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### No development fees, council rules

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There's no sense in spending money on something you don't want.

And with that, city council on Monday scrapped any more studies, meetings or proposals that would examine the issue of development charges.

The concept of imposing development charges – an additional levy added to any new builds – has been under review in Sault Ste. Marie for several years.


Development charges are an additional charge builders incur when building new. Monies paid are designed to offset costs associated with additional city infrastructure needed to accommodate growth. The levy is often used for items such as new roads, sewers or public transit.

Sault Ste. Marie has never levied development charges on residential, commercial, industrial or institutional development. It first began examining the issue in 2013.

Council was faced with a staff report Monday asking for an additional \$15,000 budget to update the work already done by consultants and bring it in line with provincial requirements for implementation in 2017.

Council defeated the request for additional study monies, ultimately cancelling any more discussion on development fees.





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