

— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

Motion Requesting that the Federal Government Commit to Working with OBCM and Municipalities on Changes to Development Charges in new Housing Legislation

Moved by Mayor Marianne Meed Ward - OBCM Chair

Whereas across Ontario and all of Canada we are in a housing crisis due to a lack of available and affordable housing options for residents as our population continues to grow at a rapid rate; and

Whereas municipalities in Ontario operate on a “growth pays for growth” model where we charge development fees on all new construction to help fund the capital costs associated with growth-related infrastructure including (but not limited to) extending municipal services to new developments, such as roads, transit, water and wastewater infrastructure, community centres, libraries, schools and fire and policing facilities; and

Whereas under the the Ontario Development Charges Act as well as many of our Municipal By-laws we have included development charge exemptions for non-profit, affordable and attainable housing projects; and

Whereas at the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Ottawa, Prime Minister Mark Carney indicated that he would cut development charges in half and make municipalities whole as part of the federal government's new housing initiatives; and

Whereas Ontario's Big City Mayors represents over 70% of the population of Ontario, and almost 30% of the population of Canada*, including several of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada.

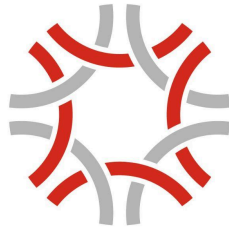
Therefore be it resolved that Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) requests that the federal government commit to working with our organization in the development of new housing legislation the impacts the collection of development charges;

And that municipalities be consulted on the impact of changes to development charges so they may plan for future capital costs while helping to play their part to get the housing built that our residents need;

And that we appreciate the Prime Minister's commitment to keep municipalities whole and request a conversation about how the federal government will achieve this goal.

Be it further resolved that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance and National Revenue
- The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure



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- The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Josh Morgan, Chair, Big City Mayors' Caucus and Mayor of London
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Karen Redman, Chair, MARCO and Chair, Regional Municipality of Waterloo

*[StatsCan - Census Metropolitan Areas estimates for 2024](#)