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I am here speaking as a resident of the City of Hamilton, in my personal capacity, and declare that I have no conflicts of interest.
Support the adoption of the proposed new development charges with respect to laneway housing/secondary dwelling units

Suggest consideration be given to including exemption from DCs for charities which support affordable housing (e.g. Hamilton Habitat for Humanity, Indwell)

Request reimbursement of rezoning and development charges paid for 390 ½ Aberdeen, Hamilton
Action: Council adopt the proposed revised DCs
• Previous DCs had no provision for a reduction or waiver for charities
• Charities such as Habitat would request reimbursement of DCs from Council several months after DCs paid (when building permit was issued)
• Hamilton Habitat for Humanity had full DCs reimbursed over 20 times, despite no provision in existing regulations
• Excluding charities that work to develop affordable housing from reduced or waived DCs will reduce their effectiveness

**Action:** Revise the proposed DCs to reduce or waive DCs for charities which develop affordable housing
Committee recommend reimbursement of rezoning and DC fees ($62,478) regarding 390 ½ Aberdeen

- Converted an existing detached laneway garage to a 700 sf, 1 bed, energy-efficient flat for mother-in-law
- No increase in footprint and built legally and through full consultation with City of Hamilton staff
- No means of recouping rezoning and DCs if all future similar developments are free to build
- Council does have the authority to reimburse fees, and has done so previously for other builds
- It is the fair and reasonable thing to do

Action: Audit, Finance and Administration Committee recommend reimbursement of rezoning and DC fees ($62,478) regarding 390 ½ Aberdeen