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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Planning Act Review
Provincial Planning Policy Branch
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Toronto, On
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RE: Bill 108 (Schedule 3) – Changes to the Development Charges Act

On behalf of the London Development Institute I am pleased to provide the following comments regarding the proposed changes to the Development Charges Act to improve housing availability in Ontario.

The London Development Institute (LDI) is a member-based organization representing most land developers in the London area. LDI has been the leading voice on development issues in our City for more than 40 years. Our goal, working with our partners in local government and the community, is to build a better London.

LDI agrees with the proposed changes to the Development Charges Act. Our members support the Government's policy changes that encourage the development of a mix of housing options and can boost the supply of housing in London. LDI members are willing to work with our municipal partners to implement the proposed changes to development charges. These changes will help us collectively tackle the challenge of availability and affordability in our community.

The proposed changes to the timing of development charges regarding new rental housing stock are important in providing certainty and predictability for our industry. The new certainty will build confidence in our industry and should lead to the development of more rental units in the City of London.

Additional changes, such as the authority to exempt secondary units in newly built homes from development charges and the creation the community benefits charge replacing some development charges, are welcome steps towards increasing the availability and affordability of homes for everyone in our community.



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If you have any questions or wish to consult with the London Development Institute in further detail on any of the issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than willing to meet with the Minister, his staff or a Standing Committee of the Government of Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wallace', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mike Wallace
Executive Director
London Development Institute