

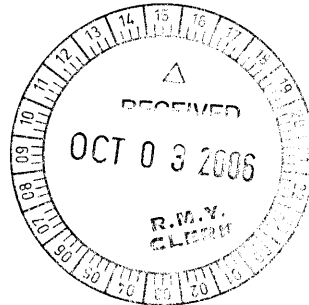
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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - 904

L Russell

Honourable Sir,

Re: *Revising the Development Charges Act*

At its meeting of September 11th, 2006 Council of the Township of King considered the enclosed resolution of the Council of the Town of Newmarket regarding the Development Charges Act Reform.

Council endorses the enclosed resolution and joins the Town of Newmarket in requesting the Province of Ontario to immediately commence a consultative process with the municipal and development sectors to revise the Development Charges Act to address the issues noted above and other concerns that may be raised by the municipal sector.

Yours truly,

Chris Somerville
Clerk
Encls.

cc. Hon. Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance
Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Julia Munro, MPP, York-North
Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario
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Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York
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August 28, 2006

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

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RESOLUTION R9-2006

WHEREAS the last update of the *Development Charges Act* 1997 was nine (9) years ago;

AND WHEREAS the current *Development Charges Act* does not permit the collection of development charges to fund growth related capital costs for the following services which were previously eligible under the old Act;

- Hospitals;
- Headquarters for municipal administration;
- Computer Equipment;
- Cultural facilities such as museums, theatres and art galleries; and
- Waste management services

AND WHEREAS the current *Development Charges Act* requires a mandatory 10% reduction in the charge for growth related "soft services" such as community centres, libraries and parks;

AND WHEREAS the requirement in the current *Development Charges Act* to collect based on the average service level over the previous 10 years is too restrictive and creates practical calculation and implementation issues;

AND WHEREAS the current *Development Charges Act* does not adequately provide for solutions to meet the challenges of growth that evolve over time (i.e. transportation through subways and forms of higher order transit);

AND WHEREAS the Province indicated to the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) in August 2005 that a review of the *Development Charges Act* would commence in the near future;

AND WHEREAS the growth related capital costs are significant, growth continues to occur and growth should pay for growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

THAT the Council of the Town of Newmarket requests the Province of Ontario to immediately commence a consultative process with the municipal and development sectors to revise the *Development Charges Act* to address the issues noted above and other concerns that may be raised by the municipal sector;

AND THAT said resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing, Julia Munro MPP, the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, York Region and the local municipalities of York Region.


Mayor Taylor