

MAY 10, 2021

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES POLICY REVIEW PUBLIC #3 MEETING

The Waterloo Region District School Board held Education Development Charges Policy Review Public Meeting #3 this evening at 7:30 p.m. via video conference, with the following members in attendance: J. Weston (Chairperson), J. Herring, K. Meissner, C. Millar, S. Piatkowski, M Ramsay, K. Smith, L. Tremble, C. Watson, C. Whetham and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustee T. John-Jandles was in attendance and Student Trustee R. McDonald was not 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 and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson J. Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by K. Meissner:

That the agenda of the May 10, 2021, Education Development Charges Policy Review Public Meeting #3 be approved.

-Carried-

Trustee M. Ramsay joined the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DECLARATION THAT MEETING DULY CONSTITUTED/OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson J. Weston made the following declaration:

I declare that this meeting of the Trustees of Waterloo Region District School Board has been duly called and is properly constituted for the transaction of business as a special meeting of the Board.

The WRDSB received approval from the Minister of Education of the Boards' pupil place projections and estimates of the numbers of school sites used in the calculation of the charges on May 6, 2021.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES (EDC) BYLAW ADOPTION

L. Agar, Manager of Planning and J. Passey from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board reviewed the timeline of the bylaw process including the public input received at the April 19, 2021 EDC meetings and staff's response. They presented the policy review and the calculated charges for both boards. The recommendations for each board were reviewed as was the proposed communication plan.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of clarification.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board determined pursuant to Section 257.63 of the Education Act that no further public meeting concerning the proposed Education Development Charge By-law (2021) is necessary; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the implementation of an Education Development Charge incorporating both a residential and non-residential component with the percentage of growth-related net education land cost that is to be funded by residential development calculated at 73% and the non-residential component equal to 27% of the total charge; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board make no changes to the existing Education Development Charges By-law policies as they relate to jurisdiction-wide versus area-specific charges, differentiated charges, additional residential or non-residential exemptions, demolition or conversion credits or term of the By-law (5 years); and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board direct staff to annually review land values and provide a report to the Board if land values support an amendment to the Education Development Charge By-law (2021) to increase residential and non-residential charges; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approves Education Development Charge By-law (2021) for a term of 5 years, with an effective date of June 1, 2021, in the form attached as Appendix A to this report.

-Carried-

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OTHER BUSINESS

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT

This report was provided for information.

L. Maxwell, School Travel Planner at Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR), presented information on how School Travel Planners assist schools. She reviewed activities of school travel planning including walking events, teaching pedestrian skills and bike racks. She shared the STSWR tracking system for school travel planning. The presentation also reviewed information on driver behaviours in school zones and how issues can be reduced when schools are actively using school travel planning. She shared the importance of parent involvement, the response to the pandemic and plans for upcoming activities and events.

Trustees asked many questions regarding speed cameras in school zones, Drive to 5 Campaign, walking school buses, electric and low-emission school vehicles, and closing roads in school zones.

ADJOURNMENT

3. Moved by J. Herring, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Education Development Charges Policy Review Public Meeting #3 of May 10, 2021, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.