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(via pdf email)

Attention: Mayor and Members of the General Issues Committee

**RE: 2014 Development Charges Study & By-Law**

As you are aware The City of Hamilton has undertaken a review of its City Wide Development Charges By-Law No. 09-143 and has completed a Background Study which proposes an increase to the current development charge rate in the amount of \$6,879 per SDU.

While we understand Development Charges increase as additional City initiatives and projects are required to facilitate development, an increase of this magnitude and the relatively short notice of the increase value places ourselves, and likely others, who sold homes prior to knowing the increase in Development Charges in a tough position.

We understand the DC By-Law is required to be in place by July 6, 2014 and we are fully supportive of a transition as outlined in Alternative #1 found on page 21 of 25 in the Staff Report. This transition provides time for the market to adjust to the new rates and allows time for building permits to be pulled on houses sold prior to the new DC By-Law being in place. We therefore kindly ask this Committee to consider and recommend this alternative.

We appreciate your time in reading this letter and we are hopeful a recommendation for approval of the proposed DC-By-Law will go before Council with a Transition Period. If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
THE MATTAMY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ryan Oosterhoff", written in a cursive style.

Ryan Oosterhoff