

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY  
BY-LAW 2014-27**

Being a By-law to adopt Development Charges

**WHEREAS** the Township of Georgian Bay will experience growth through development and re-development;

**AND WHEREAS** development and re-development requires the provision of physical and social services by the Township of Georgian Bay;

**AND WHEREAS** Council desires to ensure that the capital cost of meeting growth-related demands for or burden on municipal services does not place an excessive financial burden on the Township of Georgian Bay or its existing taxpayers while at the same time ensuring new taxpayers contribute no more than the net capital cost attributable to providing the current level of municipal services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Development Charges Act, 1997 permits Council to pass by-laws for the imposition of development charges if development or re-development of land within the Township of Georgian Bay is for uses which would increase the need for municipal services and any one or more of the actions set out in subsection 2(2) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 are required for such development or re-development;

**AND WHEREAS** Council had before it a report entitled the "Development Charges Background Study" submitted by Hemson Consulting Ltd. dated April, 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has reviewed the Study and has considered the comments of the public at a public meeting duly called on May 13, 2014, to consider the enactment of a by-law under the Development Charges Act, 1997.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay hereby enacts as follows:

1. In this By-law:
  - (a) Any term printed in a bold typeface has the same meaning as that which exists and is defined in the Act or Regulation.
  - (b) Terms have the following meanings:
    - (i) "Act" means the Development Charges Act, 1997;
    - (ii) "Agricultural Use" means a use of land, buildings or structures for the purpose of field crops, fruit farming, market gardening, dairying, animal husbandry, poultry or beekeeping and such uses, structures and buildings as are customarily related to a farming operation, but does not include a Dwelling Unit;
    - (iii) "Apartment Unit" (Apt) means a Dwelling Unit in a Residential Building containing four or more Dwelling Units;
    - (iv) "Bedroom" (BR) includes any room which can be used as sleeping quarters but does not include a kitchen, bathroom, living room or dining room;

- (v) "Board of Education" has the same meaning as that specified in subsection 29(1) of the Act;
- (vi) "Capital Cost" means costs incurred or proposed to be incurred by a municipality or a local board or commission thereof directly or under an agreement;
  - I to acquire land or an interest in land,
  - II to improve land,
  - III to acquire, construct or improve buildings and structures,
  - IV to acquire, construct or improve facilities including,
    - A) rolling stock with an expected useful life of seven years or more, furniture and equipment, excluding computer equipment; and
    - B) materials acquired for circulation, reference or information purposes by a library board as defined in the Public Libraries Act, 1998, and
  - V to undertake studies in connection with any of the matters in clauses (vi)(I) through (IV), required for the provision of designated services
- (vii) "Commercial Use" means the use of land, structures or buildings for the purposes of buying or selling commodities and services, but does not include Industrial Use or Agricultural Use, but does include hotels, motels, motor inns and boarding, lodging and rooming houses;
- (viii) "Council" means the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay;
- (ix) "Development" includes redevelopment;
- (x) "Development Charge" means a charge imposed with respect to Growth-Related Net Capital Costs against land pursuant to the provisions of the within by-law;
- (xi) "Dwelling Unit" means one or more habitable rooms designed or intended for use by one household exclusively as an independent and separate unit in which separate kitchen and sanitary facilities are provided for the exclusive use of the household with a private entrance from outside the building or from a common hallway or stairway inside the building;
- (xii) "Existing" means the number, use and size that existed as of the date this by-law was passed;
- (xiii) "Gross Floor Area" means the total floor area, measured between the outside of exterior walls or between the outside of exterior walls and the centre line of party walls dividing the building from another building, of all floors above the average level of finished ground adjoining the building at its exterior walls. (O. Reg. 82/98, s. 1 (1));
- (xiv) "Growth-Related Net Capital Cost" means the portion of the Net Capital Cost of services that is reasonably

attributable to the need for such Net Capital Cost that results or will result from new development in all or a defined part of the Township;

- (xv) "High Density Housing" means Residential Buildings containing seven or more Dwelling Units;
- (xvi) "Industrial Use" means the use of land, buildings or structures designed for the purpose of manufacturing, assembling, making, preparing, inspecting, ornamenting, finishing, treating, altering, repairing, warehousing or storing or adapting for sale of any goods, substance, article or thing, or any part thereof and the storage of building and construction equipment and materials, as distinguished from the buying and selling of commodities and the supplying of personal services. This definition does not include Agricultural Use;
- (xvii) "Institutional Use" means land, buildings, structures or part thereof used by any organization, group or association for promotion of charitable, educational or benevolent objectives and not for profit or gain;
- (xviii) "Large Apartment" means an apartment unit with 2 bedrooms or more;
- (xix) "Local Board" means a school board, public utility commission, transportation commission, public library board, board of park management, local board of health, board of commissioners of police, planning board, or any other board, commission, committee, body or local authority established or exercising any power or authority under any general or special Act with respect to any of the affairs or purposes, including school purposes, of the Township of Georgian Bay or any part or parts thereof;
- (xx) "Local Services" means those services, facilities or things which are within the boundaries of, about or are necessary to connect lands to Services and an application has been made in respect of the lands under sections 51 and 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1998;
- (xxi) "Low Density Housing" means a residential building containing less than seven Dwelling Units;
- (xxii) "Multiple Housing" means a Residential Building of not more than two storey's containing three or more Dwelling Units, or any Residential Building containing between three and six Dwelling Units;
- (xxiii) "Net Capital Cost" means the Capital Cost less capital grants, subsidies and other contributions made to the Township or that the council of the municipality anticipates will be made, including conveyances or payments under sections 41, 51 and 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1998, in respect of the Capital Cost;
- (xxiv) "Non-Residential Use" includes Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Uses;

- (xxv) "Official Plan" means the Official Plan adopted for the Township, as amended and approved;
  - (xxvi) "Owner" means the owner of land or a person who has made application for an approval for the development of land upon which a Development Charge is imposed;
  - (xxvii) "Rate" means the interest rate established weekly by the Bank of Canada based on Treasury Bills having a term of 90 days;
  - (xxviii) "Regulation" means O. Reg. 82/98 as at February 20, 1998;
  - (xxix) "Residential Building" means a building, occupied or capable of being occupied as a home, residence or sleeping place by one or more persons, containing one or more Dwelling Units but not including motels, hotels, tents, truck campers, tourist trailers, mobile camper trailers or boarding, lodging or rooming houses;
  - (xxx) "Residential Use" means the use of a building or structure or portion thereof for one or more Dwelling Units. This also includes a Dwelling Unit on land that is used for an Agricultural Use;
  - (xxxi) "Services" means those services, facilities, accommodations and things shown on Schedule "A" to this by-law;
  - (xxxii) "Servicing Agreement" means an agreement to provide municipal services by the Township of Georgian Bay to specified lands within the municipality;
  - (xxxiii) "Services in Lieu" means those Services specified in an agreement made under clause 7 of this by-law;
  - (xxxiv) "Single Family Dwelling Unit" means one Dwelling Unit in a Residential Building;
  - (xxxv) "Small Apartment" means an apartment unit with less than 2 Bedrooms;
  - (xxxvi) "Township" means the Township of Georgian Bay;
  - (xxxvii) "Unit" includes a Dwelling Unit and Apartment Unit;
  - (xxxviii) "Zoning By-Law" means the Zoning By-Law of the Township of Georgian Bay, as adopted on February 10, 1992 plus amendments or any successor thereof passed pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1998;
2. (a) This by-law applies to all lands in the Township of Georgian Bay whether or not the land or use thereof is exempt from taxation under s. 13 of the Assessment Act.
- (b) Notwithstanding clause 2(a) above, this by-law does not apply to the development of land that is owned by and used for the purposes of:
- (i) A Board of Education;

- (ii) The Township of Georgian Bay, or any local board or commission thereof; and
  - (iii) The District of Muskoka or any local board thereof.
- 3.
  - (a) Council hereby imposes the development charges shown on Schedule "A" hereto to those categories of Residential uses of land, buildings and structures shown to defray the Growth-Related Net Capital Cost of providing, enlarging, expanding or improving the Services shown on Schedule "A".
  - (b) Council hereby imposes the development charges shown on Schedule "B" hereto to those categories of Non-Residential (Commercial, Industrial or Institutional) uses of land, buildings and structures to defray the Growth-Related Net Capital Cost of providing, enlarging, expanding or improving the services shown on Schedule "B".
  - (c) The non-residential development charges are to be phased-in at the intervals shown in Schedule "B".
  - (d) No Development charge shall be imposed when an existing Dwelling Unit is enlarged, or one or two additional Dwelling Units are being added to an existing single detached dwelling unless the total gross floor area of the additional one or two dwellings exceeds the gross floor area of the existing dwelling.

For all Residential Uses other than a single detached dwelling, no development charge shall be imposed when one additional Dwelling Unit is being added within an existing Residential Building unless the gross floor area of the additional unit exceeds the gross floor area of the smallest Dwelling Unit contained in the Residential Building.
- (d) In the case of a Development containing more than one use or category of use shown on Schedules "A" & "B" hereto, each such use shall bear its applicable development charge in the proportion that the gross floor area of such use or category of use bears to the total gross floor area of the Development.
  - (e) No development charge shall be imposed if a building that has been destroyed or legally demolished is rebuilt within three years of the destruction or demolition. If a different type of building is constructed, a credit equal to the development charge that would have been imposed on the original building if it were constructed elsewhere in the neighbourhood, will apply.
  - (f) If an expansion of a building or structure identified for Industrial Use, is increased by less than fifty percent of the total floor area, no development charge shall be imposed. The appropriate development charge will apply to each square foot of floor area over and above the building or structure's fifty percent expansion.
- 4.
  - (a) The whole of the development charge imposed hereunder shall be calculated and paid in full on the date a building permit under the Building Code Act is issued in respect of the building or structure for the use to which the development charge hereunder applies.

- (b) No building permit shall be issued for any building or structure in respect of which the development charge applicable hereunder remains unpaid.
  - (c) The Council may enter into a written agreement providing for payment of the development charges on any date that Council decides is appropriate.
- 5. The development charges established hereunder shall be adjusted without amendment to this by-law annually as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December in each year commencing on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014, in accordance with the regulated inflation index.
- 6. Nothing in this by-law prevents Council from requiring, as a condition of approval under section 51 or 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1998, that the Owner, at his own expense, install such Local Services as Council may require or that the Owner install local connections to municipal services at the Owner's expense.
- 7.
  - (a) Council, by written agreement, may permit an Owner to commute the whole or such part of the development charge applicable to the Owner's development, as may be specified in the agreement, by the provision at the Owner's sole expense of Services in Lieu. Such agreement shall further specify that where the Owner provides Services in Lieu in accordance with the agreement, Council shall give to the Owner a credit against the Development charge otherwise applicable to his development equal to the reasonable cost of providing the Services in Lieu.
  - (b) In any agreement made under clause 7(a), Council may also give a further credit equal to the owner's reasonable cost of providing Services in addition to or of a greater size or capacity than would be required under this by-law, but may not give the credit against the development charge payable.
  - (c) Any dispute as to the reasonable cost of providing the Services in Lieu or the Services mentioned in clause 7(a) and (b) above, shall be referred to the Township of Georgian Bay Council whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 8. A copy of this by-law may be registered against such lands in the Township of Georgian Bay as Council by resolution from time to time may direct.
- 9. Any amount of development charge which remains unpaid after the date specified in clause 4 (c) or in a written agreement shall be added to the tax roll and collected as unpaid taxes.
- 10. The Treasurer of the Township of Georgian Bay shall administer this by-law.
- 11.
  - (a) Any agreement made under section 51 or 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1998, before the date this by-law comes into force which provides for the payment of a lot levy, capital contribution or other charge shall remain in full force and effect and be enforceable according to its terms.
  - (b) The Treasurer in calculating the development charge payable shall deduct from the development charge

otherwise payable any amount paid pursuant to an agreement mentioned in clause 7, above.

- (c) Where a lot levy, impost fee or development charge was collected as a condition for a lot created by consent pursuant to Section 53 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1998, then the amount collected shall be deducted from the Development Charge at the time the Building Permit is issued.
12. (a) Council directs the Treasurer to create individual reserve funds, separate from the other reserve funds of the municipality, including reserve funds created or administered under section 417 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the services listed in Schedule "A" to this by-law. The Treasurer shall deposit the development charges received under this by-law into the appropriate reserve fund thus created and shall pay from the appropriate reserve fund any amounts necessary to defray the Net Capital Cost of the service.
- (b) The amounts contained in the reserve funds established under clause 12(a) above, shall be invested in accordance with subsection 417(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended and any income received from such investment shall be credited to the said reserve fund.
13. Where any unpaid development charges are collected as taxes under clause 9 above, the money so collected shall be credited to the said reserve fund.
14. The Treasurer of the Township of Georgian Bay shall, in each year on or before March 31, furnish to Council a statement in respect of the reserve fund for the prior year established hereunder containing the information required under the Regulation.
15. (a) If this by-law is amended or repealed by Council or the Ontario Municipal Board, the Treasurer shall determine within 30 days of the amendment or repeal whether any owner has overpaid in respect of the development charge payable hereunder immediately prior to the repeal or amendment of this by-law and if such an overpayment has been made, the Treasurer shall calculate the amount of such overpayment.
- (b) Any overpayment determined under clause 15(a), above shall be paid to the person who made the payment by his or her last known address within 30 days of the date of the repeal or amendment of this by-law.
- (c) The refund payable under clause 15(b), above shall be paid with interest calculated from the date upon which the overpayment was collected to the date on which the refund is made. Such interest shall be paid at the Bank of Canada Rate in effect from time to time from the date of enactment of this by-law as adjusted in clause 15(d), below.
- (d) The Bank of Canada Rate in effect on the date of enactment of this by-law shall be adjusted on the first business day of January, 2015 to the Rate established by the Bank of Canada on that day and shall be adjusted four times each year thereafter on the first business day of

January, April, July and October to the Rate established by the Bank of Canada on the day of the adjustment.

16. This by-law shall continue in force and effect for a term of 5 years from the date of its coming into force.
17. That any by-law or by-laws, or parts of any by-law or by-laws that are inconsistent with this by-law are hereby deemed repealed.
18. This by-law comes into force on the date of its passing.

**Read** and enacted in Open Council this 9th day of June, 2014.

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Larry Braid, Mayor

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Susan Boonstra, Clerk



**Indexed Effective January 1, 2019**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY UNIT TYPE

Service	Residential Charge By Unit				
	Singles & Semis	Rows & Other Multiples	Apartments - Large	Apartments - Small	Trailer Park Units
Community Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Protection	\$285	\$242	\$189	\$159	\$159
Public Works	\$1,077	\$914	\$715	\$596	\$596
Roads and Related Infrastructure	\$2,756	\$2,342	\$1,833	\$1,527	\$1,527
General Government	<u>\$678</u>	<u>\$574</u>	<u>\$449</u>	<u>\$376</u>	<u>\$376</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARGE PER UNIT</b>	<b>\$4,796</b>	<b>\$4,072</b>	<b>\$3,186</b>	<b>\$2,658</b>	<b>\$2,658</b>

**SCHEDULE "B"**

NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES PER SQUARE METRE/SQUARE FOOT OF GFA

Service	June 9, 2014 - June 8, 2017		June 9, 2017 - June 8, 2019	
	Non-Residential Charge per Square Metre	Non-Residential Charge per Square Foot	Non-Residential Charge per Square Metre	Non-Residential Charge per Square Foot
Community Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Protection	\$0	\$0	\$0.65	\$0.06
Public Works	\$0	\$0	\$2.69	\$0.25
Roads and Related Infrastructure	\$0	\$0	\$6.89	\$0.64
General Government	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1.61</u>	<u>\$0.15</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARGE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11.84</b>	<b>\$1.10</b>