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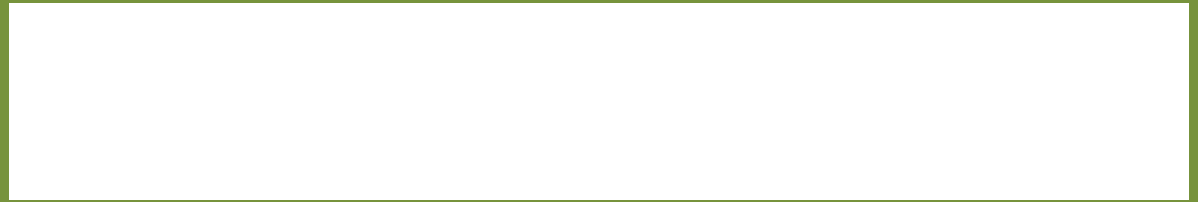
I am here speaking as a resident of the City of
Hamilton, in my personal capacity, and
declare that I have no conflicts of interest.

- 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



Alley between Fullerton and Birch, Keith Neighbourhood

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



- 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

Jan 2013 - Began consultation with city
May 2017 - Paid \$10,950 for rezoning
Oct 2017 - Paid \$51,528 for DCs, for building permit to be issued

