

June 10, 2025



DC Committee Members:

Councillor & Committee Chair Craig Cassar, Councillor Brad Clark,
Mayor Andrea Horwath, Councillor Tammy Hwang, Councillor
Maureen Wilson and Tamara Bates

cc:

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, Ward 2
Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
Steve Robichaud, Acting General Manager, Planning & Development

City of Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

**RE: City of Hamilton's Development Charges By-law, in response to Trade and Tariffs
and the softening of the development market; Committee Meeting of June 12th**

Dear Members of Hamilton City Council, Staff and Committees:

The Durand Neighbourhood Association (DNA) has concern with the city-wide reduction in Development Charges (DCs). While this issue is not specific to our neighbourhood, the DNA figures this will mean higher property taxes.

In the Public Notice details for the June 12, 2025 meeting it states, "These changes mean the City may collect less in development charges, and that shortfall may need to be covered by other sources, such as property taxes and water and wastewater charges."

We are not in favour of reducing DCs with the revenue shortfall to be covered by increased taxes. Development requires upgraded infrastructure and those real costs need to be paid in large part by those doing the development.

We have further concern when DCs are not fixed, and are instead subject to market fluctuation. This brings a level of uncertainty to the building industry. Timing rate increases or decreases in DC's will bring more complication. There is no way to track that reductions in DC's will be met with the equivalent reduction in the price of unit housing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roberta Harman, President
Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc.