



John Tory
Mayor

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Re: Considering All Growth-Related Funding Tools at Executive Committee

Dear Executive Committee Members,

Toronto is in the process of introducing and amending some significant charges to the way we pay for growth. Development Charges, the new Community Benefit Charge, and Alternate Rate for Parkland are governed by Provincial legislation and regulations. These charges pay for the impacts of new neighbourhoods and developments on our shared infrastructure: parks, water/sewer pipes, roads, transit etc.

These charges have been developed together, will be debated at council together and will impact developments in the city together. Therefore, it makes sense that deputants should be able to comment on all of them at once and they should be considered at committees in unison.

Currently, the Alternate Rate for Parkland can only be considered at the Planning and Housing Committee as it requires an Official Plan Amendment. I am proposing that this rule be suspended for this issue alone so that the Alternate Rate for Parkland can be heard in tandem with the other Growth Related Funding Tools.

Therefore I am introducing the following recommendation to the Executive Committee and City Council:

That as a temporary measure until November 14, 2022, City Council suspend the necessary rules and substitute new rules in Chapter 27, Council Procedures, in order to allow the Executive Committee to consider, and hold the statutory hearing required under the Planning Act for, a proposed official plan amendment respecting official plan policies related to parkland dedication pursuant to section 42(4) and related by-law under 42(2) of the Planning Act.

Sincerely,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto