

**West End Home Builders' Association**

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*Serving members in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby*

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TO: Mayor Meed Ward and Members of Council

## WE HBA Letter: City of Burlington Building Permit Fee Increase, May 2024

The West End Home Builders' Association (WE HBA) is the voice of the land development, new housing and professional renovation industries in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby. 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.

WE HBA understands that the City of Burlington Building and By-law Department is presenting a revised proposal to increase building permit fees by an indexation of 3% in 2024, with a remaining 2024 Budget approved 21.9% subject to review by the City's consultant. WE HBA supports the action of the City to address the concerns of the industry and the proposal for a more modest 3% increase. Amidst the housing crisis, and current economic and financial pressures, including high building costs, interest rates, and shortages of skilled labour, large increases have implications for the ability of builders and developers to move forward with permit applications in the development pipeline.

WE HBA thanks the City for work to collaborate on this issue, and requests that the industry continue to be engaged in future discussions this year regarding any contemplated increases to building permit fees.

Sincerely,



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