

## Education Development Charges Policy Review Meeting

A public Education Development Charges Policy Review meeting was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

### Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson; Bill Conway; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Amy Fee; \*Frank Johnson; Wendy Price; Greg Reitzel; Brian Schmalz; Melanie Van Alphen

\*attended electronically

### Student Trustees Present:

Sebastian Monsalve

### Administrative Officials Present:

Loretta Notten; Gerry Clifford; Jason Connolly; Derek Haime; John Klein; Shesh Maharaj; Laura Shoemaker

### Special Resources For The Meeting:

Lindsay Ford

### Regrets:

Karen Hakim; David DeSantis; John Shewchuk

### Recorder:

Barb Pilsner, Executive Administrative Assistant

**NOTE ON VOTING:** Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

## 1. Call to Order:

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### 1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The meeting opened with prayer led by Manuel da Silva.

### 1.2 Approval of Agenda

**2016-54** -- It was *moved* by **G. Reitzel** and *seconded* by **A. Fee**:

*THAT the agenda for April 25, 2016 be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.*

### 1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.3.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.3.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

## 2. Opening Remarks and New Business

### 2.1 Education Development Charges Policy Document

M. da Silva advised the Waterloo Catholic District School Board is proposing to enact a new Education Development Charges By-law as the current by-law is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2016.

## 3 Reports from Consultants, Legal Counsel

### 3.1 Consultant

Cynthia Clarke, Ameresco, provided an overview of the policy review process. Both our board and the WRDSB adopted by-laws in May 2011 for a five year term. The funds collected may only be used by the Boards to acquire land needed to address growth-related student accommodation pressures in areas of new development. Eligible costs include the acquisition and the preparation of the land to make the site "building ready". Legislation requires

that a board conduct a review of the existing EDC policy before passing a new EDC by-law.

Stakeholder sessions were held Oct 8, 2015 and March 31, 2016 to discuss the proposed EDCs. The second meeting held tonight will review the background study and recommendations. The By-law adoption public meeting with be held jointly with the WRDSB on May 16, 2016.

### **3.2 Legal Counsel**

James A. Easto of Keel Cottrelle advised trustees have received all information as required regarding the policy review.

### **3 Questions by Trustees**

M. da Silva asked if there were any questions of trustees. There were none.

### **4 Delegations/Public Question Period**

Art Sinclair, Vice-president of Chamber of Commerce.

He is requesting the WCDSB and WRDSB consider a process similar to that approved by Waterloo City Council which provided for incremental increases for residential and non-residential.

### **5 Closing Prayer**

### **6 Motion to Adjourn**

**2016-55** -- It was *moved* by **M. Van Alphen** and *seconded* by **B. Schmalz**:

*THAT the meeting be now adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:28 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary