



City of Kingston
Council Meeting
Addendum

2025-02

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

Council will resolve into the Committee of the Whole “Closed Meeting” at 6:30 p.m. and will reconvene as regular Council at 7 p.m.
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***16. Report Number 09: Received from the Administrative Policies Committee**

***1. Tax Write Offs Pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 (2024-3)**

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(Exhibit A to [Report Number AP-25-003](#))

That Council approve the cancellation, reduction, or refund of taxes pursuant to applications made under Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 totaling \$175,610.92 of which \$137,229.31 is the City's portion and the amount charged back to the school boards is \$38,381.61, for the properties listed in Exhibit A to Report Number AP-25-003.

18. Information Reports

***2. 2024 Development Charges Background Study Update and Annual Indexing**

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(Report Number 25-047 from the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of the Development Charges Background Study and By-Law update project timelines and annual indexing process.

21. New Motions

*2. Gender Based Education

The consent of Council is requested for the **withdrawal** of New Motion 2.

Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Councillor Cinanni

Whereas women represent over 50% of the population across the country, but according to 2023 research conducted by the Canadian Municipal Barometer at the University of Calgary on behalf of Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) program only 31% of municipal elected representatives; and

Whereas Dr. Tracey Raney reports via her Social Sciences and Humanity Research Council (SSHRC) funded research that women (and especially racialized women) are disproportionately targeted by violence and harassment and what's more, that the problem is ubiquitous throughout Canadian politics; and

Whereas Kingston City Council voted to support Private Member's Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act in 2022; and

Whereas Kingston City Council voted on May 2, 2023 to support the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipalities; and

Whereas violence against women and gender inequities exist locally to the extent that Kingston City Council passed a motion on October 17, 2023 declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic of which women disproportionately experience; and

Whereas gender equality is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms specifically Section 15 and Section 28, which is part of the Constitution of Canada, along with federal legislation of Canadian Labour Code Part II, Gender Budgeting Act, and the Employment Equity; and

Whereas gender equality means that diverse groups of women, men and gender diverse people are able to participate fully in all spheres of Canadian life, contributing to an inclusive and democratic society; and

Whereas Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) is an analytical process that provides a rigorous method for the assessment of systemic inequalities, as well as a means to assess how diverse groups of women, men, and gender diverse people may experience policies, programs and initiatives; and

Whereas the Canadian Government has recently renewed its

commitment in 2015, to GBA+, which first began in 1995, and is working to strengthen its implementation across all federal departments; and

Whereas the cities of Edmonton (2017), Halifax (2021) and Brampton (2023) have passed motions to support gender equity such as implementing mandatory GBA+ e-learning training for senior leaders in the Administration and/or for City Councillors utilizing the federal government's e-learning tool, and creating Women's Advocacy/Advisory Committees; and

Whereas the need for concrete action is critical to lessening gender inequity and eliminating violence against women;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Kingston City Council direct staff to:

1. Implement mandatory Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) e-learning training for senior leaders in the administration and for City Council by the end of Q2 2025 that this training utilize the federal government's e-learning tool;
2. Develop within the IIDEA Division a plan to address gender equity in Kingston that considers the possible establishment of a Women's Advisory Committee by no later than the end of Q4 2025.

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Property Listing - Section 357(1) and Section 358(1) Tax Adjustments

Application Number	Roll Number	Property Location	From	To	Reason for Adjustment	Property Tax Class	Assessed Value Change	Amount of Tax Cancellation
Section 357(1) Applications								
1899	090.050.00801.0000	96-100 Innovation Drive	28-Feb-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(d) Fire, Demo	CTN	1,480,900	\$ 77,245.70
						DTN	1,343,200	-
						DUN	56,100	-
						CUN	(56,200)	-
1900	040.110.10600.0000	4 Harvey Street	26-Apr-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(c) Became Exempt	ITN	1,145,500	\$ 34,570.84
						IUN	24,500	-
						EN	(1,170,000)	-
1901	080.190.12564.0000	143 Resource Road	16-May-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(c) Became Exempt	IXN	123,000	\$ 3,187.80
						EN	(123,000)	-
1903	070.150.00105.0000	730 King Street West	28-Feb-22	31-Dec-22	357(1)(c) Became Exempt	RTEP	796,000	\$ 9,368.92
						EN	(796,000)	-
1904	070.150.00105.0000	730 King Street West	1-Jan-23	31-Dec-23	357(1)(c) Became Exempt	RTEP	796,000	\$ 11,499.09
						EN	(796,000)	-
1905	080.130.18200.0000	4094 Bath Road	12-Mar-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(d) Fire, Demo	RTEP	10,000	\$ 112.97
1906	080.200.14300.0000	2956 Princess Street	5-Jul-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(d) Fire, Demo	RTEP	146,000	\$ 1,006.43
1907	080.200.14200.0000	2964 Princess Street	5-Jul-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(d) Fire, Demo	RTEP	118,000	\$ 813.42
1908	080.181.00190.0000	175 Splinter Court	17-Jun-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(d) Fire, Demo	RTEP	366,000	\$ 2,775.29

Application Number	Roll Number	Property Location	From	To	Reason for Adjustment	Property Tax Class	Assessed Value Change	Amount of Tax Cancellation
1911	090.010.25800.0000	4044 Seabrooke Road	1-Jan-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(f) Clerical Error	RTEP	77,000	\$ 1,051.29
1914	080.180.00600.0000	1300-1350 Bath Road	1-Sep-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(c) Became Exempt	STN	1,840,456	\$ 20,171.91
						SUN	27,300	-
						EN	(1,821,456)	-
						CUN	(27,300)	-
						CTN	(19,000)	-
1917	080.010.03700.0000	12 Dale Street	10-Sep-24	31-Dec-24	357(1)(d) Fire, Demo	RTEP	135,000	\$ 584.22
Section 358(1) Applications								
1909	090.010.25800.0000	4044 Seabrooke Road	1-Jan-22	31-Dec-22	358(1) Clerical Error	RTEP	77,000	\$ 984.35
1910	090.010.25800.0000	4044 Seabrooke Road	1-Jan-23	31-Dec-23	358(1) Clerical Error	RTEP	77,000	\$ 1,019.74
1912	090.020.26280.0000	2485 Hitchcock Road	1-Jan-23	31-Dec-23	358(1) Clerical Error	RTEP	124,000	\$ 1,642.19
1913	090.020.26280.0000	2485 Hitchcock Road	1-Jan-22	31-Dec-22	358(1) Clerical Error	RTEP	124,000	\$ 1,585.17
1915	040.020.03802.0000	11 James Street	1-Jan-22	31-Dec-22	358(1) Clerical Error	RTEP	281,000	\$ 3,932.23
1916	040.020.03802.0000	11 James Street	1-Jan-23	31-Dec-23	358(1) Clerical Error	RTEP	281,000	\$ 4,059.36
Total								\$ 175,610.92
<u>Distribution of Amounts</u>								
Municipal Portion								\$ 137,229.31
School Portion								\$ 38,381.61
Total								\$ 175,610.92



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 25-047**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer
Resource Staff: None
Date of Meeting: December 17, 2024
Subject: 2024 Development Charges Background Study Update and Annual Indexing

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Policies & by-laws

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

Subsection 2(1) of the [Development Charges Act, 1997](#) (the Act) authorizes municipalities to impose development charges in order to provide a viable capital funding source for infrastructure that is required to support future development in the municipality. The City collects development charges pursuant to By-Law Number 2019-116, "A By-Law To Establish Development Charges For The City Of Kingston" (Development Charge By-Law). To ensure the City can continue collecting development charges, the City is in the process of preparing a new development charges background study and by-law to replace the existing Development Charges By-Law.

A draft Development Charges Background Study and By-Law will be posted on the City's website on December 17, 2024. A public meeting to review the draft Development Charges Background Study And By-Law is scheduled for February 4, 2025, and the new by-law is scheduled to be in place for March 1, 2025.

By-Law Number 2019-116 currently provides for an annual indexing on the first day of January in accordance with the non-residential building construction price index (Ottawa Region); however, the annual indexing process is normally not a requirement in the year that the

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background study and by-law are being updated. Because development charges will be appropriately increased on March 1, 2025, to align with the updated background study calculations and related by-law, an annual indexing factor will not be applied to the current charges on January 1, 2025.

Recommendation:

This report is for information only.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & CITY TREASURER

Desiree Kennedy, Chief
Financial Officer & City
Treasurer

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services	Not required
Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Transportation & Emergency Services	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Options/Discussion:**Background**

On September 3, 2019, Council passed By-Law Number 2019-116, "A By-Law To Establish Development Charges For The City Of Kingston" (Development Charge By-Law), which allows development charges to be collected by the City as a viable capital funding source for growth related infrastructure. On September 3, 2024, Council amended the existing Development Charges By-Law to extend the effective term until such time as a new by-law could be passed. The extension amended the timelines for the development charges background study project, allowing for additional public engagement including a more thorough review and consultation with the development community.

Representatives from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. have been working with City staff to develop the new background study and by-law. The background study must be made available for public review for at least 60 days before by-law adoption and the City must hold a public meeting to present the background study and consider any feedback. A draft Development Charges Background Study and By-Law will be posted on the City's website on December 17, 2024. A public meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025 and the new by-law is scheduled to be in place for March 1, 2025.

Analysis

The current Development Charges By-Law Number 2019-116 provides for an annual indexing of the charges on the first day of January in accordance with the non-residential building construction price index (Ottawa Region). However, the annual indexing process is normally not a requirement in the year that the background study and by-law are being updated.

With the extension of the Development Charges By-Law's effective term into the subsequent year, the indexing clause remains in effect; however, recognizing that the development charges will be reset subsequent to adoption of the by-law, based on the updated growth capital requirements and growth projections included in the background study, an annual indexing factor will not be applied to the current charges on January 1, 2025.

Additional meetings with the development community as well as a public open house are being scheduled in January 2025 to review the draft background study, with a virtual public open house scheduled for January 15, 2025. At the public meeting scheduled for February 4, 2025, representatives from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. will provide Council with a briefing on the draft background study and by-law.

Should the increase to the development charges be delayed as a result of an appeal or any other unanticipated delays in implementing the updated development charges, staff will apply an indexing adjustment to the current rates on March 1, 2025, as provide for in the current by-law.

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Existing Policy/By-Law

By-Law Number 2019-116, A By-Law To Establish Development Charges For The City Of Kingston, Cited As The "City Of Kingston Development Charge By Law 2019".

Financial Considerations

The City will continue to collect development charges at the current development charge rates until the new bylaw comes into effect.

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Exhibits Attached:

None