

Please be advised that on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Municipality of Clarington staff presented a report to Council providing an update on the 2020 Development Charges (DC) review. The report was originally brought to Planning and Development committee on April 6<sup>th</sup> but was deferred to Council for further discussion due to the impending Provincial direction. The full report can be found – [here](#). **During this Council meeting, it was decided that the current DC review be put on hold.**

As a reminder, the province passed **Bill 189, Coronavirus Support and Protection Act, 2020** on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The legislation can be found [here](#). As related to development charges, this Bill has the effect of extending current education development charge by-laws and development charge by-laws that were otherwise set to expire, for a period of 6 months.

As a result of the Development Charges discussion at Clarington's Council Meeting last night and the following motions were passed:

1. That Report [FND-006-20](#) and the associated presentation from Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. be received;
2. That staff continue consultation with the development community prior to finalizing the Development Charge Background Study and By-law;
3. That staff be instructed to release the proposed Development Charge Background Study and By-law at a date to be determined by the Director of Finance which provides Council, members of the public and the development community opportunity to review and provide feedback for the 2020 Development Charge Background Study and By-law;
4. **That, in accordance with the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, which received royal assent on April 14, 2020, the Municipality's existing Development Charges By-law (By-law 2015-035) shall remain in force until such date as specified in the Act** and therefore, staff be directed to schedule the statutory public meeting for a date after the lifting of the emergency declared under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on March 17, 2020 with such meeting being advertised publicly.

The above motions will keep the existing DC by-law in force until after the specified date within the Bill. It is staffs intention to release the background study and draft by-law within the month. This will provide an opportunity for the public and the development community to provide feedback once it is released. The public meeting date will not be set until after the emergency declaration has been lifted.

Members are still encouraged to provide comment on the background study once it is released.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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