

## City of Mississauga's Stormwater Program

Mississauga's City Council authorized a financing study of its stormwater program in September 2011. In February 2012, AECOM, an engineering consulting firm, was contracted to look at funding options beyond property taxes and development charges and will involve the community to help find a solution.

### Facts about the City's Stormwater Program:

- The City plans and controls the runoff from rain and melted snow through its stormwater management program.
- The system includes storm sewers, catch basins, stormwater management ponds, bridges and culverts, stream rehabilitation, flood mitigation works, maintenance and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, environmental compliance, emergency response and clean-up, street sweeping and the enforcement of bylaws.
- Through its stormwater management program, the quality and quantity of stormwater reaching our streams and rivers is controlled therefore protecting residents, the business community and the environment.
- The stormwater system's aging infrastructure combined with competing pressures for funding and increased regulatory requirements means the City needs to look for new ways to fund this service beyond property taxes and development charges.
- The City's Living Green strategic pillar encourages environmental responsibility when it comes to the conservation, consumption and quality of water.

### Goals of the Stormwater Financing Study:

- To find a new way to fund the City's stormwater program.
- AECOM will conduct a study to review, evaluate and recommend an alternative funding approach for the City's stormwater program.
- As part of the study, a sampling of property owners, community groups, businesses and others will be invited to participate in a Stormwater Financing Stakeholder Group.
- This group will meet several times between April and September 2012 and will provide feedback on how to fund the stormwater program.
- The City will also engage the public beyond the Stormwater Financing Stakeholder Group by hosting public information centres, the first targeted for May 2012.
- At the conclusion of the study in October 2012, staff will recommend a new funding model to City Council.