

**ABOUT OUR GROUP:**

HamiltonForward was formed as an advocacy group in April 2018 just before the Hamilton Downtown Secondary Plan was implemented to represent concerns from pro-growth and pro-housing Hamiltonians. Since then, our group has formed a board of directors and works to promote smart development and increasing the housing supply in Hamilton.

At the core of our mission is pushing for increasing housing supply to deliver real relief on housing affordability, while working to promote a focusing of planning and development regulations on the matters that create a great, livable, beautiful, and affordable city.

**RENTAL DC DEFERRAL:**

Deferring Development Charges for rental projects and non-profit housing priorities makes sense. We are hopeful that this change will allow purpose built rental and not-for-profit projects to move forward faster.

**DC EXEMPTIONS:**

We are supportive of the changes that will allow for exemptions of Development Charges on secondary suites and communal conversions. There is tremendous opportunity in secondary suites, laneway homes, small homes, etc. in filling a portion of the housing demand.

**IN SUM:**

We support a number of the changes proposed in Bill 108 and are glad that the Government is taking a focus to the root cause of the housing affordability crisis, which is that we do not have enough supply, and that the cost of new supply should be addressed.

There are a number of other measures that should be taken regarding housing, like implementing a supply neutral Inclusionary Zoning program, but this Bill is a positive start and we believe for the most part, should be passed.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and will also be submitting a short comment on Schedule 12.

On behalf of the board,

Lachlan Holmes  
*Founder*