



Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Submitted by: Tiffany Farrell, Director of Corporate Services

Report No: CPS-18-2022

Subject: Treasurer Statement 2021 – Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund

Recommendation:

THAT the Treasurer Statement Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund for 2021 be received.

Purpose:

To present to Council the Cash in Lieu of parkland reserve fund activity for 2021.

Background:

Under Section 42, a municipality may require, as a condition of development that land be conveyed to the municipality for park or other recreational purposes. Alternatively, the council may require a payment in lieu, to the value of the land otherwise required to be conveyed. Those funds must be half in a special account (reserve fund), be allocated interest, and be spent only for the acquisition of land to be used for park, or other recreational purposes, including the erection, improvement or repair of buildings and the acquisition of machinery.

Changes to the Planning Act came into effect July 1, 2016 as a result from the proclamation of the Smart Growth in Our Communities Act (Bill 73). One of those changes was to create clear reporting requirements for capital projects financed through Section 37 (increased density) and/of Section 42 (parkland dedication) of the Planning Act. As the Municipality of Middlesex Centre has not implemented any new reserve funds related to an increased density by-law, at this time, our only reporting requirements is for funds collected under Section 42.

Annually, the Treasurer of the municipality is required to provide Council with a financial statement related to the cash in lieu of parkland reserve fund.

This statement must be made available to the public and may be requested to be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The statement available on the municipality's website.

The information that must be included in the Treasurer’s statement, as follows:

- Statement of the opening balance and closing balances of the special account and of the transactions relating to the account;
- Specific details for any land or machinery acquired or building erected, improved or repaired with funds from this special account;
- The manner in which any capital costs not funded from the special account was or will be funded;
- Any other information that is prescribed.

Analysis:

The Municipality of Middlesex Centre has been collecting cash in lieu of parkland for many years and has maintained a dedicated reserve fund to record and track the use of those funds.

Municipality of Middlesex Centre –Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund Treasurer’s Statement Under Section 42 of the Planning Act For the Year Ended December 31, 2021		
Opening Balance – January 1, 2021		\$254,534.09
Cash in Lieu Collected During 2021	\$11,300.00	
2021 Reserve Fund Interest	\$ 2,309.64	
Closing Balance – December 31, 2021		\$268,143.73

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with receiving this report.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government

The annual Treasurer Statement is a legislative requirement under the Municipal Act and additionally it responds directly to Objective 5.3– Foster a culture of innovation, continuous improvement, and cost-effective services by sharing information and gathering input, by continuing our timely and effective communication to the public.

Attachments:

N/A