



Community Builders...Building Communities

Members of Burlington City Council
c/o City Clerk
426 Brant Street,
Burlington, ON

May 27, 2019

Re: Development Charges By-law (Items 10.1 (a) and 18.2

Thank you for allowing HHHBA the opportunity to sit on the Development Charges Stakeholder Committee and to provide input through the process prior to the background study being released.

As a key stakeholder in the development process, we retained Altus Group to review the background study on our behalf, and have recently submitted those comments/questions to City staff regarding aspects of the background study that we felt required clarification.

We understand that at the public meeting, there was a decision made to move forward the date of implementation of the by-law to June 1st. While this is the prerogative of Council to do so, there are other groups, ratepayers, etc. such as ourselves who anticipated using the time between now and the expiration date to get clarification on issues. In our experience, the development charges process is an iterative one, where there is back and forth between groups to ensure a full understanding of the issues and for staff to consider comments such as those we have made. This allows for a clear process and minimizes appeals that could otherwise be avoided.

On this basis, we request that the date of implementing the by-law NOT be made for June 1, 2019, but rather a date closer to the expiry to allow staff to consider our comments and questions, and to provide them with an opportunity to respond. I have attached a copy of the Altus report referred to above for your reference.



Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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