



LONDON DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Planning Consultation

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Dear Ministry Staff,

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 wants to thank the Provincial Government for their commitment in supporting housing supply in Ontario. Your efforts will provide housing availability and affordability for all.

LDI is supportive in principle of the proposed changes to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997 that remove barriers for the creation of 1.5 million new homes in Ontario over the next ten years.

We agree with the proposed changes that will address parkland acquisition and improvements to the development changes regime to ensure that monies collected are spent in a timely manner to provide the needed infrastructure required for future development.

Our concern would be that any changes regarding phase-in or deferral of DC's does not slow down the municipal spending on planned infrastructure to support development and growth. We are hopeful that this issue will be addressed through the implementation phase of the changes to the Development Charges Act.

On a final note, we would ask that any claw back of development application fees that are scheduled for January 1st, 2023, be deferred until after the effect of the changes in Bill 23 will have on the development process. An additional option would be to give the applicant the right to wave the timing requirements for development applications outlined in Bill 109.

LDI looks forward to the consultation process regarding the development of regulations to implement the improvements to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act.

Sincerely,

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

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