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Payments in Lieu of Conveyance of Land for Park Purposes Information Report

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In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information related to the Treasurer's Statement on the Special Account for payment in lieu of the conveyance of land for park purposes for the year 2023.

Background

A financial statement regarding payments in lieu of conveyance of land for park purposes and related reserve funds is required every year under Section 42 of the Municipal Act.

Discussion

The contribution in lieu of conveyance of land for park purposes in 2023 was \$1,258,672. Expenses included a \$250,000 debenture payment for Stickwood Walker Farm. Interest earned was \$377,695. The reserve fund had an ending balance of \$8,180,802 as of December 31, 2023.

Conclusion

The Statement will be posted on the Town's website for information purposes.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report aligns with Council's vision in achieving and maintaining the Town's long-term financial sustainability.

Consultation

No consultation was required for this report.

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable to this report.

Budget Impact

The payments and interest earned in 2023 in lieu of the conveyance of land for park purposes improved cash flow but did not directly benefit the capital budget.

On November 28, 2022, Bill 23 amended the Planning Act by establishing the maximum amount of land required to be conveyed for development or redevelopment to lower the construction cost of affordable housing. Where alternative rates are used for parkland dedication, the amendment.

- a) Establishes the maximum alternative rate for parkland dedication to one hectare for each 600 net residential units proposed or at such lesser rate as may be determined by the municipality for the conveyance of land at one hectare per one thousand units for cash-in-lieu; and
- b) Cap the alternative dedication rate at 1) where land proposed for development or redevelopment is 5 hectares or less in area, 10% of the land or value of the land and 2) where land proposed for development or redevelopment is greater than 5 hectares in area, 15% of the land or value of the land.

Attachments

Treasurer's Statement on the Special Account for Payments in Lieu of Conveyance of land for park purposes."

Approval

Andrea Tang, CPA, CA

Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

Esther Armchuk, LL.B

Commissioner, Corporate Services.

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TOWN OF NEWMARKET
Parkland Contribution Transactions
For the Year-Ended Dec 31, 2023

	Balance January 1, 2023	Collections Contribution/(Refund)	Interest Revenue/(Expense)	(Expenditures)	Balance December 31, 2023
Parkland Reserve Fund	\$ 6,794,435	\$ 1,258,672	\$ 377,695	\$ (250,000)	\$ 8,180,802
Total	\$ 6,794,435	\$ 1,258,672	\$ 377,695	\$ (250,000)	\$ 8,180,802

Area/Expenditure	Expenditures	Other Sources of Funding	Total Project Actual
Stickwood Farm	\$ (250,000)		\$ (250,000)
	\$ (250,000)	-	\$ (250,000)

From Developers	Contributions	Other Sources of Funding	Total Project Actual
Cedar Manor Development	\$ -	\$ 1,258,672	\$ 1,258,672
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 1,258,672	\$ 1,258,672