



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Sandy Becker, Financial Services
Manager/Treasurer**
Date: February 5 2018
Report: FIN.18.02 2017 Annual Report-Planning Act Fees –
Section 37 and 42
Subject: 2017 Annual Report Planning Act Fees (Section 37
and 42)

Recommendations:

That South Huron Council receives the report from S. Becker, Financial Services Manager/Treasurer re: 2017 Planning Act Fees (Defined under sections 37 and 42), for information.

Purpose:

To provide Council with 2017 Annual report on Density Bonusing and Parkland Fees as defined under Section 37 and 42 of the Planning Act.

Background and Analysis:

A number of amendments to the Planning Act through Bill 73, Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015 came into force on July 1, 2016. Included in these amendments are additional reporting requirements for treasurers. These are outlined in sections 37 (5)-(10) and 42 (17)-(20) of the Planning Act for density bonusing and parkland contributions.

Section 37 (8) –Density Bonusing - states that the statement must include, for the preceding year,

- a) statements of the opening and closing balances of the special account and of the transactions relating to the account;

- b) statements identifying,
 - i. any facilities, services or other matters in the by-law for which funds from the special account have been spent during the year,
 - ii. details of the amounts spent, and
 - iii. for each facility, service or other matter mentioned in subclause (i), the manner in which any capital cost not funded from the special account was or will be funded; and
- c) any other information that is prescribed.

Section 42 (18) – Parkland Fees - states that the statement must include, for the preceding year,

- a) statements of the opening and closing balances of the special account and of the transactions relating to the account;
- b) statements identifying,
 - a. any land or machinery acquired during the year with funds from the special account,
 - b. any building erected, improved or repaired during the year with funds from the special account,
 - c. details of the amounts spent, and
 - d. for each asset mentioned in subclauses (i) and (ii), the manner in which any capital cost not funded from the special account was or will be funded; and
- c) any other information that is prescribed.

The Treasurer shall give a copy of the statement for Density Bonusing and Parkland Fees to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon request.

Council shall ensure that the statement(s) for Density Bonusing and Parkland Fees are made available to the public. The annual statement(s) will be made available to the public by posting on our municipal website and a hard copy will be provided at no charge to anyone who requests one.

The attached annual statements provide the financial information as required under section 37 and 42 of the Planning act respectively.

At this time South Huron has not collected any funds related to density bonusing as defined under Section 37, therefore the annual statement attached reflects opening and closing balances at zero.

Parkland fees as defined under Section 42 have been collected and maintained in a separate reserve fund. The attached annual statement provides the transactions for this fund for the 2017 fiscal year. There were no monies used in 2017, therefore the detailed information statement identified under 42 (18 b) is not required.

Operational Considerations:

As this report is being presented for information purposes only, no alternatives are presented.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key objectives that are reflective of the collective perspectives of the strategic planning process.

The recommendations and actions outlined in this report are reflective of the following strategic objective:

Transparent, Accountable and Collaborative Governance

The intended outcomes from this reporting is to enhance transparency and accountability regarding the use of bonusing and parkland monies and provide greater opportunities for citizens to see how and where fees are spent.

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Policies/Legislation:

Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990

Bill 73, Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015

Consultation:

Chief Administrative Officer

County Planner

Development Services Manager

Related Documents:

Density Bonusing Annual Statement

Parkland Fees Annual Statement

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Becker, Financial Services Manager/Treasurer