

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Audit, Finance & Administration Committee: November 21, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Methodology for Infrastructure Master Plans to Support Future Calculation of Variable Development Charges

WHEREAS at the June 12, 2019 meeting, City Council repealed Development Charges (DC) By-law 14-153 and enacted a new 2019 DC By-law effective June 13, 2019;

WHEREAS the DC By-law is a result of compiling the City's infrastructure Master Plans;

WHEREAS the *Development Charges Act, 1997* requires a process to be followed which results in a calculated DC;

WHEREAS the adoption of variable DC rates must be predicated on either a defined and defensible methodology calculation or by policy (such as providing a partial exemption to the calculated DC rate);

WHEREAS the City's 2019 DC By-law reflects the results of such a review for water and wastewater services, and as a result includes a variable approach in calculating the 2019 DC By-law rate for stormwater services;

WHEREAS all other services are calculated on a city-wide basis;

WHEREAS the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* (Bill 108) will remove the discounted (soft) services from the Development Charges Act once proclaimed into force and provides a defined list of services that will remain in the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and,

WHEREAS the City's current GRIDS 2 process will ultimately identify growth allocations by traffic zone throughout the city to 2041;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee on methodology options including an assessment of the financial impacts for future updates to the Transportation Master Plan (including transit services); 10-year Fire Service Delivery Plan; and Waste Services Master Plan; that will provide the basis for a variable rate calculation as part of the next Development Charges (DC) By-law update should Council wish to take a variable rate approach.