

We never thought we would be delegating at this lectern in September 2022 on the same issue we addressed September 2014 that like today was the month before an election.

The issue that brings us to the lectern today is no time for public engagement between Committee and Council with the setting of a Special Council meeting following this Committee meeting to approve several recommendations associated with Community Benefit Charges that take over from Development Charges.

The fact that we will miss the deadline for the necessary By-law approval, known about since September 2020 if this does not get approval at the Special Council Meeting leaves this Committee, Council and the public with no choice other than the Special Council meeting route, with the chosen timing of presentation to Committee.

This leaves the public with no time to engage on the significant issue that jumped out at us on reading the Report. There will be those who will say why did they not notice this back in July. Well back in July we were tied up with an important pro bono legal matter that had every available second of our days tied up from Sept 2021 to late July, 2022.

The significant issue is why when the maximum the city can collect to replace the Development Charges that allow growth to pay for growth is 4% of land value why are we only collecting 0.6%.

The funds collected can be used to fund capital cost of any public service. In our mind that means a huge missed opportunity for obtaining funds to free up capital for a shared Affordable Housing or Geared to Income Project.

Attached to these delegation notes is a request to set aside the Procedural By-law and allow us to delegate at the Special