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**RE: City of Vaughan – Development Services Fee Structure Review Study**

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The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) is in receipt of the City of Vaughan's *Development Fees Review Study* by Watson & Associates that is being presented at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Whole (Item 6.3). On behalf of our York Chapter members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comments.

To begin, we would like to thank staff for continuing open and candidate discussions through our long-standing Developers Liaison Group (DLG), where we first learned that this review was being conducted. BILD appreciates that the City has undertaken this review, as reviewing planning, building and engineering fees regularly allows for greater accountability and transparency to ensure that they are fair and reflective of the actual costs involved. Through our DLG meetings we were able to have preliminary discussions on this topic on two occasions. Following one of our meetings, we provided some preliminary fee commentary to staff in the interest of greater accountability and equity.

Upon our initial review of the planning component of the staff report that was released on April 11<sup>th</sup>, we recognize that this component of the fee study has incorporated our comments and we would like to thank staff for making these changes. While we have a clear understanding and appreciation for the planning component of this work, we are still working through the engineering and building components of this study.

Therefore, further to our email that was submitted on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to Clerks, we continue to ask for a deferral of this item for two Council cycles (which could return to the May 30<sup>th</sup> COW). This would allow additional time for the industry to review and for consultation.

As partners in community building, we must ensure this is a fee model that is equitable and sustainable to the new homeowners of Vaughan who will assume the financial implications of these fees. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. As your community building partner, we trust that you will take them into consideration as we work towards success.

Kind regards,



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