

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

June 16, 2009

A special meeting of Upper Grand District School Board, notice of which was given on June 11, 2009, was held on June 16, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Wellington County Administration Centre, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. A meeting of the Wellington Catholic District School Board was conducted simultaneously.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive and consider a report on the review of Upper Grand District School Board's current Education Development Charges policies, and to hear delegation(s) from the public regarding the respective Education Development Charges policies review.

The Chair, Trustee Borden, presided, and all members were present with the exception of Trustees Best and Edwards.

Trustees of Upper Grand District School Board introduced themselves and identified the area(s) which they represent. Also in attendance were Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, Mr. D.S. Cuomo, the Board's Manager of Planning, and Ms. J.D. Wright, Superintendent of Finance, and Mr. Jack Ammendolia of The Ammendolia Group Ltd., Mr. Brad Teichman of McCarthy Tétrault, and Messrs. Ilan Saksznajder and Chris Vardon of Cushman & Wakefield LePage, Valuation and Advisory Services.

AGENDA

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Busuttil, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole, in open session, with the Chair presiding.

The motion carried.

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PUBLIC SESSION

In his opening remarks, Chair Borden noted that Upper Grand District School Board was proposing to enact an Education Development Charges By-law which would apply to land in the County of Wellington. The Board was also proposing to enact an Education Development Charges By-law that would apply to land in Dufferin County. The new By-laws were required because the current By-laws were scheduled to expire on August 31, 2009.

The Board would be conducting two public meetings this evening as part of the process of passing the new By-laws. The first public meeting would deal with a review of the current Education Development Charges policies of the Board as reflected in its By-law. The second public meeting would address the proposed By-laws that the Board anticipated passing on August 17, 2009. The *Education Act*, which was the legislation that governed Education Development Charges, required that the Board convene the two public meetings before passing new By-laws. The public meetings that Upper Grand District School Board would be convening would apply to both the County of Wellington and the County of Dufferin.

The primary purpose of any Board in implementing Education Development Charges was to provide a source of funding for new school sites. These were not funded by a per pupil grant under the Province's funding model.

Education Development Charges may be set at any level, provided that:

- the procedures set out in the Regulation and required by the Ministry were followed and only growth-related net education land costs were recovered; and
- no more than 40% of the applicable costs were recovered from non-residential development.

The Education Development Charges calculation was based on new pupils that would be generated by housing units within the By-law area, for which building permits would be issued over the fifteen year period and for which additional school accommodation was required.

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES POLICY REVIEW

At this evening's meeting, copies of a document entitled, "EDC Public Meeting Package - Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board - Policy Review Meeting and EDC Bylaw Renewal Meeting - June 16, 2009" were distributed.

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Presentation by The Ammendolia Group Ltd.

Chair Borden introduced and welcomed Mr. Jack Ammendolia of the Ammendolia Group Ltd., the Board's economic consultant. Using PowerPoint technology and with reference to the above-noted document, Mr. Ammendolia addressed the Education Development Charge Policy Review under the headings of "Education Development Charge Policies" and "A Review of Existing Policies" (Percentage of growth related net education land costs to be borne through EDC's, Exemptions - Residential/Non-Residential, Jurisdiction Wide vs. Area Municipal (or Sub Area) Charges, Demolition and Conversion Credits, Percentage of net education land costs to be born by residential and non-residential development, Uniform charges for all types of development vs. differentiated charges, Bylaw term, Application of operating budget surplus, and Alternative accommodation arrangements). Questions of clarification followed.

Presentation by McCarthy Tétrault

Mr. Brad Teichman of McCarthy Tétrault, the Board's legal counsel, made a presentation on the Education Development Charges policy review, identifying five requirements which have to be satisfied by the Board in this regard.

DELEGATION(S)

Although a purpose of the meeting was to solicit public input, and the public was invited to make representation to the Board in person or by written submission with regard to the Education Development Charges policies review, no delegation(s) chose to do so, and no members of the public were in attendance.

Trustee Gohn moved that:

- (a) the EDC Policies report, as presented by Mr. Jack Ammendolia of The Ammendolia Group Ltd. be received as information, and
- (b) the EDC Policies report, as presented by Mr. Brad Teichman of McCarthy Tétrault be received as information.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

Trustee Waterston moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to the

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Board.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole, in open session, be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Busuttil, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 7:25 p.m.

The motion carried.

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Chair

Recording Secretary

Secretary