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Mayor John Tory and Members
City of Toronto Executive Committee
Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Re: EX 29.12 - Development Charges (DC) Complaint – 55 Mac Frost Way

I want to write the Executive Committee about this item, development charges levied at 55 Mac Frost Way, also known as the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club. I have tremendous sympathy for the golf course as they were assessed \$22,430 in development charges, which was more than half the actual cost of construction for a shed building that would house golf clubs. This is because the DC by-law is based on square footage, it is extremely punitive to a small storage building like this. I even doubt whether 90% of the services paid for by DCs are available to a building like this.

I would recommend that as we review the development charge by-law, there should be an exemption that would cover such buildings, with an upper size limit. By comparison, if a residential property increases its number of dwelling units a development charge is applied, however, if a shed or garage is not used as a dwelling there would be no associated development charge fee. Therefore, in most situations an accessory shed/garage on a residential property would not be assessed DCs.

I would request as part of the current Development Charge by-law review that this policy be included and adopted. To me, this really is an issue of fairness and empathy.

Sincerely,

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