



February 7th, 2025

Mayor Chow and Members of Council
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Via Email: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Re: CC27.1 - Budget Implementation Including Property Tax Rates, User Fees and Related Matters

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of the Toronto City Council,

This letter is submitted on behalf of The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON), which collectively represent the land development and construction industries in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and beyond. Both of our organizations participate in the City's Construction Hub Coordination meetings.

To provide some context, in Fall 2024, members of BILD and RESCON met with City staff to discuss the Congestion Management Plan, specifically the proposed new Road Occupation Request Administration Fee (RODARS Admin Fee). At the time, while these proposed fees were to include the residential construction sector, it was implied that this industry was not the primary focus of these measures since we are responsible for only 5% of these occupancies. Additional fees of any kind are not conducive to supporting the construction of badly needed homes, in the midst of the worst housing affordability and supply crisis the province and the City of Toronto has ever experienced.

On February 6th, we were informed that these fees were indeed advancing as part of the City of Toronto's 2025 Budget process at the February 11th Council Meeting. Unfortunately, due to the short notice, we have not been provided sufficient time to conduct stakeholder consultation with our members or to adequately assess the impact of this new information.

As a result, we respectfully request that the decision on these fees be deferred at the February 11th City Council meeting, and that staff be directed to engage with BILD and RESCON members for stakeholder consultation.

Thank you for considering this request. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Binder
Senior Director, Policy and Advocacy
BILD

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Richard Lyall
President
RESCON