

Upper Grand District School Board
Joint Public Meeting # 1 with Wellington Catholic DSB and Upper Grand DSB
EDC Policy Review

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Minutes

A special joint meeting with Upper Grand DSB and Wellington Catholic DSB, was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Wellington County Administration Centre, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair, Trustee Busuttil, presided on behalf of the Upper Grand DSB and introduced all Trustees present. Trustee Bailey was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Director of Education Dr. M. C. Rogers, Superintendent of Finance Regier and Manager of Planning Passy.

Traditional Greeting

Opening Prayer or Reading

A prayer was read by the Chair of the Wellington Catholic DSB.

Chair of the Upper Grand DSB, Trustee Busuttil advised that both the Wellington Catholic DSB and the Upper Grand DSB are proposing to enact an Education Development Charges (EDCs) By-laws which will apply to land in the County of Wellington. The Upper Grand DSB is also proposing to enact an EDC By-law that will apply in the County of Dufferin. The new By-laws are required because the current By-laws of each Board are scheduled to expire at the close of business on August 23, 2019.

In compliance with legislation, both Boards are conducting two public meetings this evening to cover the By-laws for both the County of Wellington and the County of Dufferin. The first public meeting will deal with a review of the current EDC policies of the Boards as reflected in their respective By-laws. The second public meeting will address the proposed By-laws that the Boards anticipate passing in May. The *Education Act*, is the legislation that governs EDCs, and requires that the Boards convene the two public meetings before passing the new By-laws. The primary purpose of any Board in implementing EDCs is to provide a source of funding for new school sites.

The EDC calculation is based on new pupils who will be generated by residential dwellings within the By-law area, for which building permits will be issued during the fifteen years following the enactment of the By-law, and for which additional school accommodation is required.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Waiver of the Requirements for Delegations to Pre-register

Paragraphs 24 and 25 of the Board's Procedural By-law No. 1 indicate that a person wishing to appear before the Board must apply in writing and provide written information supporting the delegation's position. This requirement was waived for both meetings.

Recommendation # 1

Trustee Ross moved, seconded by Trustee Campbell, that the Board waive Paragraphs 24 and 25 of Procedural By-law No. 1, regarding the normal requirements for delegations to have filed a copy of the presentation in advance.

The motion carried.

Policy Review

Mr. Jack Ammendolia of Watson And Associates, the Boards' economic consultant, presented a review of the policy. He explained the EDC renewal process, the statutory obligations of the Boards, how the EDCs were calculated, and how the EDCs worked.

Legal Requirements of the Policy Review

Mr. Brad Teichman of Overland LLP, the Boards' legal counsel, presented the legal requirements of the policy review. He noted that the Boards need approval of the Background Study from the Ministry of Education prior to passing the By-laws. Following approval, Boards will have authority to pass By-laws and noted that the Boards are in good shape.

Delegations

Although one purpose of the meetings was to solicit public input, and the public was invited to make representation to the Board in person or by written submission with regard to the EDC policies review as well as the By-law draft, there were no members of the public in attendance.

Recommendation# 2

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved, Seconded by Trustee MacNeil that:

1. The EDC Policies report from Watson And Associates be received as information.
2. The Legal Requirements verbal report from Overland LLP be received as information.

The motion carried.

Adjournment of Education Development Charges Policy Review

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Campbell that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:15p.m.

The motion carried.

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EDC By-law Review

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Chair, Trustee Busuttil advised that the purpose of the second meeting was to receive an overview of the process and methodology supporting the proposed charges and By-laws. It was planned that the lawyer explain briefly the text of the By-laws, which are found in the Background Studies. Also, this meeting was an opportunity to hear delegations from the public regarding the proposed EDC By-laws.

The Chair, Trustee Busuttil, presided on behalf of the Upper Grand DSB and introduced all Trustees present. Trustee Bailey was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Director of Education Dr. M. C. Rogers, Superintendent of Finance Regier and Manager of Planning Passy.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Ross moved, seconded by Trustee Lustgarten Evoy, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Education Development Charges Proposed By-laws

Mr. Ammendolia presented the proposed EDCs in detail. The presentation included background, eligibility to impose an EDC, overview of EDC process and proposed timelines, demographic trends, projection of new residential units, growth related pupil yields for Wellington and Dufferin Counties, EDC By-law structure, jurisdiction wide charges for both Wellington and Dufferin Counties, determination of net growth related pupil places for Wellington and Dufferin Counties, appraised site values, EDC calculations, proposed EDCs as of 2019, the term of the EDCs, restrictions on how the EDCs are used, legislative requirements, and the proposed EDC By-laws. Questions of clarification followed.

The proposed maximum rate for Wellington County EDCs would be \$2222.00 per residential dwelling, and \$2734.00 for Dufferin County. It was noted that there is also a maximum of \$300.00 per year increase until the maximum rate is reached.

Legal Requirements

Mr. Brad Teichman of Overland LLP, the Boards' legal counsel, briefly commented on the proposed EDC By-laws. He provided a definition of a residential dwelling, how a retirement dwelling may differ, exemptions, when charges are payable, and that the By-laws comes into force 5 days after approval by the Board.

Delegations

Although one purpose of the meeting was to solicit public input, and the public was invited to make representation to the Board in person or by written submission with regard to the EDC policies review as well as the By-law draft, there were no members of the public in attendance.

Recommendation # 3

Trustee Campbell moved, Seconded by Trustee MacNeil that:

1. The Methodology and Proposed Charges report from Watson And Associates be received as information.
2. The Draft By-law report from Overland LLP be received as information.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:27 p.m.

The motion carried.

Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

