

**Minutes of Committee Meeting
of City Council
Held Monday, April 7, 2014**

Present:

Deputy Mayor Vrebosch, Maroosis, Vaillancourt, Campbell, Bain, Mayne, King, Mendicino.

General Government Committee:

The following item was dealt with:

GG-2014-04 ***Public Meeting Held under the Development Charges Act***

Report from Al Lang and Margaret Karpenko dated February 24, 2014 re 2014 Development Charges.

Councillor Maroosis explained the purpose of the meeting.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that notice of the meeting was given by way of advertisements in the North Bay Nugget on the 8th day of March, 2014 and the 15th day of March, 2014.

Al Lang and Margaret Karpenko explained the proposed increase of the Development Charges.

Councillor Maroosis asked for public presentations regarding the proposed increase of the Development Charges.

Rick Miller

Representing North Bay and District Home Builders Association

- The Home Builders Association and DLAC Members are very pleased to be part of the process regarding the Development Charges Study.
- The Home Builders Association understands that development has to pay for development but how do we get to this point without discouraging development.
- The 0.9% increase is over and above the increase built into the By-Law.
- They have two issues:
 - (i) Construction Price Index:
 - The use of the Construction Price Index from Stats Canada. This does not necessarily reflect the trends in North Bay.
 - There has been a substantial decrease in the construction of single family dwellings.
 - Development Charges are part of the issue of people building in outlying areas.
 - The Home Builders Association is concerned but is not indicating that this is the only factor.
 - (ii) Fees:
 - The same Development Charge fee is charged regardless of the value (\$200,000.00 or \$1,000,000.00) or the size of the house being built.
 - Sizes of homes being built in the City have dropped.
- North Bay and District Home Builders Association want to work with Council and staff to make things better for the City.

B.J. Szabicot
Representing Habitat for Humanity

- While doing the new Development Charges Study please look at the possibility of exempting CRA Registered Charities from Development Charges.
- This will enable more affordable housing within the City.

Myles Peters

- Reduce the Development Charges to a third of what they are today this way you increase the tax base and bring in more money in taxes down the road.
- Believes this would have a significant impact on the economy if the fees were reduced.
- Reduction of the fees shows that North Bay is open for development and would stimulate more jobs.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on April 14, 2014.

Community Services Committee:

The following item was dealt with:

CS-2014-07 Report from Tina Murphy dated March 14, 2014 re On-Street Parking By-Law.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on April 14, 2014.

Engineering and Works Committee:

The following item was dealt with:

EW-2014-03 Report from Tina Murphy dated March 14, 2014 re Traffic By-Law.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on April 14, 2014.

General Government Committee:

GG-2013-09 Report from Margaret Karpenko dated August 6, 2013 re 2014 Operating Budget Timelines and Process.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on April 14, 2014.

Business Unit Presentation:

Corporate Services – Lea Janisse

Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Mayor Allan McDonald

Deputy City Clerk Karen McIsaac