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Finance Report No. FN-006-24

Council Date: July 8, 2024
To: Mayor Greenwood-Speers and Members of Council
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Treasurer
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Subject: **Development Charges 2023 Treasurer's Annual Statement**

Recommendation:

THAT Finance Report No. FN-006-24, "Development Charges 2023 Treasurer's Annual Statement" be received for information; and,

THAT Staff report FN-006-24 and Schedule A be placed on the Township's website.

Background:

What are Development Charges

The Development Charges Act (DCA), 1997 provides the legislative framework for the collection and use of Development Charges (DC). Development charges are a fee charged by the municipality for the recovery of growth costs. Growth costs are recovered to build new infrastructure supporting growth, to pay down existing debt for past growth works and to avoid taxpayers paying for costs that serve growth.

In 2021 a Development Charges background study was completed by Watson & Associates who presented a report entitled "Township of Frontenac Islands 2021 Development Charges Background Study" dated May 31, 2021. On August 4th, 2021, the Township subsequently passed by-law 2021-20 to establish development charges for the Corporation of the Township of Frontenac Islands. The by-law has a life span of 5 years.

Treasurer's Annual Statement

The Act provides that the Treasurer of a municipality, on or before such a date as council may direct, shall give Council an annual financial statement for each Development Charges Reserve Fund established under the Act and the Municipality's Development Charges By-law.

Section 43(2) of the Development Charges Act (DCA) prescribes the information that must be included in the Treasurer's annual statement. The requirements are as follows:

- Opening and closing balance of the Reserve Funds
- All transactions in the fund
- Identify all assets funded by Development Charges (DCs) and how the portions not funded by DCs were funded
- A statement from the Treasurer that the Township is in compliance with section 59.1 (1) of the Development Charges Act (DCA)
- This statement must be available to the public

Section 59.1 of the Development Charges Act Specifically prohibits municipalities from imposing additional payments on developers or requiring construction of a service unless specifically authorized under DCA or another Act. This provision does not affect a municipality's right to include conditions for installation, or payment for local services, but is intended to close the door on other "voluntary" payments that may have been sought by municipalities outside the legislative framework. The importance that the province places on this new section is reinforced by (a) requiring that the Treasurer's report must now include a statement confirming the municipality is in compliance with Section 59.1(1); and (b) granting extensive investigative powers to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to investigate whether a municipality is in compliance. The Township of Frontenac Islands complies with section 59.1(1) of the Development Charges Act.

Financial Implications

Wolfe Island

During 2023 Frontenac Islands collected \$47,401.40 in development charges to fund growth on Wolfe Island. These funds were collected and held in reserve to support growth reacted Administration (4.78%), Public Works Roads (89.92%) and Parks, Rec & Library (5.30%). Interest accrued on Wolfe's portion of the Development Charges Reserve Fund amounted to \$6,365.87. Development Charges were not used to fund any capital projects in 2023.

Refer to Schedule A for the Statement of Development Charges Reserve Fund for 2023.

Howe Island

During 2023 Frontenac Islands collected \$24,349.00 in development charges to fund growth on Howe Island. These funds were collected and held in reserve to support growth related to Administration (4.34%), Fire Protection (55.12%) and Public Works Roads (89.92%). Interest accrued on Howe's portion of the Development Charges Reserve Fund amounted to \$3,530.33. Development Charges were not used to fund any capital projects in 2023.

Refer to Schedule A for the Statement of Development Charges Reserve Fund for 2023.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the Statement Development Charge Reserve Fund for year ended December 31, 2023 (Schedule A) be received and posted on the Township's website.

Attachments:

Schedule A – Statement of Development Charges Reserve Fund

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Collins, CPA
Treasurer

July 2, 2024
Date

Approved by,



Vanessa Latimer, AMCT
CAO/Clerk

July 3, 2024
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