

Public Submission dated August 30, 2011 – Don Paterson

Subject: Fire Protection Water Service Fees

Removing the above mentioned fees from general tax, and creating another utility on the monthly Epcor bill is just another way to reduce Business Tax Expense and increase the overall expense to home owners. This is the same principle as taking the garbage fee out of general tax revenue, and creating that utility, which now cost homeowners nearly \$400.00 per year!

This is a Red Herring, that on the surface shows that Edmonton has a low tax rate, but in reality the homeowner is paying much more than homeowners in other major cities.

Why is this even being considered? Is it because election money business providers for a councillor, or mayor, want a further reduction in their taxes, just like they received from the implementation of the wast management fee.

Or,if this proposal came from Epcor, then it is just another of their ideas to create more revenue, just like removing the water softener from our exceptionally hard water.

Please, for the sake of homeowners, turf this proposal.

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