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From:
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To:
Mayor Jeff Jordan and Members of Council
Town of Grimsby
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Grimsby, ON L3M 0J5

[WE HBA Letter: Supporting Grimsby's Application to the Development Charges Reduction Program](#)

Dear Mayor Jordan and Members of Council,

On behalf of the West End Home Builders' Association (WE HBA), we are writing to encourage the Town of Grimsby to move swiftly in pursuing an application to the newly announced Development Charges Reduction Program (DCRP), introduced by the provincial and federal governments, prior to the June 19, 2026 deadline.

By way of introduction, the West End Home Builders' Association ("WE HBA") is the voice of the land development, new housing, and professional renovation industries in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby. WE HBA represents approximately 300 member companies across all disciplines involved in land development and residential construction. In the Hamilton CMA in 2024, residential construction contributed over \$4.6 billion in investment value and provided over 21,000 jobs paying about \$1.6 billion in wages¹. Our members are directly engaged in delivering the housing supply Ontario urgently needs.

The DCRP presents a significant opportunity for municipalities to secure substantial provincial and federal funding support for housing-enabling infrastructure while further advancing housing affordability and economic growth. Under the program, municipalities may receive funding covering up to 90 percent of eligible infrastructure costs associated with roads, water, wastewater, and transit infrastructure, provided municipalities commit to reducing development charges by 30 to 50 percent or more over a three-year period.

At a time when housing construction activity has slowed across Ontario, financing conditions remain challenging, and municipalities are increasingly competing to attract private sector investment, Grimsby has an important opportunity to strengthen its competitive position by securing significant infrastructure funding while further reducing development charges through the DCRP. **By reducing development charges by 30 to 50 percent or more, Grimsby would be eligible for funding to cover up to 90 percent of infrastructure project costs.** Municipalities that move quickly to participate in the program will be better positioned to attract new housing investment, advance critical infrastructure projects, and support long-term economic growth and housing supply.

¹ CHBA Economic Impacts 2024 Fact Sheet, Hamilton CMA.



The DCRP represents a rare opportunity to secure transformative infrastructure investment while helping improve project viability and accelerating much-needed housing supply. Programs of this scale have the potential to strengthen long-term economic competitiveness, support local jobs, and ensure municipalities can continue to grow sustainably while maintaining critical infrastructure investments.

We appreciate that the Province has established a compressed timeline for municipalities to prepare and submit applications. Nonetheless, the significance of this opportunity warrants urgent consideration and collaboration between Council and staff to ensure Grimsby is positioned to submit a strong and competitive application.

The West End Home Builders' Association and our members stand ready to support the Town in any way that may assist in advancing a successful application, including providing industry insight, market context, housing pipeline information, and stakeholder support.

We respectfully urge the Town move quickly to pursue this important funding opportunity and ensure Grimsby remains competitive for future housing investment and infrastructure funding. It is vital that Council and staff to move quickly to everything in their power to submit a strong application to the Development Charges Reduction Program prior to the June 19 deadline.

Sincerely,

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