

EX30.3.6



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Re: Item EX 30.3, Development Charges Bylaw review

To Mayor John Tory and members of the Executive Committee of City Council:

We are writing on behalf of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network, an umbrella organization that brings together seven different community groups concerned with the development of the Mimico-Lakeshore area.

Our organization favours increasing development charges by no less than the amount recommended in the report from the Interim Chief Financial Officer, and phasing in the increase over a transition period of no more than six months. Lengthening the phase-in would result in a substantial loss of revenue for the City.

We in Mimico are experiencing what happens when the scale of development completely outpaces the provision of infrastructure. While we realize that the Committee of Adjustment and the Ontario Municipal Board have enabled developers to far exceed the heights and densities foreseen in the Secondary Plan for the area, it is clear that there has not been enough planning or money for adequate accompanying infrastructure.

The City is only now beginning to make plans for public transit that will be needed in the very near future, but the plans may take a decade or more to bring to completion. New residents of Humber Bay Shores arrive to find that there is no community centre nearby. The neighbourhood is choked with traffic, yet plans to add to the local street network have not been carried out.

We urge you not to continue the policies of the last decade, which have produced these results for our area of the city. Growth should pay for growth. Higher development charges are needed now, with the minimum of delay.

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