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Hello Angelo,

Thank you for helping me manoeuvre and absorb the issues/concerns with the possible temporary elimination of Development Charges.

I would like to have the following considered prior to the approval to temporarily eliminate Development Charges either through a by-law amendment or a grant program.

1. Prior to voting on the temporary elimination of DC charges, it is suggested the City await replies from the Federal and Provincial governments with regards to making the City whole. Should the replies be positive, angst due to the potential magnitude of \$6-41 million may be negated.
2. Prior to voting on the temporary elimination, it is suggested the City provide the public with the reserve fund(s) details available as of year end fiscal 2025, and how the reserve funds will be used to fund the temporary elimination of DC. Dependent on the reserve funds' reporting, it is suggested the by-law amendment or grant program provide a total dollar to be approved throughout the applicable period to limit the risk exposure. Once, the total dollar is achieved, the grant would no longer be available.
3. It is suggested a criteria for the elimination of DC charges be that the application was approved by the City and not the result of an OLT decision. This will ensure the City is providing the elimination of DC charges to those developments that are in keeping with the City's Official Plan, development in the right place at the right time.

Lastly, this matter seems to be rushed and may not ignite "shovels in the ground", resulting in monies lost to the city and its residents, without any gain. It is suggested further review be done, i.e. financial, legal, etc. including public input.

Thank you in advance for considering the above.

Regards,

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