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Mayor and Members of Council

Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Committee – City of Burlington

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West End Home Builder's Association | Letter of Support Mayor's Motion on Processing of Committee of Adjustment Applications

The West End Home Builders' Association (WE HBA) is the voice of the land development, new housing and professional renovation industries in Hamilton and Burlington. 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. In 2022, the residential construction industry employed over 5,300 people, paying \$362.8 million in wages, and contributed over \$701 million in investment value within Burlington.

The WE HBA was pleased to participate in the Mayor's Red Tape Red Carpet Feedback Session for Residential Developers on February 1st, 2023. We appreciate the effort the City of Burlington is making to improve and maximize efficiency of the planning process across a variety of initiatives including the Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF) project and the Pre-Building Application Process (PBP) project. **We appreciate the positive initiative being taken to clear the Committee of Adjustment (CofA) backlog within the next 4 months, and would like to thank Mayor Meed Ward and Councillor Kelvin Galbraith, Deputy Mayor for Business and Red Tape Reduction, for bringing this forward.** As the City and our industry navigate a rapidly evolving planning context and pressing need to increase housing supply, WE HBA would be pleased to continue collaborative discussions with City Staff through ongoing Housing Development Liaison Committee meetings.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michelle Diplock'.

Michelle Diplock, MPI

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West End Home Builders' Association

