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Dear Mayor, Clerk, and Councillors,

The issue before the AFAC this coming week gives you the opportunity to do something for taxpayers, for wetlands, and for the environment. A win-win-win situation!

Please give serious consideration to the elimination of the current 37% discount afforded to developers as part of the Development Charges, specifically in the AEGD. It is an old-fashioned, out-of-date way of thinking for this new Hamilton that discourages sprawl. Eliminate the 37% discount entirely, with no gradual phase out and no exemptions for industrial expansion. This is the fairest approach for Hamilton taxpayers, who are paying dearly for everything, as we all know.

Industrial developers who build on unserviced farmland should pay higher DCs compared to those that remediate and build on brownfields within the urban boundary where infrastructure exists. This also encourages developers to do the right thing and make the best choices for climate change and the environment.

Hamilton taxpayers have not been consulted about DC exemptions, which will transfer significant costs from developers, straight to taxpayers. Surely this is not what you want to tell the citizens of Hamilton. You must continue to earn their trust by fighting for them, at every opportunity. Developers, not taxpayers, should pay for growth.

Many thanks for all the hard work and difficult choices which you make constantly to ensure a richer future for this city.

Best Regards,
Marie Covert
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