

Council – Public Meeting

October 22, 2020

Grey County Council met at 2:00 PM through electronic means to hold a Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to the County's Development Charges By-laws. The Warden called the public meeting to order.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Burley and O'Leary. Alternate Councillor Ryan Thompson was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Burley.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development and Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

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Warden McQueen introduced Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services who will be providing an overview of the proposed changes that Council is considering to the Development Charges By-laws in order to encourage more rental housing, non-profit housing and additional secondary housing units. Stefan Krzeczunowicz from Hemson Consulting was also introduced. Hemson Consulting is assisting the County with the proposed Development Charges By-law updates and will be able to help answer any questions.

Mrs. Heather Morrison stated that this is a statutory public meeting being held under the Development Charges Act. The public meeting is required prior to Council considering any proposed changes to the Development Charges By-laws. In accordance with the Act, the Public Meeting was advertised in the Owen Sound Sun Times on October 1, 2020. Notice of the Public Meeting was also posted on the County website on

September 28, 2020 along with a copy of the Staff Background Report and a copy of the proposed amendments to the Development Charges By-laws. A copy of the proposed deferral policy was also posted on the website.

Mrs. Morrison indicated that there was no correspondence received regarding the proposed Development Charges By-law changes prior to the Public Meeting.

Mr. Scherzer and Mr. Wepler provided an overview of the proposed changes to the County's Development Charges By-laws. The proposed changes would allow nonprofits and some developers to reduce their overall development costs which would in turn allow projects to be more viable and free up capital costs. This money could be invested to provide more affordable housing builds or add more units to proposed builds.

Mr. Scherzer noted the recent legislative changes to the Development Charges Act.

Staff will summarize and compile comments received and bring them back for council's consideration. There have been no comments received to date.

No members of the public registered to speak to the proposed by-law changes.

Staff noted that the hope is for a report to be brought forward to the November 26th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. Any comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted to staff by the first week of November.

Warden McQueen then opened the meeting up to questions from Grey County Council.

Questions were asked regarding exemptions under the by-law and life and land leases.

Council noted that it would be beneficial to look further and examine options related to life leases and land leases.

There were no further questions. Warden McQueen thanked everyone in attendance.

On motion by Councillors Hicks and Keaveney, the Public Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk