JUNE 3, 2008

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - SEMI-ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommends:

- That in accordance with the appropriate semi-annual adjustments sections of each respective development charge by-law, the City Wide Development Charge rates and Special Service Area Development Charge rates be increased 3.5% effective July 1, 2008; and
- 2) That the following revised Development Charge Rates (Attachment 1) be approved.

Economic Impact

The semi-annual adjustment will provide a 3.6% increase in City-Wide Development Charges and Special Area Development Charges. The increase is intended to reflect the increase in construction costs.

Communications Plan

Public notice through the agenda process.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval to index the City of Vaughan Development Charges pursuant to the semi-annual adjustment provision in the respective City of Vaughan Development Charge Bylaws.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Development Charges Act authorizes municipalities to pass By-laws for the recovery of capital costs incurred to provide services to all new development and re-development. A clause in each of the City of Vaughan's Development Charge By-laws states the development charges can be adjusted semi-annually without amendments to the by-laws, as of the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year in accordance with the most recent change in the Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Statistics (catalogue No. 62-007).

In order to protect the municipality from escalating construction costs and based on a review of the Statistics Quarterly Construction Price Statistics (catalogue No. 62-007), the City Wide Development Charges and Special Service Area Development Charge Rates should be increased by 3.6% which reflects the six (6) month increase in the index for the period September 30, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council specifically Ensure Financial Sustainability and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff recommend that the City of Vaughan Development Charges be increased by 3.6%. The City Wide Development Charge and the Special Service Area Development Charges may be indexed without amending the existing by-law. The revised schedules reflecting the new rates are attached.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Revised Development Charge Rates Attachment 2 – Summary of Special Area Charges

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Development Charge Schedule

	Single/Semi Detached		Multiple Unit		Apartment			
RESIDENTIAL					2 or more Bedrooms		Less than 2 Bedrooms	
City of Vaughan								
(Effective July 1 , 2008)								
Engineering Services	\$	2,959	\$	2,535	\$	1,649	\$	1,649
General Services	\$	7,589	\$	6,506	\$	4,228	\$	4,228
Total *	\$	10,548	\$	9,041	\$	5,877	\$	5,877
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Industrial/Office Institutional			Retail				
City of Vaughan								
(Effective July 1, 2008)								
Total*			\$	18.25			\$	18.25

^{*}Rates are also available at www.vaughan.ca

Note - Specific Area Development Charges may be applicable, maps available on the Web Site



Summary of Special Area Charges

The City Above Toronto

BY-LAW	SERVICE	AREA	CHARGE PER HECTARE	
351-2003	Clarence Street Sanitary Sewer	D-2	\$	10,200
352-2003	Pressure District 6 Watermain - Residential	D-3	\$	7,563
352-2003	Pressure District 6 Watermain - Non Residential	D-3	\$	10,059
353-2003	Western Maple Subtrunk Sanitary Sewer (Keele to Maple Collector)	D-4	\$	755
354-2003	Western Maple Subtrunk Sanitary Sewer (Rutherford Road to Keele St.)	D-5	\$	2,722
355-2003	Rainbow Creek Drainage Works	D-8	\$	7,416
356-2003	Langstaff Road Watermain	D-11	\$	8,152
357-2003	Pressure District 5 West (Woodbridge Watermain)	D-15	\$	9,296
358-2003	Concord Trunk Extension (Segment One)	D-16	\$	5,769 -
359-2003	Concord Trunk Extension (Segment Two)	D-17	\$	15,248
360-2003	Pressure District 6 West (Major Mackenzie Drive Watermain)	D-18	\$	3,588
361-2003	Pressure District 6 East (Rutherford Road Watermain)	D-19	\$	6,593
362-2003	Pressure District 7 Watermain West	D-20	\$	15,644
363-2003	Dufferin/Teston Sanitary Sewer (OPA 332 Ultimate Outlet)	D-23	\$	11,575
364-2003	Ansley Grove Sanitary Sub Trunk	D-24	\$	2,472

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