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

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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 2024.

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 payment in lieu of conveyance of land for park purposes in 2024 incurred net expenditures of \$152,284. The reserve fund had an ending balance of \$8,333,086 as at December 31, 2024, which included interest allocation of \$566,657.

For further details on Parkland Reserve Fund activity, refer to Appendix A: Treasurer's Statement on the Special Account for Payments in Lieu of Conveyance of land for park purposes.

Consultation

No consultation was required for this report.

Conclusion

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

Council Priority Association

This Report aligns with Council's Core Values for Financial Sustainability

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable to this report.

Budget Impact

The payments and interest earned in 2024 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

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

Approval for Distribution

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Esther Armchuk, LL.B

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Commissioner, Corporate Services.

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TOWN OF NEWMARKET
Parkland Contribution Transactions
For the Year-Ended Dec 31, 2024

	Balance January 1, 2024	Collections Contribution/(Refund)	Interest Revenue/(Expense)	(Expenditures)	Balance December 31, 2024
Parkland Reserve Fund	\$ 8,180,802	\$ (164,373)	\$ 566,657	\$ (250,000)	\$ 8,333,086
Total	\$ 8,180,802	\$ (164,373)	\$ 566,657	\$ (250,000)	\$ 8,333,086

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

From Developers	Contributions	Other Sources of Funding	Total Project Actual
Copper Valley Agreement - accrual reversal from 2023	\$ (1,258,672)		\$ (1,258,672)
Postmark Hotel	\$ 36,458	\$ -	\$ 36,458
Costco	\$ 372,242	\$ -	\$ 372,242
Birock Investments Inc	\$ 685,600		\$ 685,600
	\$ (164,373)	-	\$ (164,373)