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Council – April 28, 2026

CW(1) – Report No. 17 Item No. 7

Mayor Del Duca and Members of the Committee of the Whole

City of Vaughan
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Re: Committee of the Whole - March 31, 2026

Item 7 (Addendum Listing): TIME LIMITED EXEMPTION OF CITY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS – RESPONSE TO MAYORAL DIRECTIVE 1-2026

On behalf of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and our York Forum members, we are writing to commend Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council for your leadership in directing City staff to bring forward today's report on a time-limited exemption of City Development Charges for residential development.

The City of Vaughan continues to demonstrate strong leadership in advancing practical, solutions-oriented policies that support the delivery of new housing to meet the needs of current and future residents. We appreciate the commitment of the Mayor, Members of Council, and City staff in advancing initiatives such as this, which will play a meaningful role in increasing housing supply during this market downturn.

By introducing a time-limited exemption on residential development charges, the City is taking a bold and innovative step that, if implemented effectively, would position Vaughan as a leader in addressing the housing crisis.

BILD supports this initiative and recognizes its potential to positively impact housing delivery in the short term. Given the significance of this novel approach, we emphasize the importance of ongoing collaboration between City staff and the development industry to ensure implementation mechanisms are fair and equitable across all housing types. This discussion is essential to maintaining transparency and effectiveness and will help ensure the exemption delivers tangible benefits to all home purchasers and the broader community.

BILD also acknowledges recent federal and provincial announcements regarding HST/GST and development charge funding. We understand Council and staff will need time to assess how these measures can complement Vaughan's initiatives and further support housing delivery.

BILD greatly values our long-standing relationship with the City of Vaughan, built on transparent dialogue and collaboration. We appreciate the City's continued commitment to accelerating housing supply. Our members remain dedicated to building vibrant, complete communities in Vaughan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this correspondence. We look forward to continued collaboration and progress ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Wilkes".

Dave Wilkes
President & CEO, BILD