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**RE: ERO Posting 019-8371**

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus to comment on ERO Posting 019-8371 on the proposed changes to the Development Charges Act.

The proposed changes are welcome partial reversals of previous changes that impact the ability of municipalities to cover the costs of servicing and planning for growing communities.

We would like to see the legislation take a further step to reinstate both housing services and the cost of land as eligible DC costs. Together, these changes are costing municipalities \$4 billion over a 10-year period and will have a material impact on municipalities' ability to invest in community housing.

As always, the WOWC appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Development Charges Act changes proposed through Bill 185. We look forward to working with the provincial government and our municipal counterparts to protect Western Ontario's agricultural land while sustaining and growing Ontario's housing supply.

When we work collaboratively together, our communities reap the rewards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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