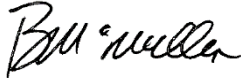




## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	January 8, 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	UPDATE – 2024 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-laws (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Brian McMullen Director, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Corporate Services Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

The City of Hamilton's existing Development Charges By-law is set to expire at the end of the day on June 12, 2024. A new Development Charges Background Study and By-law will be considered at Council prior to the date of expiration.

The 2024 Development Charges Background Study and the Draft Development Charges By-law are now available and posted to the City's [website](#).

In fulfillment of the direction received through Staff Report [FCS23040\(a\)](#), the materials released also include the proposed exemptions and other policies endorsed by Council for public consultation through Report [FCS23103](#) and the proposed Area Specific and Local Service Policies endorsed by Council for public consultation through Report [FCS23104](#). Staff have also sent a communication about the release of these materials to known stakeholders and individuals who have previously contacted staff regarding the Background Study and related documents.

There are several engagement opportunities for feedback from interested stakeholders:

1. General comments and questions can continue to be sent to staff via [DCBackgroundStudy@hamilton.ca](mailto:DCBackgroundStudy@hamilton.ca).
2. An in-person public engagement session is planned for Tuesday, January 23, 2024, from 7 to 9 p.m. in City Hall, Room 264. A panel of staff and the DC consultant will be available.

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3. A virtual public engagement session is planned for Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A panel of staff and the DC consultant will be available.
4. The Public Meeting required under the *Development Charges Act* is planned to be held at the February 22, 2024 meeting of the Audit, Finance & Administration (AF&A) Committee. Notice of this meeting will be placed in local newspapers and communicated through the City's social media channels.
5. Additional information on any of the above engagement opportunities can be requested via email to [DCBackgroundStudy@hamilton.ca](mailto:DCBackgroundStudy@hamilton.ca).

Following the public engagement sessions (January 23 and 24 as noted above) staff will bring a report forward to the statutory public meeting at AF&A on February 22, 2024. Public feedback from all meetings will be considered in a comprehensive staff report at AF & A in April 2024 prior to Council's endorsement and adoption of the by-laws by June 1, 2024.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None

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