



**West End Home Builders' Association**

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*Serving members in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby*

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TO: Chair and Members of Planning Committee

**City of Hamilton**

71 Main Street West

**WE HBA Letter: Detached ADU Building Permit Process**

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The West End Home Builders' Association (WE HBA) is the voice of the land development, new housing and professional renovation industries in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby. The WE HBA represents approximately 300 member companies made up of all disciplines involved in land development and residential construction, including: builders, developers, professional renovators, trade contractors, consultants, and suppliers.

WE HBA appreciates the numerous forward-looking actions the City has taken to permit Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs) throughout the City. This includes the facilitation of building permits, the creation of the dedicated ADU team, and the development of an ADU page on the City website. This has resulted in a strong uptake in construction of these types of units. By creating a dedicated ADU team and making information available to residents and homeowners, the City can redirect planning resources to the processing of larger development applications. This results in dual benefits of providing better service to both builders looking to construct ADUs and large development applications.

WE HBA would also like to take this opportunity to remind Planning Committee and residents of the importance of working with qualified, licenced professional builders and renovators. We appreciate the emphasis the City has placed on this in the brochures. Finally, WE HBA requests to be involved in any potential consultation regarding the development of models for SDU-D construction. Our members are experts in the design and construction process and have expertise the City can draw on. By working collaboratively on ADUs, the City and WE HBA can work together to increase uptake and housing supply.

Sincerely,

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