



# Committee Report

**To:** Warden Janice Jackson  
Members of the Corporate Services Committee

**From:** Edward Henley  
Director of Corporate Services

**Date:** November 4, 2021

**Re:** Development Charges Public Meeting Recap

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## **Staff Recommendation:**

The Development Charges Public Meeting Recap report is for information.

## **Background:**

The Development Charges (D.C.) Public Meeting was held on October 28, 2021 and comments were received from members of the Public, staff from the local municipalities and from Council.

Some of the issues raised include, but are not limited to:

- Consideration for exemptions for certain properties that have experienced delays in approvals due to appeals to Tribunals and other reasons,
- Consideration for exemptions for industrial and commercial development either County-wide or for specified areas,
- Clarification of the exemptions for development on farm properties and consideration for expanding the exemption from bona fide farm purposes to also include certain commercial and industrial purposes,
- Consideration of Transit D.C.s beyond funding certain transit studies that are already included, and
- Consulting with the local municipalities on the procedures for the collecting of the D.C.s.

These issues will take some time for review and many would have to be reflected in the proposed D.C. by-law wording. Staff will be deferring the presentation of the proposed D.C. by-law from the scheduled date of December 2, 2021 to a later date once the review is completed and proposed amendments are prepared.

This deferral will allow Council and staff to further reflect on the proposal and receive additional feedback from the public.

## **Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

Staff will review the feedback from the Public and Council and also consult with staff at the local municipalities to further refine the proposed DC by-law.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

None identified.

**Approved for Submission:**

Sandra Datars Bere  
Chief Administrative Officer