

# Town of Aurora Information Report

Subject:2017 Development Charges Reserve Funds StatementPrepared by:Dan Elliott, Director of Financial Services - TreasurerDepartment:Financial ServicesDate:April 17, 2018

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request that this Information Report be placed on an upcoming General Committee or Council meeting agenda for discussion.

## **Executive Summary**

This report provides a year end summary of development charge (DC) activity and reserve balances, as required under the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.27 as amended (the "DC Act").

- Aurora held Development Charge Reserves totaling \$15.4 million
- Aurora collected \$5.39 million of Development Charges during 2017
- Developers have committed to construct \$8.98 million of DC credit eligible projects

## Background

Development charges are imposed by the Town of Aurora to recover growth-related capital costs from residential and non-residential developments as determined under the Act. Development Charges collected are held in separate reserve funds until spent.

The DC Act outlines specific reporting requirements for DC reserves funds. Sections 33 and 43 of the DC Act, require that:

- A municipality that has passed a DC bylaw shall establish a separate reserve fund for each service to which the DC relates and fund only eligible capital costs.
- The Treasurer of the municipality shall provide Council a financial statement relating to the DC bylaws and reserve funds established.

This financial statement must identify all assets where capital costs were funded in whole or in part under a DC bylaw and the manner for which any capital cost not funded under the bylaw was or will be funded.

Municipalities are also required to identify all other sources of funding applied to each project funded with DC's and provide a detailed summary of activities for each DC reserve fund for the year.

## Analysis

### Aurora held Development Charges Reserves totaling \$15.4 million net.

As of December 31, 2017, the Town's DC reserve fund balance was \$15.4 million as shown under Part 1 of detailed Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement in Attachment #1. This amount includes \$3.1 million of DC funds committed to capital projects but which were unspent at year end. Part II of this noted statement details how DC reserve fund monies were spent for both operational and capital needs.

### Aurora collected \$5.39 million of Development Charges during 2017.

The total Town DC's collected in 2017 amounted to \$5.39 million. DC reserve funds which are reported as being in an overdrawn balance have technically been financed internally by borrowing against other DC reserve funds or other Town reserve fund balances. Interest is charged for the borrowing in accordance with the DC Act. For clarity, the individual internal borrowing accounts are not shown in Part I of the attachment.

### Developers committed to construct \$8.98 million of DC credit eligible projects.

Part III of the statement outlines the continuity of outstanding DC credits. DC credits arise from agreements with developers to construct DC eligible infrastructure on behalf of the Town. Such projects may include upsizing a sewer inside their subdivision, installing a pumping station, building a park or trail or eligible works outside of their subdivision lands. The Town normally pays the DC credit upon completion of the specific works, and documented acceptance by Town officials of the works. Some credits are only paid to the extent of specific DC collections from within the subject subdivision agreement, with further payments made periodically thereafter until cleared. At the end of 2017, the Town had a total of \$8.98 million of outstanding DC credits. For the most part, these credits are expected to be fully paid within 3 years.

## **Advisory Committee Review**

Not applicable

## **Legal Considerations**

This report fulfils the statutory reporting requirements of the Development Charges Act.

## **Financial Implications**

As noted above, in an effort to maintain a consistent level of service to a growing community, the Town has proactively invested in growth infrastructure ahead of its Development Charge revenues. Consequently, it requires bridge funding which is subsequently paid back as development charge revenues catch up. Staff anticipate that all DC balances will reach a positive reserve amount within two years through the continuing collection of ongoing development charges.

## **Communications Considerations**

This report will be posted to the Town's Budget and Financial Information web page on the website.

### Link to Strategic Plan

Reporting on Development Charges Reserve Funds contribute to achieving the Strategic Plan guiding principle of "Leadership in Corporate Management" and improves transparency and accountability to the community.

## Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

N/A – Informational report only.

#### Conclusions

The 2017 Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement presented in this report satisfies the Town's reporting obligation pursuant the Development Charges Act.

### Attachments

Attachment #1 - Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement. Parts I, II and III

### **Previous Reports**

Last annual report: General Committee May 16, 2017, Report No. CFS17-020

### **Pre-submission Review**

Agenda Management Team review on March 28, 2018

#### **Departmental Approval**

Approved for Agenda

Dan Elliott Director - Treasurer Financial Services

Doug Nadorozny Chief Administrative Officer

#### <u>PART I</u>

#### Town of Aurora Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement

Year Ended December 31, 2017

_	GENERAL GOV'T	FIRE SERVICES	PKS DEV & FACILITIES	INDOOR REC	LIBRARY SERVICES	MUNICIPAL PARKING	ROADS & RELATED	WATER SYSTEM	SANITARY SEWER	TOTAL
Opening Balance January 1	(711,464.10)	503,756.36	(2,376,827.60)	3,713,757.92	3,797,311.02	327,933.10	7,539,501.00	1,212,552.68	1,825,641.42	15,832,161.80
Add: Development Charges Collected	195,405.00	206,356.18	1,065,860.44	1,765,297.17	367,326.37	5,329.46	1,359,962.51	209,718.49	210,433.83	5,385,689.45
Less: DC credits paid in year - Mattamy Ph 2 Parks - Mattamy Ph 4 Sanitary Sewers			(1,515,929.00)						(1,531,117.86)	(1,515,929.00) (1,531,117.86)
Add: Interest Earned (charged)	(15,803.00)	3,020.00	(93,980.00)	48,800.00	35,713.00	3,153.00	62,192.00	(208.00)	4,777.00	47,664.00
Less: Expenditures in Year (see Part II)	(130,000.00)	(390,850.00)	(1,015,293.92)	(320,543.36)	(369,500.00)	-	(2,325,230.00)	(1,444,300.00)	-	(5,995,717.28)
- Closing DC Balance	(661,862.10)	322,282.54	(3,936,170.08)	5,207,311.73	3,830,850.39	336,415.56	6,636,425.51	(22,236.83)	509,734.39	12,222,751.11
Add: Unspent Committed Allocations to Capital	89,815.30	317,073.96	162,608.41	2,559.44	20,832.93	-	458,783.60	582,044.14	1,508,150.80	3,141,868.58
Revised Closing DC Balance per Financial Statem	(572,046.80)	639,356.50	(3,773,561.67)	5,209,871.17	3,851,683.32	336,415.56	7,095,209.11	559,807.31	2,017,885.19	15,364,619.69

Attachment #1

#### PART II

#### Town of Aurora Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement Year Ended December 31, 2017

Expenditures from DC's

-	GENERAL GOV'T	FIRE SERVICES	PKS DEV & FACILITIES	INDOOR REC	LIBRARY SERVICES	MUNICIPAL PARKING	ROADS & RELATED	WATER SYSTEM	SANITARY SEWER	TOTAL DC FUNDING	OTHER NON- DC FUNDING 1	OTAL FUNDING
Funding Transferred to Operating Budget for Specific Purposes:												
<ul> <li>SARC Debenture Payment</li> <li>Planning &amp; Development Salaries &amp; Wages (relatir Repayment of internal APL Borrowing</li> <li>Landscape Architects (development related)</li> <li>IES Salaries &amp; Wages (related to DC Capital proje</li> </ul>	(130,000.00) cts)		(136,156.00)	(320,543.36)	(289,500.00)					(320,543.36) (130,000.00) (289,500.00) (136,156.00)	N/A N/A N/A N/A	(320,543.36) (130,000.00) (289,500.00) (136,156.00)
Total Operating Budget Allocations	(130,000.00)	-	(136,156.00)	(320,543.36)	(289,500.00)	-	-	-	-	(876,199.36)	-	(876,199.36)
Funding Transferred to Capital Projects: 21006 - Fire Station 4-5 21102 - Pumper for New Fire Station 34610 - Leslie Street Sidewalk/Trail/Illumination 34620 - Leslie Sidewalk Trail Wellington to State Fa 34629 - Mary, Industrial S & Wellington Rehabilitation 34635 - St Johns Sidewalk/Trail/Illumination 43048 - St Johns Sdrd Leslie Street to 2C 34408 - Forklift		(170,500.00) (220,350.00)	(100,100,00)				(164,529.00) (325,422.00) (435,000.00) (1,270,200.00) (18,000.17)	(1,444,300.00)		(170,500.00) (220,350.00) (164,529.00) (325,422.00) (435,000.00) (1,270,200.00) (1,444,300.00) (1,444,300.00) (18,000.75)	(18,281.00) (36,158.00) (151,000.00) (141,100.00) (2,000.00)	(170,500.00) (220,350.00) (182,810.00) (361,580.00) (586,000.00) (1,411,300.00) (20,000.17) (20,000.17)
34217 - Joint Operations Centre 34528 - Traffic Safety 31115 - IES Closed Projects Contingency 73169 - Wildlife Park Phase 1 to 3 73177 - Pedestrian Underpasses 73243 - Grade Separated Crossing Wellington E of 73134 - Parks/Trails Signage Strategy & Implementa 72006 - Cellectice Furgencies			(162,422.92) (900,000.00) (86,715.00)		(00.000.00)		(88,067.83) (25,439.00) (116,850.00) (148,336.00) (54,000.00)			(250,490.75) (25,439.00) (116,850.00) (900,000.00) (148,336.00) (54,000.00) (86,715.00)	(4,920.00) (100,000.00) (9,635.00)	(250,490.75) (25,439.00) (121,770.00) (1,000,000.00) (148,336.00) (54,000.00) (96,350.00) (96,350.00)
77001 - Collection Expansion 77021 - Growth Related Shelving 81009 - Official Plan Review					(80,000.00)					(80,000.00) - -	(10,000.00)	(90,000.00) - -
Capital Close Reports - funds returned to source			270,000.00				320,614.00			590,614.00		590,614.00
Total Capital Project Allocations	-	(390,850.00)	(879,137.92)	-	(80,000.00)	-	(2,325,230.00)	(1,444,300.00)	-	(5,119,517.92)	(473,094.00)	(5,592,611.92)
Total DC Investments	(130,000.00)	(390,850.00)	(1,015,293.92)	(320,543.36)	(369,500.00)		(2,325,230.00)	(1,444,300.00)		(5,995,717.28)	(473,094.00)	(6,468,811.28)

#### <u>PART III</u>

Town of Aurora Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### Development Charge Credits Continuity

	DC Credit Purpose	Balance Opening	New Credits Agreed	Credits Paid/ Granted	Cr. Not Used	Ending Balance
2004 Whitwell/Certas (statefarm)	Sani Pump Station	886,655				886,655
2008 Ballymore Brentwood 2008	Sani Pump Station	115,887				115,887
2014 Mattamy 2C Phase 1	Watermain External Works Part I Sanitary External Works Part I Park construction	849,964 550,083 216,610				849,964 550,083 216,610
2012 Knights Creek/Treasure Hill	Trails works	172,395				172,395
2014 TACC 2C Phase 1	Parks and Trails construction	70,600				70,600
2014 Mattamy 2C Phase 2	Watermain External Works Part II Sanitary External Works Part II Parks and Trails	789,056 957,266 1,515,929		(1,515,929)		789,056 957,266 -
2014 Brookfield 2C Phase 1	Sanitary External works Trail design/construction	518,000 109,200				518,000 109,200
2015 TACC 2C Phase 2	Sanitary Oversize Parks construction	128,598 1,668,109				128,598 1,668,109
2015 Mattamy 2C Phase 3	Park construction	344,023				344,023
2015 St. John's Development 2C	Sanitary Oversize Parks Trails Hartwell Way Valley Crossing Trail Comp.	31,162 271,722 200,000				31,162 271,722 200,000
2015 Brookfield 2C Phase 2	Parks design/construction	507,511				507,511
2015 Shimvest 2C	Watermain Sewermain trail system	136,103 245,467 209,217				136,103 245,467 209,217
2016 Mattamy 2C Phase 4	sanitary sewer along Leslie St.	1,618,536		(1,531,118)	(87,418)	-
		12,112,094	-	(3,047,047)	(87,418)	8,977,629