

July 14, 2023

TO: Guelph City Council

RE: 2023 Development Charge Background Study Update

Council Meeting July 19, 2023 Report 2023-305

Mr. Mayor, Members of Council

We are writing to provide a brief comment on the draft 2023 Development Charge Background Study Update report.

We recognize the amount of work that goes into developing the DC calculations and that this work was started many months ago, however what is presented at this meeting is unfortunately now out of date. The planning target as presented is 12,560 units over the next ten years, while the housing target is now pledged at 18,000 units (an over 40% increase). The DC Study needs to be based on this new target.

We urge Council and staff to take the time needed to get the new planning numbers incorporated into this work so that the study can provide the complete quantum of the projects and costs required over the next ten years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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