

Development Studies Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 5:00pm

Attendance:

Councillor Lori Littleton (Chair)
Chuck McShane (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Dawn Dodge
Councillor Carlos Garcia
Councillor Karrie Porter
Councillor Bill Phillips
Kevin Jacobi
Kevan Peters

Absent:

Cameron Banach
Hugo Chesshire

Guests:

Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.
Navreet Bains, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Staff Liaison:

Adam Smith, Manager, Accounting & Payroll / Deputy City Treasurer
Kristine Douglas, Director, Financial Management Services & City Treasurer
Tami Kitay, Director, Planning & Building Services
Margaret Josipovic, Manager of Planning Services
Taya Devlin, Senior Planner
Jenna Northcott, Development Finance Specialist

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Councillor Littleton called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Councillor Littleton acknowledged that the land on which the Development Studies Task Force meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home

to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

There were none

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Garcia

That the Development Studies Task Force adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

That the Development Studies Task Force adopt the minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2022.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

7. Business

7.1 – Recap Presentation from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. On Community Benefits Charges and affordable housing considerations

Mr. Gary Scandlon from Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. provided a presentation overview of Community Benefits Charge, methodology, capital costs, exemptions, and highlighted changes since the last meeting and provided additional information regarding affordable housing. Discussion included development of a grant program for affordable housing projects, land value and calculations, and mixed use developments.

Moved by: Councillor Dodge

That the Development Studies Task Force receive the presentation from Gary Scandlon from Watson and Association Economists Ltd. Regarding the Community benefits charges and affordable housing considerations.

Carried

7.2 – Memo from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. re: Affordable Housing and Community Benefits Charges

Moved by: Councillor Phillips

That the Development Studies Task Force receive the memo from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. regarding affordable housing and community benefits charge for information

Carried

7.3 – General Discussion on Community Benefits Charges

Moved by: Councillor Garcia

Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

That the development studies task force endorses the staff recommendation on community benefits charges and that the task force recommend that City Council approve the Community Benefits Charge By-law; and

That any grants related to the Community Benefits Charges be funded in order to replenish the Community Benefits Charge Reserve.

Carried

8. Date of next meeting

Staff advised that the Task Force next meet following the completion of preliminary / draft Inclusionary Zoning information.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Mr. McShane

That there be no further items to discuss, this meeting be adjourned at 5:45pm.

Carried