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RE: April 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole

Item 7.7 | Indexation of building permit fees for 2025 (DGM-06-25) (GM)

The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), along with our Halton Forum members, acknowledges receipt of *Item 7.7 – Indexation of Building Permit Fees for 2025 (DGM-06-25) (GM)*, as presented in the April 7th Committee of the Whole agenda. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this correspondence.

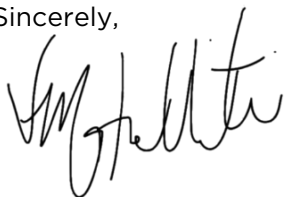
The report outlines a proposed 5.36% indexation of building permit fees for 2025, presenting the Committee of the Whole with two options: proceed with the indexation or maintain current rates.

BILD has always acknowledged the importance of indexing to support Fees for Service. However, Ontario's housing crisis continues to place unprecedented pressure on the industry, making home construction and ownership increasingly challenging. With consumer demand declining and construction costs reaching record highs, affordability concerns have only deepened. **Given these conditions, BILD recommends maintaining the 2024 building permit fees to help ease financial pressures on the industry and support the timely advancement of development projects this year.**

The City of Burlington has been a leader in the region in recognizing the severity of the housing crisis. Early last year, the City reaffirmed its commitment by lowering development charge increases through the 2024 review, and more recently, it established a Tariff Task Force to provide resources and industry updates to the Mayor and Council. BILD appreciates the City's ongoing leadership and respectfully requests consideration of a deferral of this year's building permit fee indexation.

While all levels of government play a role in addressing the crisis, municipalities have the ability to implement immediate, temporary measures that can accelerate housing delivery. BILD remains committed to building strong, vibrant, and sustainable communities and looks forward to collaborating with the City of Burlington during this critical time to advance meaningful, actionable solutions.

Sincerely,



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The Building Industry and Land Development Association is an advocacy and educational group representing the building, land development and professional renovation industry in the Greater Toronto Area. BILD is the largest home builders' association in Canada, and is affiliated with the Ontario Home Builders' Association and the Canadian Home Builders' Association. It's 1,200 member companies consists not only of direct industry participants but also of supporting companies such as financial and professional service organizations, trade contractors, as well as manufacturers and suppliers of home-related products.