

Intensification Incentive Discussion Paper

Date	May 12, 2021
То	Mayor Masters and City Councillors
From	Executive Committee
Service Area	City Planning & Community Development
Item #	CR21-86

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

- 1. Authorize Administration to proceed with stakeholder consultation by the end of Q3 on the following options as outlined in this report and Appendix A:
 - Development Charge Rebate;
 - Choice of Tax Increment Equivalent Grant or Tax Exemption; and
 - Annual Tax Increment Equivalent Grants Covering Eligible Project Costs.
- 2. Instruct Administration to bring a report to City Council by the end of Q4, 2021 that provides the results of stakeholder consultation, further financial analysis and a recommended incentive policy for adoption.

HISTORY

At the April 21, 2021 meeting of Executive Committee, the Committee considered the attached EX21-34 report from the City Planning & Community Development Division.

The Committee adopted a resolution to concur in the recommendations contained in the report with the following amendments:

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That City Council:

- Direct Administration to bring forward a supplemental report to the May 12, 2021 City Council meeting that includes the following considerations during the consultation process:
 - Incentivizing temporary, public usage (community gardens and public spaces);
 - Restrictions and/or disincentives on where certain housing types can be built in an effort to compel particular developments in the neighbourhoods or other newer or existing subdivisions assigned in this report;
 - Identifying the services and infrastructure required to develop neighbourhoods assigned in this report;
 - Expanding the City's land development strategy to include the recruitment of certain developments and development types in the assigned neighbourhoods;
 - Exploration of sub-classes in the interest of reducing taxation on established residential and commercial developments, decreasing the incentive to hold and speculate on underutilized land.
- 4. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on May 12, 2021.

Recommendation #3 and 4 do not require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATTACHMENTS

EX21-34 - Intensification Incentive Discussion Paper

Appendix A - Intensification Incentive Discussion Paper

Appendix B - Summary of Incentive Options

Appendix C - Recommended Program Target Area

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