



Staff Report

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Report To:	General Government Committee	
Date of Meeting:	March 21, 2022	Report Number: FSD-016-22
Submitted By:	Trevor Pinn, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer	
Reviewed By:	Mary-Anne Dempster, CAO	By-law Number:
File Number:		Resolution#: GG-172-22
Report Subject:	2021 Annual Statement for Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland	

Recommendation:

1. That Report FSD-016-22 be received for information.

Report Overview

This report complies with amendments to the *Planning Act, 1990* which became effective in 2016. The *Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015* requires reporting on Section 37 (Increased Density) and Section 42 (Conveyance of land for park purposes). On June 6, 2019, Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 received Royal Assent. This Act contained changes to the Development Charges Act and the Planning Act and included the introduction of the new community benefits charge. This report discloses the annual activity in the Parkland Cash-in-Lieu Reserve Fund for 2021. There is nothing to report for increased density funds or a community benefits charge, at this time.

1. Background

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 37 (Increased Density) and Section 42 (Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland) of the *Planning Act*, the Treasurer must provide a financial statement including opening and closing balances to Council relating to cash-in-lieu of parkland monies and increased density funding. This statement must be made available to the public.

2. Section 42 (Conveyance of land for park purposes)

- 2.1 Under Section 42 of the *Planning Act*, a municipality may require, as a condition of development, that land be conveyed to the municipality for park or other public recreational purposes. In certain circumstances, Council may require a payment in lieu of land dedication, to the value of the land otherwise required to be conveyed.
- 2.2 These funds must be held in a special account (Reserve Fund), allocated interest and 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, particular to park purposes.
- 2.3 Attachment #1 details the Statement of the Treasurer, in compliance with the *Act*.

3. Section 37 (Increased Density)

- 3.1 Clarington does not currently have a program set up for Section 37; therefore, an annual statement is not required. The Official Plan has a section on “community benefits” (Section 37). Staff will be re-evaluating whether to bring a “community benefits” by-law into place in conjunction with the Secondary Plan approvals and the next review of the Development Charges Study. The Official Plan provision is also in place to allow Clarington to consider this opportunity in the future. As a result, there is no Statement of the Treasurer required.

4. Concurrence

Not Applicable.

5. Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that this report, as required by Section 42 of the *Planning Act, 1990* be received for information and be made available to the public by posting on the Municipality's website.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021

Interested Parties:

There are no interested parties to be notified of Council's decision.

**Municipality of Clarington
Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Reserve Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	Parkland R/F -504
Balance as of December 31, 2020	3,678,240
Plus:	
Cash-in-lieu Collected in 2021	1,116,517
2021 Reserve Fund Interest	80,287
Subtotal	1,196,804
Less:	
Amount Transferred to Capital Fund - Land Acquisition Costs	-
Subtotal	0
Closing Balance as of December 31, 2021	4,875,044
Committed Amounts from Prior Years	-
Available at December 31, 2021	4,875,044