

## **EDC Meeting By-Laws Adoption**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.**

**Wellington Catholic District School Board – Guelph Room**

**Education Development Charges (EDC) Policy Review**

**Trustees:** Ralf Mesenbrink (Chair), Katherine Hauser (Vice Chair), Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Martha MacNeil, Robin Ross

**Regrets:** Alethia O’Hara-Stephenson, Lynn Topping, Luke Weiler, Laurie Whyte

**Administration:** Director of Education Sovran, Chief Financial Officer Regier, Manager of Planning Angrish, Manager – Trustee Secretariat Vorkapic

A special meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Thursday, May 21, 2024, in the Guelph Room at 255 Speedvale Avenue West, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. A meeting of the Wellington Catholic DSB was conducted simultaneously.

### **1. Introduction/Welcome**

Chair Mesenbrink welcomed everyone and introduced the Upper Grand DSB trustees.

Chair Gazzola, Wellington Catholic DSB, welcomed everyone and introduced the Wellington Catholic DSB trustees.

### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

Trustee Hauser recognized that the Board is meeting on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: The Michi Saagig of the Credit and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

### **3. Opening Reflection**

An Opening Reflection was read by the Director Glazier of the Wellington Catholic DSB.

### **4. Attendance**

Attendance was noted as above.

## 5. Confirmation of Agenda

### RESOLUTION #24-127:

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the agenda of March 21, 2024 EDC Policy Review meeting as printed.

**Carried**

## 6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

## 7. Opening Remarks

It was noted that both boards would be conducting two public meetings as part of the process of passing the new by-laws. The first public meeting would deal with a review of the current EDC policies of the boards as reflected in their respective by-laws.

## 8. Presentations

### i) **Jack Ammendolia, Economic Consultant, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd.**

J. Ammendolia provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Education Development Charge (EDC) Policy review. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- A summary of what an Education Development Charge consists of
- Policy Review Public Meeting
- Outline of Section 257.60 subsection (1) of the *Education Act*
- By-law application
- Review of existing policies

### RESOLUTION #24-128:

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB receives the Education Development Charge Policy Review presentation.

**Carried**

**ii) Brad Teichman, Legal Counsel, Overland LLP**

B. Teichman provided an outline of the legal and procedural requirements of the policy review. It was noted that there are five criteria that the boards must satisfy including the following:

- Must convene two public meetings;
- Must publish notice of the meeting;
- Must make information available to the public in regard to the policy review;
- Must prepare a background study and draft by-laws and make available; and
- Ministry of Education approval

**RESOLUTION #24-129:**

Moved by: Trustee Hauser

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB receives the presentation regarding the legal and procedural requirements of the EDC policy review.

**Carried**

**9. Delegations**

The public was invited to delegate to the Board in person or by written submission with regard to the EDCs. No delegations came forward. It was noted that no members of the public were in attendance.

**10. Adjournment****RESOLUTION #24-130:**

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by: Trustee Edwards

THAT the Upper Grand DSB adjourns at 7:26 p.m.

**Carried**

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