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As a member of the Audit, Finance, and Administration Committee, I would like to **implore you to pass the staff proposal to increase development charges (DC) for industrial development on greenfields (other than for manufacturing purposes) to a non-discounted rate of \$41.48 per square foot.** In addition, please take into consideration that:

- Hamilton taxpayers should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial DCs will be transferred to taxpayers.
- 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.
- every Councillor on the 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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emil Gadjanski
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