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Subject: FW: Regarding Development Charges By-Law Changes

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I am writing to express my concerns with respect to changes to the Development Charges By-law being discussed at the Audit, Finance and Administration committee.

As a Hamilton taxpayer, we should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial development charges will be transferred to taxpayers. Funds required to support and maintain our city must be increased, but not continually fall the residents tax base disproportionately to that of developers.

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

I also support a further Industrial development charges 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 every Councillor on the Audit, Finance and Administration committee expressed their strong desire to reduce the tax burden on residents during the recent budget period. This is their chance to ensure that developers, not taxpayers pay for growth.

Appreciating your attention and consideration for this important by-law!

Katie West
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