

APPROVED

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The Special Meeting of the Board

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

A Joint Meeting of the Durham District School Board and the Durham Catholic District School Board was held on this date regarding Education Development Charges Policy Review.

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Vice Chair Deb Oldfield

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Donna Edwards, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Christine Thatcher (virtual), Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Kayla Hoare (virtual)

Regrets: Trustees Emma Cunningham, Stephen Linton, Shailene Panylo, Jill Thompson, Linda Stone, Student Trustee Neha Kasoju

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Director David Wright, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter (virtual), Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca, Manager of Property and Planning Lygia Dallip, Senior Manager of Facilities Services Lindsay Wells

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

The Chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board delivered the opening prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Deb Oldfield gave the Land Acknowledgment: the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with territories upon

which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

3. Indigenous Rights and Human Rights Acknowledgements

Vice Chair Deb Oldfield gave the Indigenous rights and human rights acknowledgements:

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

The Durham District School Board is committed to providing learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive, and free from all forms of discrimination, oppression, harassment, and harm.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

5. Adoption of Agenda

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MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Opening Remarks

The Chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) and the Vice Chair of the Durham District School Board (DDSB) provided an overview of the meeting:

The DCDSB and the DDSB are each proposing to enact an Education Development Charges (EDC) By-Law which will apply to the development of lands in the Region of Durham except the Municipality of Clarington. The new by-laws are required because the current EDC by-law of each Board is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2024.

Each Board will be conducting two public meetings as part of the process toward passing the new by-laws.

The first public meeting will be to review the current EDC policies as reflected in the respective Boards' by-laws which were passed in 2019. The second public meeting will address the proposed EDC by-law that each Board anticipates passing in April 2024. The *Education Act*, which is the legislation that governs EDCs, requires that the Boards convene the two public meetings before passing these by-laws.

The primary purpose of any Board in implementing education development charges is to provide a source of funding for the acquisition of school sites. These are not funded by a grant under the Province's funding model.

The EDC calculation is based on new pupils that will be generated by housing units within the by-law area, and for which additional school accommodation is required.

Both boards have worked in close co-operation in developing the proposed education development charges for each Board and in working through the background analysis respecting growth projections, pupil enrolment forecasts, determination of growth-related pupil place requirements, site costing, and in completing their respective EDC forms.

The DDSB and DCDSB are seeking input from the public and will give consideration to any and all submissions prior to the passage of a new EDC by-law.

Staff, consultants and legal counsel convened a stakeholders meeting with representatives of the development industry on February 21, 2024, to respond to their inquiries and provide an overview of the proposed education development charge by-laws.

Both Boards will likely be giving final consideration to the passage of EDC By-Laws at their respective board meetings in April 2024. The DDSB meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024.

7. Presentations

Cynthia Clarke, Quadrant Advisory Group Limited delivered a presentation outlining the policy review process towards developing a new EDC By-Law, background studies and context around education development charges. The presentation includes a review of all current policies applicable to EDC's.

Brad Teichman, Overland LLP delivered a presentation outlining the legal and procedural requirements to be met in order to pass a new EDC By-Law.

8. Public Delegations

Delegates were invited to speak. There were no delegates present.

9. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

Seconded by Trustee Donna Edwards


THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Chair



Secretary