

DC rate for single family homes to decrease in Shelburne

Proposed changes to Shelburne's Development Charges would reduce the charge for single family dwellings by a bit more than \$6,000, to \$13,997 from the current \$20,245.

The proposed DCs, based on a number of factors including future capital needs, would be more in line with other lower tier municipalities in Dufferin ? and approximately a quarter of Caledon's charges.

The proposals for change, prepared by Watson & Associates in concert with Town Planner Steve Wever, were received by town council Monday but not adopted.

There will be a public meeting to present the proposals on Monday, Feb. 24.

For comparison, Orangeville's current charge is \$22,544; Grand Valley, \$18,806; Amaranth, \$12,751; East Garafraxa, \$12,599; Mono, \$11,648; Mulmur, \$10,729; and Melancthon, \$8,219.

Of the total residential DC, \$2,752 goes to the county, and \$391 to education.

Commercial and industrial charges, based on square metres, would be increased to \$4.08 from the current \$2.29.

The residential rate shown is for single family dwellings. The rate per unit differs for multiple dwellings, and is based primarily on the number of expected residents per unit.

Planner Steve Wever's example of a calculation for other than single dwellings is to assume three persons per unit in the singles, and two per unit in multiple.

So, you would divide the single by three to arrive at the per person charge, and multiply that figure by two for the multiple unit.

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