



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To: Board of Public Works

From: Tim Young, Pretreatment Coordinator

Subject: **Annual Connection Charge Review**

The sewer connection charge is a one-time charge for new connections to the sanitary sewer system. The purpose of the charge is to recover the proportionate share of capital costs for excess capacity in the sewer collection system reserved for new development. The charge is based on the connection's water meter size. The current connection charge schedule (attached) was updated in early 2015, and the charges remained unchanged for 2016. The Board has requested an annual review of the schedule, and a full analysis every 4-5 years.

Our comparison of the Construction Cost Index (CCI) between December, 2015 and August, 2016 indicates an increase of 3.09 percent. We therefore advise the Board to make a recommendation to Council that the connection charge schedule be updated to reflect this increase, effective January 1, 2017.

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