



Options for the temporary elimination of Development charges
(DGM-03-26)

February 5, 2026

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward and Members of Council

City of Burlington
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RE: **Item 12.3 Options for the temporary elimination of Development Charges (DGM-03-26)**

Committee of the Whole
February 9, 2026

Support for the Temporary Elimination of Development Charges

Hallett Homes, a Burlington-based homebuilder, acknowledges receipt of Item 12.3: Options for the Temporary Elimination of Development Charges, which is scheduled for presentation to the Committee of the Whole on February 9.

After reviewing the report, we are writing to express our support for a two-year elimination of development charges on all types of housing tenures. We believe that implementing this program would enable homebuilders throughout Burlington to expedite their projects and increase the pace of home construction. As a homebuilder, we are highly aware of the challenges faced by homebuyers both in Burlington and across Ontario and strongly believe that reducing development charges for all unit types will contribute significantly to delivering more homes at better prices to families and individuals in Burlington in a timely manner.

While we recognize that development charges are only one factor affecting the current challenging housing market and economy, we view this proposed measure as a positive step toward rebuilding consumer confidence and ultimately ensuring more residents have access to suitable housing.

In light of these considerations, we respectfully request that you support the elimination of development charges for all housing tenures. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to collaborating on policies such as this, which foster the creation of outstanding new homes in the City of Burlington.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ryan Bennett'.

Ryan Bennett
Operations Manager
Hallett Homes