

Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

Public Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, April 9, 2018

7:05 p.m.

Guelph/Eramosa Township Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Chris White and Councillors Louise Marshall, Mark Bouwmeester, Corey Woods and David Wolk.

Present from Staff: CAO Ian Roger, Director of Public Works Harry Niemi, Director of Parks and Recreation Robin Milne, Director of Finance Linda Cheyne, Chief Building Official Dan Sharina, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services Meaghen Reid and Deputy Clerk Amanda Knight.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. 2018 Development Charges Background Study for Township of Guelph/Eramosa
3. The Mayor announced that this is a Public Meeting of Council being held under Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended. The purpose of this meeting is to give the public an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and make representations on the Development Charge Background Study and proposed By-law. Council will not be taking any action this evening on this report or bylaw.
4. The Clerk requested that all persons in attendance for the public meeting to please clearly print their full name, address and postal code on the attendance sheet located on the table beside the entrance to Council Chambers. She noted that all names listed on the attendance sheet and the names of those who speak on this item will appear within the meeting minutes. She indicated that addresses listed on this sheet will be used to circulate future notices about this matter to attendees.

The Clerk advised that notice of this public meeting was published in the Wellington Advertiser on March 16, 2018. She also noted that the Notice of Public Meeting was posted to the Township website on March 13, 2018.

5. The Mayor called upon Gary Scandlan from Watson and Associates to review the Addendum Report to Township of Guelph/Eramosa Development Charge Background Study.

Mr. Scandlan explained that the public meeting is a mandatory requirement under the Development Charges Act. He explained that the purpose of Development Charges is to recover the capital costs associated with residential

and non-residential growth within a municipality. Mr. Scandlan provided Council with an overview of the Development Charges process and explained the process for calculating the proposed charges. Mr. Scandlan reviewed both the mandatory and discretionary exemptions and discussed the importance of a local service policy. He demonstrated the relationship between needs to service growth versus funding and compared current versus calculated charges for residential and non-residential charges. Mr. Scandlan also provided an overview of development charges of local municipalities with respect to residential, commercial and industrial charges.

Finally, Mr. Scandlan reviewed the timelines for the Development Charges process, including deadline for written submission and by-law adoption dates.

6. The Mayor requested to hear from those who would like to provide input or ask questions on the development charges study.

No one spoke.

7. The Mayor asked if there were questions from Members of Council.

The Mayor indicated that Council will be considering taking a phased-in approach with regard to the introduction of non-residential development charges.

10. The Mayor concluded the meeting at 7:25 p.m. He advised that Council will consider all the matters placed before it prior to reaching a decision.

Chris White, Mayor

Meaghen Reid, Clerk