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## Council passes 2019 Development Charges By-Law

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Council of the Town of Erin approved the 2019 Development Charges (DC) By-law at the July 22, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Council's decision was made following a DC Background Study, to assess infrastructure and anticipate levels of service needed for the future, as well as public and stakeholder consultation. The by-law outlines the new DC rates, which comes into effect July 23, 2019.

DCs are one-time fees paid by new development, to assist municipalities in financing capital projects required to meet the increased need for services, resulting from growth and development. They may only be used for the purpose of which they are collected. The Province of Ontario regulates the establishment of DC rates through the Development Charges Act, 1997.

The Town of Erin's Development Charges By-law 19-32 states that the DC rate for a single/ semi-detached unit will increase by \$5,707 for a total of \$17,258 in the rural areas and by \$7,180 for a total of \$22,284 in the urban areas (including water services). The non-residential DC rate will increase by \$2.94 per square foot for a total of \$7.52 per square foot in the rural areas and by \$3.49 per square foot for a total of \$9.55 per square foot in the urban areas (including water services). Hard Services included in DCs are; Transportation (services related to the roads network), Fire protection services, Administration studies, and Water services (Urban areas only). Soft Services include Parks and Recreation services.

"Town of Erin Council approved the increased rates of Development Charges to ensure that the taxes of the current residents are not directly affected by new development," said Ursula D'Angelo, Town of Erin Director of Finance. "The new Development Charges rates are conservatively set in comparison to our neighbouring municipalities and will continue to assist Erin as we prepare for future growth," added Mayor Allan Alls.

Public appeals can be made to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Town of Erin Clerk, up to 40 days after the by-law is passed.

For more information on the Town of Erin's Development Charges By-law or Background Study, please visit [www.erin.ca/development-charges](http://www.erin.ca/development-charges).

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