



Meeting Date: February 1, 2023

Submitted by: Tiffany Farrell, Director of Corporate Services

Report No: CPS-10-2023

Subject: Treasurer's Statement 2022-Parkland

Recommendation:

THAT Report CPS-10-2023, re: Treasurer Statement 2022 – Cash in Lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund be received for information.

Purpose:

To present to Council the Cash in Lieu of parkland reserve fund activity for 2022.

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. Half of the funds must be allocated in a special account (reserve fund), including 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 as 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.

Changes to the Planning Act came into effect for 2023 as a result from the More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23). This new bill introduces municipal housing targets based on population size and growth. To meet this target, the bill proposes to exempt developers from paying development charges, parkland dedication fees and community benefit

charges. There are no changes noted for the annual Treasurers Statement on Parkland. However, a new subsection 42 (16.1) has been added, which requires a municipality to spend or allocate 60 per cent of the monies in the special account required by subsection 42 (15) annually. For 2023, this would mean \$164,975.03 needs to be allocated for a capital project. This has been completed in 2023 with \$180,000 being allocated for a park project (Meadowcreek Park playground project) in the 2023 budget.

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, 2022		
Opening Balance – January 1, 2022		\$268,143.73
Cash in Lieu Collected During 2022	nil	
2022 Reserve Fund Interest	<u>\$6,814.66</u>	
Closing Balance – December 31, 2022		\$274,958.39

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