

**APRIL 19, 2021**

**EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES POLICY REVIEW PUBLIC #2 MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held Education Development Charges Policy Review Public Meeting #2 this evening at 8:00 p.m. via video conference, with the following members in attendance: J. Weston (Chairperson), J. Herring, K. Meissner, C. Millar, S. Piatkowski, K. Smith, L. Tremble, C. Watson, C. Whetham and K. Woodcock.

Trustee M. Ramsay was unable to attend the meeting.

Student Trustees T. John-Jandles and R. McDonald were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Gerard, C. Newton, L. Read, and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: L. Agar, M. Delisle, B. Jaklic and S. Reidel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson J. Weston called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by K. Meissner:

**That the agenda of the April 19, 2021, Education Development Charges Policy Review Public Meeting #2 be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Chairperson J. Weston announced that this was a formal public meeting as required by section 257.63 of the Education Act and that during this meeting the Boards' EDC consultant will give an overview of the process and methodology leading to the proposed education development charges. The solicitor will also briefly explain the text of the proposed by-laws.

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**REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS, LEGAL COUNSEL, OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

**EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES (EDC) BACKGROUND STUDY**

Jack Ammendolia of Watson & Associates presented on the Boards' proposed EDC by-law. The presentation reviewed the existing charges, the process and requirements for changes, the calculation of charges including the growth forecast, recent EDC legislative changes, and the public process. He noted the letters received from developer groups which cited concern with the appraised values used.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of clarification. Trustees asked questions regarding the land valuation, Ministry of Education feedback, meeting processes and the EDC reserve fund.

**DRAFT EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES SUCCESSOR BY-LAW**

Jim Easto, Keel Cottrelle LLP, explained the text of the draft successor by-laws, noting the changes to exemptions.

**QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES**

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of clarification.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Chairperson J. Weston closed the meeting by noting that the report received tonight was for the information of the Board and will be noted as such in the minutes and that Boards will be giving final consideration to the passage of EDC By-Laws at a joint public meeting scheduled for the evening of May 10, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2. Moved by C. Whetham, seconded by K. Smith:

**That the Education Development Charges Policy Review Public Meeting #2 of April 19, 2021, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.