

EDC Meeting By-Laws Adoption

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Boardroom and Microsoft Teams

A special meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Thursday, April 18, 2024, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. A meeting of the Wellington Catholic DSB was conducted simultaneously.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive and consider a report on the review of Upper Grand DSB's current Education Development Charges, to hear delegations from the public regarding the respective Education Development Charges, and finally adoption of the EDC By-laws.

1. Introduction/Welcome

Vice-Chair Hauser welcomed everyone and introduced the Upper Grand DSB trustees. All members were present apart from Trustees Topping and Weiler. Also in attendance were Director of Education Sovran, Executive Superintendent of Business Services Regier, Manager of Planning Angrish, and Manager - Trustee Secretariat Vorkapic.

Chair Gazzola of Wellington Catholic DSB welcomed everyone and introduced the Wellington Catholic DSB trustees. In attendance were Trustees Dupuis, Finoro, O'Donnell, and Tersigni. Also in attendance were Director of Education Glazier and Associate Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer McLennan.

2. Land Acknowledgement/Opening Reflection

Trustee Whyte 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.

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

3. a) Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-131:

Moved by: Trustee Whyte

Seconded by: Trustee Mesenbrink

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the agenda of April 18, 2024 EDC By-Laws Adoption meeting as printed.

Carried

b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

c) Motion

RESOLUTION #24-132:

Moved by: Trustee Mesenbrink

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB grant an exception to Section 4.5 of the Board's By-Law No. 1 and allow for presentations to be made from the floor at the April 18, 2024 EDC Special Board Meeting on the Education Development By-law matters.

Carried

4. Opening Remarks

In her opening remarks, Vice Chair Hauser noted that the Upper Grand District School Board and the Wellington Catholic District School Board were each proposing to enact Education Development Charges By-laws this evening. Upper Grand District School Board proposes to pass a by-law for each of Wellington County and Dufferin County. The Catholic Board's By-law will apply in Wellington County. The new By-laws are required because the current By-laws of the Boards are scheduled to expire at the end of the day on May 19, 2024.

The Boards are conducting a public meeting as part of the process of passing the new by-laws. The first two public meetings were held March 21, 2024.

The primary purpose of any Board in implementing Education Development Charges is to provide a source of funding for new school sites. These are not funded by a grant under the Province's funding model.

5. Delegation(s)

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 EDCs, no delegations, and no members of the public were in attendance.

6. Upper Grand District School Board Motions

RESOLUTION #24-133:

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee Mesenbrink

THAT Memo PLN:24-04 "Education Development Charges – 2024 Renewal Adoption Public Meeting" be received.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-134:

Moved by: Trustee Whyte

Seconded by: Trustee Ross

THAT it be resolved that no further public meetings are required regarding the proposed Education Development Charges By-law renewals for the County of Wellington or County of Dufferin.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-135:

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT it be resolved that the Upper Grand District School Board has satisfied all the requirements that are conditions precedent to passing an EDC by-law including Ministry approval.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-136:

Moved by: Trustee Mesenbrink

Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board enact an Education Development Charges By-law in the form attached in Appendix A to Report PLN: 24-04 to apply to the County of Dufferin with the charge per dwelling unit set at the following amounts for the subsequent one-year periods:

From April 23, 2024 to April 22, 2025 - \$2,632.00;

From April 23, 2025 to April 22, 2026 - \$2,932.00;

From April 23, 2026 to April 22, 2027 - \$3,232.00;

From April 23, 2027 to April 22, 2028 - \$3,532.00; and

From April 23, 2028 to April 22, 2029 - \$3,832.00;

and such by-law to come into force on April 23, 2024.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-137:

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board enact an Education Development Charges By-law in the form attached in Appendix B to Report PLN: 24-04 apply to the County of Wellington with the charge per dwelling unit set at the following amounts for the subsequent one-year periods:

From April 23, 2024 to April 22, 2025 - \$2,522.00;

From April 23, 2025 to April 22, 2026 - \$2,822.00;

From April 23, 2026 to April 22, 2027 - \$3,122.00;

From April 23, 2027 to April 22, 2028 - \$3,422.00; and

From April 23, 2028 to April 22, 2029 - \$3,722.00.

and such by-law to come into force on April 23, 2024.

Carried

7. Adjournment

RESOLUTION #24-138:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Upper Grand DSB adjourns at 7:16 p.m.

Carried

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