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To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
Date: April 15, 2019
Re: Resolution re: Development Charges

Colleagues,

I'm introducing the attached motion as requested at the recent Halton Regional Council meeting.

The resolution mirrors that of Halton Regional Council and supports our point of view that development charges should not only remain in place but be increased to properly cover the actual costs of development.

We have known for a long time that development does not pay for itself. As you'll see in the resolution, in August 2017 the Region reported to Regional Council the "Cost of Growth in Halton Region" at an estimated amount of \$87.7 million per year based on the *growth pays for growth* principle. This estimated annual amount includes the Region, local municipalities and the school boards.

The City of Burlington's estimated cost of growth included in the above figure is \$2.6 million. Based on the 2019 Development Charge update this amount is estimated to be \$2.4M. To put that into context, every \$1.67 million represents a percentage point increase (or 1% increase) in city taxes.

Halton Regional Council unanimously supported the resolution and I am now seeking the similar support of Burlington Council.