

Bates, Tamara

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to express my view that Hamilton taxpayers should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial Development Charges (DC) will be transferred to taxpayers.

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

I support a further Industrial DC increase for developers who build on unserviced farmland where there is no existing infrastructure, compared to those that build on [brownfields](#) within the urban area where infrastructure already exists.

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

I understand that every Councillor on the AF& A committee expressed their strong desire to reduce the tax burden on residents during the recent budget period. This is your chance to ensure that developers, not taxpayers, pay for growth.

Please vote in April in favour of increasing the Development Charges for industrial developers.

This is an important issue for healthy growth and a liveable City of Hamilton and planet.

Thank you,

Nancy Chater

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