

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

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Subject: RE: Options for the temporary elimination of Development Charges (DGM-03-26) (SD), to be held at a Special Meeting on March 2, 2026
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Attention: Mayor & Council at the City of Burlington; and Clerks@burlington.ca

Re: Options for the temporary elimination of Development Charges (DGM-03-26) (SD); March 2, 2026

It is being proposed by City Council to waive development charges for a 2-year period in respect of all developments in the City of Burlington.

Development charges are levied by the province and municipalities in order to pay for new developments. These development charges pay for city services such as water, electricity, sewers, policing, transit, roads etc.; as well as other things like schools, parks and community centres.

All monies in the hands of the City of Burlington comes from Burlington taxpayers. This includes all monies in any and all reserve funds etc.. None of this money should be touched regardless of how the Mayor or City Councilors want to spin this proposal. This money is there to be spent on the needs of Burlington property taxpayers and residents! and not for Developers.

If developers want to build in Burlington, the developers must pay the mandated development charges themselves, period. None of the monies being held by the COB should be touched or depleted for any developers. And property tax payers should never be on the hook for any of this.

I live in Ward 2 and I am against this proposal to have property taxpayers subsidize any developers. And

this includes not touching any monies being held in various reserve funds etc.

I hope you all vote to do the right thing and dismiss this action and proposal entirely.

Thank you in advance,

Caren Burcher

Ward 2