

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Development Charges

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To the Clerk and Hamilton Councillors,

I'm writing in support of increased, rather than decreased, charges to developers who plan industrial development on farmland.

As a Ward 13 resident and taxpayer, I do not want my taxes to increase as a result of discounts provided to any developer. Councillors have expressed their strong desire to reduce the tax burden on residents - this is your chance to ensure that developers, not taxpayers, pay for development.

I support the proposed development charge rate of \$41.48 per square foot for all industrial development on greenfields.

I also support a further development charge increase for developers who build on unserviced farmland where there is no existing infrastructure, compared to developers building on brownfields within the urban area with existing infrastructure.

Developers who might be successful in having their lands added to the Urban Area by forcing expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary must pay the full costs of urbanization.

I urge members of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee to move to increase development charges to developers planning to build on farmland and wetlands.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Tigchelaar

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