

## Utility Fee Considerations

Monthly indicative rates for single-family and some multi-unit residential households (those with individual roll-out carts), as well as the change from their average property tax payments for properties with varying assessments (10<sup>th</sup> percentile, average, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile) are shown in the tables below.

	<b>Low</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> percentile: assessed value of \$253,650)	<b>Median</b> (average: assessed value of \$385,652)	<b>High</b> (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile: assess value of \$534,450)
<b>Single-Family Households</b>			
Property Tax Currently Allocated to Waste	\$3.71	\$5.63	\$7.81
Commercial Subsidy no longer available	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17
Additional Costs to cover current \$3 million funding shortfall	\$4.05	\$4.05	\$4.05
Even Distribution Amongst Users	\$1.92	\$0.00	-\$2.18
<b>Forecasted Utility Rate Estimate</b>	<b>\$11.85</b>	<b>\$11.85</b>	<b>\$11.85</b>

The above table highlights how an indicative utility rate may generate an increase of approximately \$6 per month for households living in homes with an average assessed value (\$385,652). There are 35,157 homes that have an assessed value lower than this, meaning their increase will be higher than \$6, and 24,237 homes that have a higher assessed value and may have a lower increase, few would have an increase lower than \$4 per month.

	<b>Low</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> percentile, assessed value, \$157,500 )	<b>Median</b> (average, assessed value, \$267,836)	<b>High</b> (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile, assessed value \$361,100)
<b>Multi-Unit Dwellings with Communal Containers</b>			
Property Tax Currently Allocated to Waste	\$2.30	\$3.91	\$5.28
Commercial Subsidy no longer available	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.16
Additional Costs to cover current \$3 million funding shortfall	\$3.43	\$3.43	\$3.43
Even Distribution Amongst Users	\$1.61	0	-\$1.37
<b>Forecasted Utility Rate Estimate</b>	<b>\$9.50</b>	<b>\$9.50</b>	<b>\$9.50</b>

The above table highlights that higher costs would be paid by residents living in condominiums under a utility model. The benefits these residents may experience are difficult to realize given the nature of communal waste management required at each site.

### Coinciding Service Level Changes

Administration is currently reviewing options for service level changes to civic waste services. These options may influence the costs for delivering waste services, and therefore, affect the rates under a new utility. The initial report on service levels will be presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services in September. Other reports that may affect service levels and costs include the discussion papers on Organics and Industrial, Commercial, and Institution (ICI) waste (to be presented in October).

Current level of service for garbage is biweekly collection in winter, and weekly collection in summer using a 360L cart; with an additional bi-weekly collection (360L) for recycling and optional biweekly green cart collection (360L) in the summer.