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Hello

I have recently learned that developers in Hamilton are getting a discount on Development Charges and the Audit, Finance and Administration committee will vote on this on May 2. Why are we giving discounts for developers who build new roads, which doesn't even pay for the long term upkeep of these roads?? The roads in Hamilton are in ABHORRENT condition, making cycling a nightmare and driving a car a bumpy and potentially dangerous ride when drivers swerve to avoid the massive potholes. If we can't even afford to prioritize upkeep of these roads why are we giving a discount to developers who want to build new roads, and pave over precious wetlands that will then not be able to house sensitive species and prevent flooding.

Please ELIMINATE the current 37% discount entirely, with no gradual phase-out and no exemptions for industrial expansions.

Industrial developers who build on unserviced farmland should pay higher DCs compared to those that remediate and build on brownfields within the urban area where infrastructure already exists!!!

Hamilton taxpayers have not been consulted about DCs exemptions, which will transfer significant costs from developers straight to taxpayers. Developers, not taxpayers should pay for growth.

Thank you

Heather Vaughan