



Off-site Levy Bylaw Review – Community Services Working Group Stakeholder Consultation Meeting Notes

Date/Time: July 18, 2023 / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: MS Teams – video conferencing

Attendees:

Internal	External
Cathy An	Raminder Brar
Rodney Babineau	Marcello Chiacchia
Marcus Berzins	Jamie Cooper
Radhika Bhalla	Shameer Gaidhar
Jennifer Black	Paul Gedye
Trent Chahal	Brian Hahn
Shelina Daya	Guy Huntingford
Garrath Douglas	Theo Kaufmann
Brent Dyer	Graeme Melton
Gerry Francois	Jackie Stewart
Nazrul Islam	
Natalia Ivanova	
Michael MacDonald	
Les Norczen	
Jan-Steyn Pieterse	
Alane Smith	
Agnes Szaflarski	
Laura Urbain*	
Cody Van Hell	
Josh White	
Regrets	

*Note taker

Agenda

- Welcome and agenda overview** (Jennifer Black)
- Preliminary levy rate** (Jennifer Black)
- Methodology** (Jennifer Black)
- Discussion** (Jennifer Black)

Feedback collected:

General Feedback/Comments



- On benefit calculation slide, showing population, where did those numbers come from? (946,835/416,991)
- In transportation model, goes out 60 years, this model only shows for 32 years, can you please add that in for more detail?
- Follow up from last meeting and questions that apply to the last models.
 - On E35, your forecasting 289 hectares something like 505 hectares last year, curious where we are year to date relative to 2023 number so far?
 - where did the 290 come from? Did you say that was a 2019 report? Maybe I misunderstood?
- Is there a report that lays that out that you can provide to us? Is it published? I think in the past they used to make that available, the number seems rather light to me considering immigration, we have robust years ahead of us so it would be great to understand the assumptions behind that number.
- I think what we are trying to understand is that the balance is in a positive, it's also accumulating interest, can we see if there is a balance? Where does it go? Does it get applied to other levies? Does it get returned? Really important to understand as its inconsistent approach especially in comparison to water.
- Even though the benefit is 56/46, the existing systems will experience an imperfect relationship/balance – that could mean if there is a deficit, who's going to pay for it? The City shouldn't ignore the deficit when completing this necessary projects.
- Really when you boil it down what is the rational for the change, struggling to understand that.
- What the expectation is for the second half of the year and what that update will look like after DA's are signed.
- To put it simply, what projects are underway that have current funds allocated to them? You call it City funds, but really its previously levied funds.
- It comes down to terms of what was previously said about reconciliation, future collections need to take care of some of this funding.
- We really need to understand where money is coming from to pay for projects already underway. We need that level of detail – I kind of wonder why you wouldn't just role it in? What was the rational between cutting it off and starting over or rolling it together?
- I think we just need to understand where the cashflow is and yes, there is a short fall, and The City is to cover that short fall – if there is \$20 million that needs to be covered.
- Is there any grant money that comes in for police stations? Has there ever been grant money allocated by federal or provincial for policing?
- Thanks so much we covered off every question I had other than getting back to project cost estimates for fire and police, I recall we had an actual budget last year, wondering if you have any recently built fire or police station that you can provide actual funding for? Provide industry with close out of budget on?
- The big part is understanding this whole transition between how it is spent now, and how it will be spent in the future.
- Thank you for working with us and going through it with clarity where possible.

Summary of Action Items

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