

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2017

Item 1, Report No. 9, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 24, 2017.

1 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL – HOSPICE VAUGHAN

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer and Director, Financial Planning & Development Finance and Deputy City Treasurer, dated October 2, 2017:

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer and Director, Financial Planning & Development Finance and Deputy City Treasurer in consultation with the Deputy City Manager, Legal and Human Resources recommend:

1. That the application from Hospice Vaughan for deferral of Development Charges be dealt with as an exception to the City Wide Development Charge Deferral Policy; and
2. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer to execute a Development Charge Deferral Agreement with Hospice Vaughan and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to defer the City of Vaughan's Development Charges in a form satisfactory to the Deputy City Manager, Legal and Human Resources, upon Council approval of the associated Site Plan DA.17.011.

Contribution to Sustainability

Hospice Vaughan provides key services to the general public in the area of palliative care. While this is not a service performed by the municipality it still contributes to the sustainability of key social and health services to Vaughan residents.

Economic Impact

The estimated City of Vaughan Development Charges (DCs) in the amount of \$141,725 would be deferred until the date the facility ceases to operate as a Hospice Vaughan Palliative Care Facility. This is not seen as a significant impact to the City's overall DC collections and associated capital program.

Communications Plan

This report will be available through the public agenda process and no additional communication plan is recommended.

Purpose

To address the request from Hospice Vaughan to defer DCs for the proposed Residential Hospice Palliative Care Facility.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request for deferral of DCs was received from Weston Consulting, on behalf of Hospice Vaughan, who is proposing to construct a two-storey 10 bed hospice palliative care facility on lands owned by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). The lands are north of Rutherford Road and East of Islington Avenue and are the subject of Site Plan application DA.17.011 proposing a 2,500 square metre facility.

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Hospice Vaughan is a registered non-profit organization providing services that are available to the general public. The proposed facility will include 10 private bedrooms for palliative care, inter-professional education and research on patient care, hospice day programs open to all members of the community, day programs and counselling for children with a loved one staying at the facility and spiritual and psychosocial programs.

On August 8, 2016, the Province announced it was committing to invest \$1.05 million annually in Hospice Vaughan, once construction of its new 10-bed care hospice facility is complete.

In 2005, Council adopted a City Wide DCs Deferral Policy (“the Policy”) setting out the qualifying criteria enabling all qualified applicants to receive deferral of the City of Vaughan’s City Wide DCs.

Deferral for services/uses provided by the City of Vaughan or the Regional Municipality of York or any local board thereof may be considered under the policy. Palliative care and other services provided by Hospice Vaughan in the proposed facility are services typically provided for or funded by the Province of Ontario. Provincial services were excluded from the Policy, however Staff are of the opinion that the spirit of the Policy would suggest that such services should be considered for DC deferrals. Staff are therefore recommending that an exception to the Policy be approved. Staff will consider including Provincial services in the next review and update of the Development Charge Deferral Policy planned in 2018.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

Support to Hospice Vaughan relates to the Council Priority of “Ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens”. It will provide key social and health services to Vaughan residents through its provincially funded mandate.

Regional Implications

Per past practice, it is expected that York Region will follow the City’s lead and provide a deferral on Regional DCs estimated at \$481,650.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the application for deferral of DCs from Hospice Vaughan be dealt with as a specific exception to the City’s Policy.

Attachments

1 – Development Charges Deferral Request- Weston Consulting on behalf of Hospice Vaughan

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)