

DEVELOPMENT DEAL: Erin drafts agreement with 10 developers to pay for entire wastewater treatment plant and trunk lines

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The Town of Erin plans to front-end development charges from 10 developers interested in building within Erin's urban boundary.

"Essentially, the money will be enough to build the wastewater plant and the major trunk lines," said Mayor Allan Alls, explaining that the developers are paying development charges now, which would regularly be expected closer to starting their projects.

Alls says the deal should be agreed upon shortly, and the agreement will be made public once documents are signed.

The agreement also has the developers paying \$7,000 over and above what they are regularly due for development charges to each residential unit they expect to build in Erin.

"Growth will pay for growth," Alls said. "Current residents won't pay for any of that."

The mayor says residents won't have to pay a cent in taxes for the wastewater treatment plant.

This agreement, however, does not change the cost estimates for each resident to hook up to the system.

Homeowners currently residing in Erin and Hillsburgh will have to pay an estimated \$14,000 to \$18,000 to the town for their portion of the system, and \$4,000 to \$8,000 to facilitate hookups, putting in a pipe from the main trunk to their home. There are also costs associated with decommissioning the current septic tank.

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Alls says that the town is still hoping for assistance from the provincial and federal governments, which might come later in the year.

"Our project is certainly one of the high-priority ones," Alls said, recounting what he was told by the minister of infrastructure. "That doesn't mean we got it, but we're optimistic."

At a recent Erin council meeting, Coun. Mike Robins put forward two notices of motion asking for staff to provide reports giving a cost breakdown for current residents, as well as potential payment options and a plan for the town to pay for the costs while residents make payments over the years.

The second notice of motion asks for a staff report on how the costs of the wastewater project will be separated from other town costs, and how much money has been spent to date.

"All the information that he's asking to be brought out will come out," said Alls, noting that some of it may take some time to establish, as the plans unfold.

In the event that a developer's project is denied or turned away, Alls said the town would pay back the front-end payments.

"We don't anticipate any turning away," Alls said, adding that the developers will still need to go through the complete planning process and county approvals for their projects.

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