

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**JOINT PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
of a Joint Board Meeting re
Education Development Charge Policy Review**

A joint York Catholic District School Board and York Region District School Board public meeting for the renewal of the Education Development Charge By-Law was held in the Board Room at the York Catholic District School Board, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

York Catholic District School Board:

Members: In Person: F. Alexander, M. Iafrate and J. Wigston
Virtual: C. Cotton, E. Crowe, A. Grella and A. Saggese

Administration: In Person: J. De Faveri, J. Sarna, A. McDonald, C. McNeil and
T. Pechkovsky
Virtual: T. Steenhoek

Guest(s): In Person: Jack Ammendolia, Watson & Associates
Jim Easto, Keel Cottrelle LLP

Absent with Notice: Trustees M. Barbieri, J. DiMeo and T. McNicol

Recording Officer: S. Greco, York Catholic District School Board

Presiding (YCDSB): M. Iafrate, Vice-Chair of the Board

York Region District School Board:

Trustee Members: In Person: C. Butterworth, J. Chen (arrived at 6:53 p.m.), E. Cohen,
E. Law, R. Lynn, N. Mahmood, P. McCarthy and, E. Sinclair
Virtual: M. Chen and L. Hoeg

Also in Attendance: Virtual: Student Trustee M. Yu

Administration: In Person: B. Cober, L. Gilbert, T. Sprayson, V. Maharaj and T. Dungey
Virtual: D. Adams

Absent with Notice: Trustees C. Liang, M. Wright and Student Trustee A. Vasserman

Presiding (YRDSB): R. Lynn, Chair of the Board

Min. #**2024 EDC:01****INTRODUCTION / ROLL CALL**

York Catholic District School Board Vice-Chair, M. Iafrate called the Joint Meeting of the Boards to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced the Board of Trustees from the York Catholic District School Board. Chair Lynn thanked Vice-Chair Iafrate for hosting the meeting and introduced the Board of Trustees from the York Region District School Board.

2024 EDC:02**OPENING PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice-Chair M. Iafrate led the opening prayer and read the YCDSB Land Acknowledgement.

2024 EDC:03**CALL TO ORDER****APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA****WAIVING OF DELEGATION REQUIREMENTS****1) York Region District School Board****MOTION: Sinclair/McCarthy**

THAT the agenda be approved as presented

- MOTION CARRIED -

and

MOTION: Sinclair/McCarthy

THAT the normal requirement for delegations to have filed a copy of presentation in advance be waived.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2) York Catholic District School Board**MOTION: Wigston/Alexander**

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

- MOTION CARRIED -

and

MOTION: Wigston/Alexander

THAT the normal requirement for delegations to have filed a copy of presentation in advance be waived.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2024 EDC:04**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES: Nil****2024 EDC:05****DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES: Nil**

2024 EDC:06 OPENING REMARKS

YRDSB Chair Lynn outlined that in order to pass new Education Development Charge By-Laws, the Boards are proposing to each enact successor Education Development Charge By-Laws, and as part of the process are conducting a review of their Education Development Charge policies by conducting both public meetings as part of the process of passing the new EDC By-Laws. The Boards were seeking input from the public and would give consideration to the submissions received prior to passing Education Development Charges By-Laws. The primary purpose was to provide a source of funding for new school sites as they are not funded by a per pupil grant under the Province's funding model.

YCDSB Vice-Chair Iafrate advised that the Boards reviewed their Education Development Charge policies, received and reviewed the background study relating to the proposed successor by-laws. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting was to allow the Boards to receive further information about the proposed by-laws in order to consider passage.

2024 EDC:07 PRESENTATION: JACK AMMENDOLIA. WATSON & ASSOCIATES

YRDSB Chair, R. Lynn invited J. Ammendolia from Watson & Associates to present.

Mr. Ammendolia's presentation included the following topics:

- What is an Education Development Charge?
- Policy Review Public Meetings - provincial legislation dictates that each school board with an existing EDC by-law must conduct a review of its EDC policies prior to renewing their EDC by-law.
- EDC Policies - policy decisions made by the Board can play a key role in determining things like areas to which the bylaw applies; the ability to have different charges for different types of housing developments or how much of the eventual charge is to be borne by residential or non-residential development.
- A review of existing policies

2024 EDC:08 PRESENTATION: KEEL COTTRELLE LLP

York Catholic District School Board Vice-Chair M. Iafrate introduced J. Easto of Keel Cottrelle LLP. Mr. Easto provided an overview of the by-laws and stated that the two bylaws for both Boards are identical except for the change in by-law numbers and that the Catholic Board has the uniform charge throughout the term. It was noted that the by-laws have a five-year term, which is the maximum term. Both school boards have to pass new by-laws prior to July 1, 2024 in order to collect EDCs on building permits issued after July 1, 2024.

2024 EDC:09**PUBLIC INPUT**

YCDSB Vice-Chair M. Iafrate invited members of the public to address the Board. No members of the public came forward at this time.

2024 EDC:10**DELEGATIONS**

YRDSB Chair, R. Lynn invited delegations to address the Board. No delegations came forward.

2024 EDC:11**RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS****1) York Region District School Board****MOTION: Butterworth/Sinclair**

THAT the York Region District School Board receives the presentations of the consultants, legal counsel and any submissions from speakers regarding the Education Development Charges.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2) York Catholic District School Board**MOTION: Wigston/Alexander**

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- MOTION CARRIED -

2024:EDC:12**CLOSING REMARKS**

YRDSB Chair, R. Lynn advised that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to review the Boards' EDC policies. The meeting was held as required under Section 257.60 of the *Education Act*.

YCDSB Vice-Chair M. Iafrate stated that a second formal public meeting will be held immediately following this meeting to consider the proposed new charges and by-laws. A subsequent public meeting will be held May 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the office of the York Region District School Board at 60 Wellington Street West in Aurora. Both Boards will consider the passing of bylaws and would welcome submissions at that time.

2024 EDC:13**ADJOURNMENT: 6:56 P.M.****1) York Region District School Board****MOTION: Cohen/Mahmood**

THAT the Joint Education Development Charge Public meeting be adjourned by the York Region District School Board.

- MOTION CARRIED -

2) York Catholic District School Board

MOTION: Wigston/Alexander

THAT the Joint Education Development Charge Public meeting be adjourned by the York Region District School Board.

- MOTION CARRIED -

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