

TORONTO BRIEFS

Funding growth-related infrastructure

Ryerson University's Centre for Urban Research and Land Development has released a new [policy commentary](#) from the centre's senior research fellow **Frank Clayton** on financing growth-related water and wastewater infrastructure in the GTHA.

The commentary, which is based on a forthcoming report from the centre, shows growth-related water and wastewater capital costs are funded through development charges of up to \$26,000 per new housing unit. Other utilities, such as natural gas and telecommunications, are funded through user charges, which include the cost of growth-related infrastructure. The commentary recommends municipalities reorganize water and wastewater services to be independent utilities, which should also be funded through user charges instead of development charges.

Ferry terminal revitalization

The **City of Toronto** and **Waterfront Toronto** have launched an innovative



design competition for the revitalization of the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and Harbour Square Park. The goal of the competition is to produce a unifying master plan that can be phased in over time. As public engagement is integral to the competition, a stakeholder advisory committee will be formed to provide feedback to the project team, design teams and competition jury. The committee will comprise local residents, businesses and neighbourhood groups.

The competition follows a two-stage juried process comprising pre-qualification and competition stages. The pre-qualification stage opened November 5. At the end of December five teams will be invited to move to the design competition.

City manager's transition
Mayor-elect **John Tory** has announced he will

ask council to extend city manager **Joe Pennachetti's** term at its December 3 meeting. Pennachetti had planned to retire at the end

of November, but has said if council approves he will stay on until April 2015. The search for Pennachetti's replacement is ongoing. [nru](#)



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