

Special Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Black, Deputy Mayor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Seccaspina, Councillor Randell, Councillor Tennant, Councillor Atkinson

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Smithson, CAO, Stacey Blair, Clerk, Trisa McConkey, Treasurer, Guy Bourgon, Director of Public Works, Pascal Meunier, Director of Protective Services, Joanne Henderson, Manager of Recreation, Niki Dwyer, Director of Development Services, Meriah Caswell, Manager of Library Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sean Redmond called the special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Fritz

Seconded by: Councillor Tennant

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Randell

Seconded by: Councillor Seccaspina

THAT the Committee move into closed session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss a matter subject to:

Section 239 (3.1) Educational or Training Session for members of Council; and THAT Diane Smithson, CAO, Stacey Blair, Clerk, Trisa McConkey, Treasurer, Guy Bourgon, Director of Public Works and Andrew Grunda, Consultant, be permitted to participate in the teleconference.

- Development Charges Background Study - Educational Session

CARRIED

Moved by: Mayor Black

Seconded by: Councillor Fritz

THAT the Committee return to open session at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED

5. RISE AND REPORT

Members of the Committee received instructional information regarding the Development Charges Background Study. No decisions were made during the Closed Session.

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Development Charges Background Study - Preliminary Findings

Andrew Grunda, Consultant with Watson & Associates Economists Limited, presented to Council the preliminary findings of the Development Charges Background Study. The presentation provided information on the following:

- what development charges (DC) are and how municipalities are empowered to charge them
- the study process which leads to the adoption of a new DC By-law
- the process of calculating a development charge in accordance with current legislation
- changes to the DC Act as a result of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, including changes to eligible services
- growth forecast projections and projected increases in need for service

- the draft calculated schedule of development charges and a comparison to the current DCs as well as the DCs of other municipalities; and
- DC By-law policies including discretionary exemptions and redevelopment credits and indexing

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Atkinson

Seconded by: Councillor Fritz

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Sean Redmond

Stacey Blair, Clerk