

SUBJECT: DRAFT Correspondence to Federal and Provincial Ministers – Development Charge Exemption Funding Request

TO: Members of Council

From: Office of the Mayor

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: February 17, 2026

CIP Date: N/A

Reason:

To advise Council of **DRAFT correspondence** to the federal and provincial governments regarding Burlington’s two-year, 100% residential Development Charge (DC) exemption.

This report is provided for Council’s awareness and inclusion on the agenda.

Implications:

Financial: Potential financial impact of the City’s two-year residential DC exemption. Estimates indicate that foregone DC revenue could range from approximately \$6M to \$41M annually, depending on uptake. Replacement funding and legislative flexibility are being requested to mitigate potential impacts on municipal reserves and the property tax base.

Communication/Engagement:

The letter is intended to be transmitted to the federal and provincial governments and shared publicly through the Council agenda process.

References:

February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole Motion – Two-Year Residential DC Exemption

Strategic Alignment

- Designing and delivering complete communities
 - Providing the best services and experiences
 - Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change
 - Driving organizational performance
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Approved as per form by the City Clerk