

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Richard Freymond

Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services

Meeting Date: June 3, 2019

Subject: Report CLSFS19-032

Notice of Public Meeting - Development Charge Background

Study Peterborough Utilities Commission

Purpose

A report to advise Council that a public meeting will be held Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to present a Development Charges Background Study undertaken by the Peterborough Utilities Commission and to hear public delegations.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CLSFS19-032 dated June 3, 2019, of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services, as follows:

- a) That Report CLSFS19-032 advising Council that a public meeting will be held on June 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to present a Development Charges Background Study undertaken by the Peterborough Utilities Commission and to hear public delegations, be received.
- b) That a further report be presented to the July 8, 2019 General Committee meeting that will recommend rate changes to Peterborough Utilities Commission Development Charge rate.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget and financial implications of receiving this report. A report will be presented to the July 8, 2019 General Committee containing specific recommendations stemming from the Development Charge Background Study and which addresses issues that may arise during the June 24, 2019 public meeting.

The Peterborough Utilities Commission Development Charges are levied directly and used to pay for the growth related capital works. The City levies its own separate Development Charge rates.

Background

June 24, 2019 Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held on June 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers during which Hemson Consulting Limited will present a Development Charges (DC) Background Study (the Study) and proposed DC by-laws (attached as Appendix A) undertaken by the Peterborough Utilities Commission (PUC). Members of the public will then have an opportunity to make presentations to Council concerning the proposed new PUC Development Charges. Although Council has delegated the governance of the water operations to the PUC, and appoints all five Commission members, the Commission does not have the authority under the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA) to hold the mandatory public meeting and to ultimately approve the DC by-law. Those responsibilities still rest with Council. The Study has been undertaken in compliance with the provisions of the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA) and its regulation (Ontario Regulation 82/98). The DCA stipulates that before passing a development charge by-law, Council shall hold at least one public meeting. The public meeting was advertised in the Peterborough Examiner on May 25, 2019 and the Background Study was available as of May 22, 2019 for pick up at City Hall and via the Internet. Council is not required to make any final decisions during the public meeting or give direction to staff. Council can ask questions of presenters for clarification. A staff report will be presented to the July 8, 2019 General Committee, setting out the final recommendations and the proposed by-law, and it will address any issues raised during the public meeting. The PUC DC By-law, in its final form, will then be presented to the July 22, 2019 Council meeting for approval.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A - Peterborough Utilities Commission Development Charges Background Study