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Re: Proposed Development Charges Act, 1997 Changes (More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022), Proposal Number: 22-MMAH007

The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) is pleased to provide its comments regarding the proposed *Development Charges Act, 1997 changes (Proposal Number 22-MMAH007)* which implement the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*. The OHBA understands that this initiative is in accordance with the provisions contained in the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* which has received Royal Assent on April 14th, 2022. In particular, the initiative forms part of a series of changes introduced by the province to address the housing supply crisis that requires a longer-term strategy, commitment, and coordinated approach from all levels of government.

The OHBA realizes that this proposal, if implemented, will enhance the transparency and accountability regarding development charges (DCs) by improving municipal reporting requirements. The proposal would be applicable to municipalities that have a DC Bylaw in place passed under the *Development Charges Act*.

Further, the OHBA understands and is supportive of the proposed amendments in that they would enhance the existing reporting requirements of municipalities that levy DCs including DC background studies, DC eligible projects, and DC annual reporting. In addition, the proposed changes would amend existing reporting requirements by municipalities to necessitate the publication of additional information available which would foster greater transparency.

The OHBA feels that the proposed amendments would be of benefit to the development industry and ultimately new home buyers by providing greater clarity and essential information on an ongoing basis. As such, the OHBA recommends that the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act* be approved. The OHBA appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the proposed amendments being contemplated by the MMAH to the *Development Charges Act* through the *Regulatory Registry Proposal Number: 22-MMAH007*.