

April 3, 2024



GEORGIAN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Dear Madame Mayor and Members of the Council,

**Subject: 2024 Development Charges Background Study and By-Law**

Deputation Date: April 8th, 2024 – Committee of the Whole

The Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI) represents over 50 businesses within the development industry across the South Georgian Bay Region. Our members range from developers and builders to contractors, suppliers, planners, engineers, real estate firms, and other related businesses. It's important to note that our industry significantly contributes to the funding of the Development Engineering Department at the Town of Blue Mountains, supporting six full-time and one contractual position.

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed Development Charges Background Study and the accompanying By-Law. The suggested rate hikes are considerable, and frankly, there has not been sufficient time for our members to collaborate with the Town to ensure their concerns are thoroughly addressed and to evaluate the potential impact on one of the Town's most significant industries.

On behalf of our members, we respectfully request additional time for review and discussion. Specifically, we propose a three-month extension to the current Development Charges By-law. This extension would afford us the necessary time to thoroughly review, receive responses to, and address the questions and concerns that have been raised. Although we have not conducted a formal survey, we believe that many within our industry would echo this request for more time. Sincerely,

  
Kenneth Hale, RPP

Vice President

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