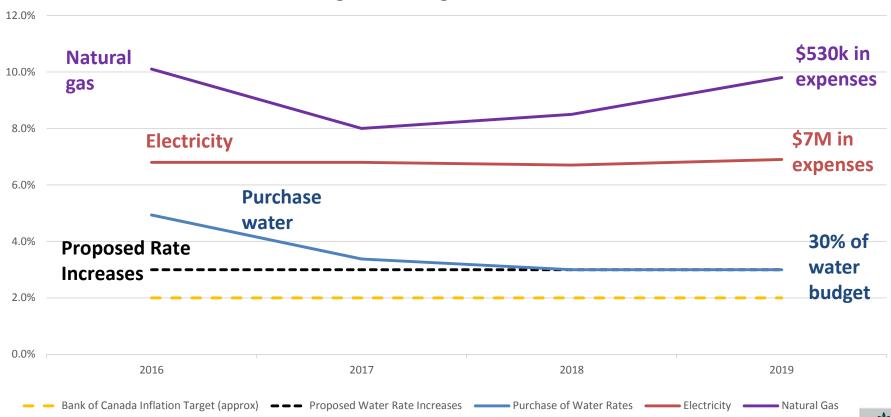




### WHAT'S DRIVING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES?

## **Purchase of Water Costs & Energy Prices**

#### Increasing at a rate greater than inflation







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### **Infrastructure Needs**

### Infrastructure gap must be managed to an acceptable level

(as of 2013)	Water	Wastewater	Total
Estimated Asset Replacement Value	\$2.7 billion	\$4.0 billion	\$6.7 billion
Current Estimated Infrastructure Gap	\$1.9 million	\$0	\$1.9 million



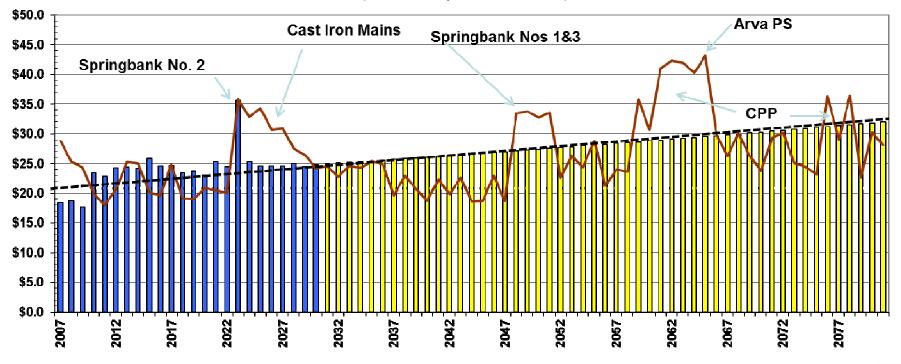
Updated 2016 Water and Wastewater 20 Year Plans manage the current and future infrastructure gap.





# Our Full Lifecycle Approach to Managing Infrastructure

(Water Example - 2007 dollars)



Capital Costs (millions)

Projected Expenditure at 0.5% increase per year

Projected Replacement and Upgrade Costs

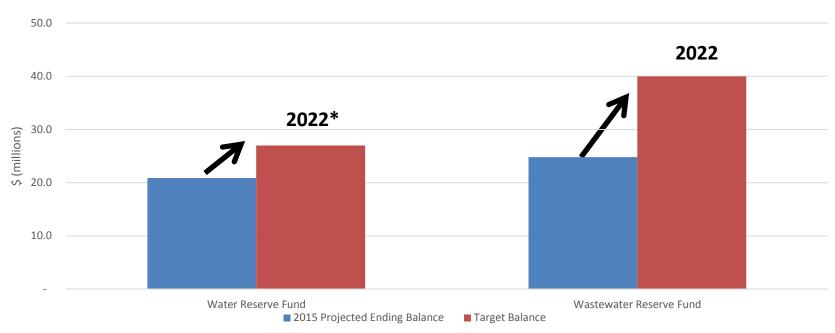




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## **Addressing Reserve Funds**

To provide flexibility to accommodate future strategic initiatives



Provide the financial flexibility to accommodate deficits and fund future strategic investments (e.g. London's Downtown Plan, Rapid Transit, Wastewater Optimization Strategy, Pollution Prevention & Control Plan, Regulatory changes etc.)



## Road to Financial Sustainability - Water

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
3%	4%	5%	6%	8%	8%	8%	0%	8%	8%	8%	7%	3%

Budget Year	Forecasted Achievement of Inflationary Rate Increases	Additional Information
2010	2015	Original Financial Plan submission
2011	2017	Re-submission of Financial Plan (0% rate increase)
2012	2018	Revised consumption forecast
2013	2018	Consistent with 2012 forecast
2014	2016	New rate structure & technologies
2015	2016	Consistent with 2014 forecast
2016	2016	Financial Sustainability achieved

"where future rate increases are at or near inflationary levels based on a combination of the Consumer Price Index and the Construction Price Index with the appropriate use of debt financing, adequate reserve funds and the appropriate investment in capital"





# Road to Financial Sustainability - Wastewater

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
7.4%	11%	9.6%	9%	9%	9%	9%	0%	7%	7%	7%	7%	3%

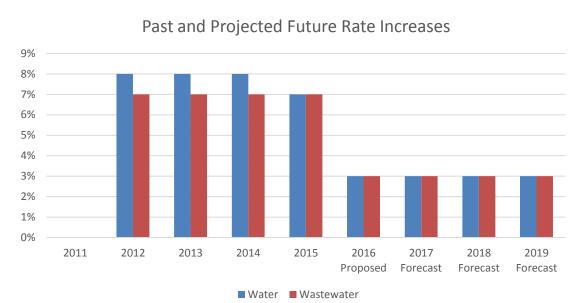
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### **Future Rate Forecasts**

Positioned to achieve inflationary-level rate increases starting in 2016



The 3% rate increases proposed for 2016 are consistent with those forecasted in the last budget cycle, with the Water rate increases consistent with its regulatory Financial Plan:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 and beyond
Forecast in Financial Plan	0%	8%	8%	8%	8%	3%	3%	3%	3%





# What are Other Municipalities Doing?

Municipality	2016 Water Rate Increase	2016 Wastewater Rate Increase	Status
Hamilton	4.7%	4.7%	Proposed
Kitchener	7.6%	10.8%	Proposed
Toronto	8%	8%	Proposed
Waterloo	3.75%	5.0%	Proposed
Guelph	4%	4%	Approved
London	3%	3%	Proposed





### Impact to the Average Residential Customer

	2015 Budgeted Cost <sup>1</sup>	2015 Forecasted Cost <sup>2</sup>	Proposed Increase	2016 Forecasted Cost <sup>2</sup>
Water	\$367	\$353	\$10	\$363
Wastewater	\$475	\$462	\$14	\$477
Combined	\$842	\$815	\$24	\$840
Daily Cost	\$2.31	\$2.23	\$0.07	\$2.30

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on average residential consumption of 171.9 m<sup>3</sup> per year

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on average residential consumption of 165.4 m<sup>3</sup> per year











## Summary

- Increase rates now to maintain revenue stream (\$400,000 / month)
- Rates are not based on the next year budget, but on a long term plan with significant cost drivers
- Proposed rates are the same as projected
- Customer costs are competitive

