

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Members:

Councillor J. Baker, Acting Chair
Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor J. Earle
Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Others:

Councillor D. Beatty
Councillor D. LeSueur

Absent:

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillor L. Bursey

Staff:

Ms. V. Baker, Clerk's Secretary (Recording Secretary)
Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
Mr. D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services
Mr. C. Dwyre, Fire Chief
Ms. C. Goldberg, Executive Assistant to Mayor & City Manager
Ms. M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning
Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk

Others:

Ms. T. Renkema, 104.9 JRFM
Mr. R. Zajac, Recorder & Times

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

1. Mr. Michael Veenstra
(Spring Valley Homes Ltd.)

Mr. Veenstra stated he found it hard to believe that the City would implement development charges when there has been a decrease in population.

Councillor Baker asked Mr. Casselman why development charges were on a phased in basis. Mr. Casselman explained that development charges had been "on holiday" since 2009 and it would be a further incentive to phase them in.

Mr. Veenstra had a list of questions for Council's consideration in their deliberations concerning the potential implementation of development charges. (*which are attached to these minutes*)

2. Councillor LeSueur
(Brockville Railway Tunnel Committee)

Councillor LeSueur spoke to the Committee concerning the Brockville Railway Tunnel Feasibility Report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2014-034-03
Development Charges 2014

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT for the purposes of the Development Charge Background Study and statutory public meeting: Council accept the proposed schedule of Development Charges as follows;

	Residential	Non-residential
Year 1	\$3,450	\$1.00 sq. ft.
Year 2	\$3,710	\$1.45 sq. ft.
Year 3	\$3,970	\$1.90 sq. ft.
Year 4	\$4,230	\$2.30 sq. ft.

TIE VOTE, FORWARDED TO COUNCIL

Mr. Dick outlined the steps in the process of implementing development charges.

Councillor Earle stated that he does not agree with implementing development charges.

Councillor Baker stated that he is not convinced that the list of recommendations provided by the consultants should be followed. Councillor Beatty stated that the Service Delivery Review had four key recommendations and one of them was that the City should be utilizing revenue capacity. He said that this would include development charges and that they go along with economic activity. He questioned why the City is spending money on consultants and not taking their advice.

Councillor Blanchard said that he likes development charges as long as they are comparable to like municipalities but did not want the charges to be an impediment to development.

Councillor Blanchard asked that Ms. Pascoe Merkley prepare some statistics on 8 to 10 properties built in the last 5 years showing what development charges would have been paid. He said that these figures would show the impact on the developer/builder etc. and that the charge has to be relative to the value of building.

Councillor Baker said that because industrial is exempt, it seems that residential is being penalized. Mayor Henderson stated that there needs to be incentives for industry to move into the city. Mr. Casselman stated that the recommendations from the consultant are city wide and the only exemptions are for industrial and the mandatory exemptions under the Development Charges Act.

2. 2014-028-03
Request for Higher Winter Maintenance Priority - Charlotte Place

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the request for a higher winter maintenance priority for Charlotte Place be denied.

CARRIED

3. 2014-026-03
Request for No Parking Chalet Drive

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT parking be prohibited on the north side of Chalet Drive from Oxford Ave to 44 metres west of Oxford Avenue; and

THAT parking be prohibited on the south side of Chalet Drive from Oxford Ave to 21.5 metres west of Oxford Avenue; and

THAT Schedule "1" Subsection 72 of By-law 119-89 be amended accordingly.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Amendment to Motion

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT parking be prohibited on the south side of Chalet Drive from Oxford Ave. to 21.5 metres west of Oxford Ave. Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm; and

THAT Schedule "2" Subsection 74 of By-law 119-89 be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

4. 2014-025-03
Quotation Q2014-05 Slabjack Equipment - Public Works

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the quotation from Airplaco Equipment (CanCrete Equipment Ltd.), Mississauga, Ontario in the amount of twenty-eight thousand four hundred and three dollars and eighteen cents (\$28,403.18) plus HST for the purchase of slabjack equipment be accepted; and

THAT the necessary funds be expensed from the Fleet Capital Account 9101010-9902031-9361.

CARRIED

5. 2014-035-03
Tender E2014-01
Supply of Gasoline & Diesel Fuel

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the tender from Ultramar Ltd. of Brockville for the supply of gasoline and diesel fuel for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016 be accepted; and

THAT expenditures be charged to account 01-5-212146-2530.

CARRIED

6. 2014-030-03
Request for Funding Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council authorize the purchase and installation from Continental Carbon Group of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filter media at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of Two Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$216,117.00) including net HST; and

THAT an additional Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00) be allocated from the Water Fund; and

THAT the funds be allocated from account 9403010-9940367.

CARRIED

7. 2014-031-03
Sole Source Contract Programmable Logic Controllers
(PLC's) SCADA Network Upgrades

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council authorize the purchase from ISI Controls the upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant's Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and Supervisory Control Data Acquisition (SCADA) network in the amount of Sixty-four Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$64,253.30) including net HST; and

THAT Council authorize the purchase from ISI Controls the upgrade of Parkedale Avenue's Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and Supervisory Control Data Acquisition (SCADA) network in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty Dollars and Eighty-four Cents (\$25,430.84) including net HST.

CARRIED

8. 2014-032-03
2014 Election Update #1
(Alternative Voting Method)

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Council receive Staff Report No. 2014-032-03, 2014 Election Update #1 for information purposes; and

THAT Council authorize the passing of a by-law to authorize the use of an alternative voting method, being telephone and internet for the 2014 Municipal Election.

CARRIED

9. 2014-038-03
Grant of Easement Agreement
Hydro One Networks Inc. - Water Street

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Hydro One Networks Inc. be granted an easement over City lands described as Part of Water Street and Water Street Parking lot, more specifically described as Part of Lots 12, 200, 201 and Part of Laneway between Lots 200 & 201, Block 29, Plan 67, City of Brockville, County of Leeds, Being Part 1 on Registered Plan 28R-14246, Being Part of PIN 44162-0065(LT); and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents to give effect to the intention thereof.

CARRIED

10. 2014-033-03
Funding of Wastewater Incentive

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT the reduction in water and wastewater revenues provided to the two largest customers as a result of capping rate increases for 2014, be funded from the respective water and wastewater reserves.

CARRIED

11. 2014-027-03
2013 Council Remuneration & Expenses

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Council receive the Treasurer's Report on 2013 Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Board Members appointed by the City (Attachment 1 to Report 2014-027-03).

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

FAO - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT the following items be placed on the Consent Agenda:

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CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee adjourn its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 15, 2014.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Re: Finance meeting on Development Charges | March 18, 2014

Hi Sandi,

Mr. Casselman said to direct this to you, could you please take care of this.

Below are a few questions that were unanswered at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday. Could this be added as an attachment for the Council meeting next Tuesday, where Development Charges will be discussed. Please list me as a delegate. Thank you

- How many municipalities are experiencing negative population growth that are on the list of the Watson's study presented to the City of Brockville?
- Why is Cornwall not on that list, it is only 60 minutes away?

On that list: What cities charge development charges as well as lot levies?

Is the CIP area exempt from Development Charges? Until when?

What will a builder/developer pay in property taxes on a serviced/registered single family building lot, and also include the lot levy be at the time of taking a building permit out [based on paying taxes for five years]? **Building dept.**

The report is calling for 10% increases per annum for proposed development charges?

Is that the new way of calculating tax increases? That was answered already at the meeting

Why hasn't the City aggressively marketed the huge incentive, that Brockville has no development charges during the past 5 years???

Using the new software in the **Building department**, how many single, semi and townhouse residential starts in 2012 have not been occupied? How many starts in 2013 have not been occupied or given occupancy? This question illuminates the speed of concerting from a permit to a cash position.

What is the response to the following 3 questions, when the **Mayor** calls potential developers and investors directly?

1. How was their experience dealing with the city and the process, and what, if anything could be done better?
- 2; why did they not come and develop in Brockville?
- 3; why did they leave?
4. The last 3 Development charges studies were inaccurate with the number they calculated about where the city would be in terms of population and how much growth and industry we would have, so what happens if the Watson study is also incorrect, do the builders get a refund? That will be a condition.

Sincerely, Michael Veenstra | email: svhomes@cogeco.ca