

Service Cuts and User Fee Increases

- elimination of the Hardship Fund in June 2012
– sign the petition now! <http://togethertoronto.ca/campaigns/hardshipfund/>
- cuts to library hours, purchase of library materials
- elimination of priority recreation centres (no more free registered programs for children and youth in priority centres)
- cuts to arenas, increase in recreation facility permit costs, increases in user fees for recreation
- closure of some wading pools, outdoor pools, elimination of programming at some school board pools and shared use schools
- closure of three emergency shelters (Birchmount, Downsview Dells and Bellwoods)
- 9.8% cut to community grants for services delivered by nonprofit community organizations (unclear how these cuts will be applied – across the board vs. targeted cuts)
- closure of visitor cafeterias in long term care homes
- cuts to student nutrition programs
- elimination of over 2,300 City positions
- deferral of hiring of police, firefighters and paramedics (questions about how this will affect overtime spending)
- 10 cent TTC fare increase
- cuts to 56 bus routes and 6 streetcar lines as of January 8
- no more Wheel Trans service for dialysis patients
- cuts to streetcar and subway replacement purchases
- cuts to services that maintain a healthy tree canopy
- cuts to sustainable energy and climate change policy development and implementation