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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** Chan, Alvin; Gravina, Joe  
**Subject:** Feedback - User Fees Presentation

Good afternoon Alvin and Joe,

We've had a chance to review the presentation to DILG regarding the proposed amendment to the tariff of fees for planning and engineering development applications. The consensus is that its great to see some changes being made and we are happy to see the significant fee reduction for complex rezoning applications. WE HBA will be submitting a formal written submission by Monday's deadline however our initial questions/comments on the presentation at this time are as follows:

- Slide 3 (proposed amendments – rezoning applications) states a maximum for commercial & industrial of \$60,000 but does not indicate the base fee of \$35,054 which is then mentioned on Slide 5. This fee should be reflected/explicit, so it is well known that the max \$60,000 is on top of the base fee
- Changes to the non-residential fees helps, however the base fee plus the max GFA fee at +\$90,000 is still too much for application costs
- Slide 8 (site plan - proposed amendments) is confusing and we would like more explanation as to what a unit will be considered (for instance in retirement home or similar facilities, often inconsistent as to whether a project with kitchenette is considered a unit or a suite when calculating fee tariff)
- Looking for a bit more clarification on the implications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section on that slide – where ground related residential counts the same as vertical – was this differentiated before?
- Slide 9 – stand alone official plan fee increase/the 25% surcharge needs further explanation – no real justification provided as to why the fee is being increased - the number of units or the size of the buildings proposed doesn't necessarily indicate the amount of staff energy to review a file, rather the complexity of the required supporting studies

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
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Nick I hope this email finds you and your family well. It is definitely crazy times.

This is a copy of the presentation we want to present to DILG meeting. Unfortunately current situation has caused some logistic issue. Can you circulate it to your working group. Should that have any question I ask that they send them to Alvin and Joe before Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>. They will prepare a summary and provide a reply.

The report is going to the April 29<sup>th</sup> committee of the whole.

Thank you

Be Safe

Tony