



Halton District School Board

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INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

TO: The Chair and Members of the
Halton District School Board

FROM: Lucy Veerman, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Update Status Regarding EDC Review

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This report is to update the Board on the progress of the 2013-2018 Halton District School Board (HDSB) Education Development Charges Review.

Discussion

During the past several months, Watson and Associates has been reviewing data and preparing documentation in order to develop Education Development Charges Background Study for both the HCDSB and the HDSB. This study will form the basis of establish a residential and non-residential charge that will be included in the respective Boards' EDC by-law.

On March 27, 2013 Watson Ltd. held a 'Joint Stakeholders Meeting' at their Mississauga office which was attended by representatives of the development industry and municipal government community. Jack Ammendolia presented Watson Ltd.'s preliminary EDC Background Study findings and provided some preliminary recommended EDC rates, subject to further review and ultimately final approval by the respective Boards. Questions raised at this meeting were technical in nature.

At this point in time, Watson and Associates has prepared the relevant EDC forms:

- Forms A, C and D, which outline the projected enrolments and capacity as well as the projected residential and non-residential forecast;
- Form H1 and H2. Form H1 outlines what the new education land costs are and what the proposed charge will be for both residential and non residential. Form H2 shows what the differentiated charge will be;

As well, the consultants have:

- Compared the education land costs in this calculation to what the costs were in the most recent amendment;
- Undertaken a reserve fund analysis with particular emphasis on the deficit and the reason for the deficit;

Conclusion

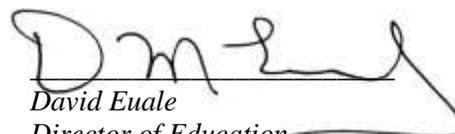
The next step in the process is to release the EDC Background Study is to provide the background study to the Ministry of Education on or before April 19, 2013 and release it to the public in early May of 2013.

At this time, a Public Meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2013. On this date there will be two meetings - one dealing with reviewing the policies of the existing bylaw while the other deals with the proposed new EDC Bylaw. It is expected that the EDC By-Law will be presented at the June 19, 2013 Board meeting for approval.

Respectfully Submitted

(signed)

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