

To: Corporate and Finance Services Committee

From: Stephanie Sinnott, Commissioner,
Corporate and Finance Services Department

Report Number: CF-23-18

Date of Report: March 1, 2023

Date of Meeting: March 6, 2023

Subject: Community Benefit Charge Strategy Feedback

Ward: All Wards

File: 03-05

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present Council with public feedback received with respect to the proposed Community Benefit Charge Strategy (C.B.C. Strategy) and to seek approval of the charge as presented in Report CF-23-02 Community Benefit Charge Strategy.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That pursuant to CF-23-18, Community Benefit Charge Strategy Feedback dated March 1, 2023, the Community Benefit Charge be approved with an effective date of May 1, 2023.

3.0 Executive Summary

Not applicable

4.0 Input From Other Sources

Corporate Communications

5.0 Analysis

5.1 Public and Stakeholder Feedback

As outlined in Report CF-23-02 Community Benefit Charge Strategy, Watson & Associates prepared the C.B.C. Strategy which was presented to Council on January 9. Council

approved the request to obtain public input through Connect Oshawa for a period of two weeks, which ran from February 8, 2023 – February 22, 2023.

The C.B.C. Strategy determined that approximately \$392,000 could be collected over a 10 year period, which equates to \$147 per 2 Bedroom + dwelling units and \$90 per bachelor and 1 bedroom units.

The public consultation included a feedback form available online on Connect Oshawa and on paper at Service Oshawa and was promoted to the community and stakeholders through a public notice shared with the media and website subscribers, various City e-newsletters, emailed notice to industry stakeholders, City Page newspaper ad, website promotion (Oshawa.ca and ConnectOshawa.ca) and on social media.

The feedback form asked respondents to review the proposed Community Benefit Charge Strategy and indicate if they support the proposed C.B.C. Strategy.

In total, 17 completed the feedback form. Of the 17 responses received:

- 53% respondents (9 of 17) indicated they support the proposed C.B.C. Strategy;
- 29% (5 of 17) indicated they did not support the proposed C.B.C. Strategy; and,
- 8% (3 of 17) were unsure.

Respondents were asked to indicate what perspective(s) their responses reflected and could select all that apply from three options:

- 1 response was selected for “residential development community”;
- 1 response was selected for “non-residential mixed use development sector”; and,
- 17 responses were selected for member of the public.

5.2 Next Steps

Should Council approve the implementation of the C.B.C., the following table outlines the next steps.

Item	Date
1. Council to consider adoption of the C.B.C. Strategy and passage of by-law	April 3, 2023
2. Effective Date of By-law	Anticipated to be May 1, 2023
3. Notice given of by-law passage	No later than 20 days after passage
4. Last day for by-law appeal	40 days after passage

6.0 Financial Implications

The implementation of a Community Benefit Charge would help the City collect funds that would help to address the increased capital needs related to development in the City.

7.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

The recommendation in this reports advances the Accountable Leadership and Economic Prosperity & Financial Stewardship goals of the Oshawa Strategic Plan.

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Stephanie Sinnott, Commissioner,
Corporate and Finance Services Department