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Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Whitney, Karen
Cc: Kanji, Teema; Mike McLean; 'Gabe DiMartino'
Subject: BILD: Letter Submission for York Regions User Fee By-law Review

Good afternoon Karen,

Please find attached BILDs submission regarding the Regions User Fee By-law Review. The sentiments within this letter outline the exemplary practices that you and your staff have provided BILD throughout this review. We look forward to a continued positive and transparent working relationship.

Thank you to you and Teema, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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Building Industry and Land
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December 6, 2019

Ms. Karen Whitney
The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Ms. Karen Whitney,

RE: York Region User Fee By-law Review

With more than 1,500 member-companies, BILD is the voice of the land development, home building and professional renovation industry in the Greater Toronto Area and Simcoe County. Our industry is essential to York Region's long-term economic strength and prosperity. In 2018 alone, the residential construction industry in York generated nearly 51,000 on-site and off-site jobs in new home building, renovation and repair – one of the Region's largest employers. As a simple rule of thumb, one crane in the sky represents 500 jobs. These jobs paid \$3.6 billion in wages and contributed \$6.5 billion in investment value to the local economy.

On behalf of our York Chapter members, the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) would like to take this opportunity to thank you for engaging our membership in the review of York Regions proposed 2020 User Fee By-law, which we understand will be brought forward to Council for approval on December 12, 2019. Prior to this Council meeting, BILD has reviewed the fees schedule with its York Chapter members and would like to share the following comments for your consideration.

First, we would like to thank you for hosting a stakeholder consultation meeting with members of the building industry on October 18, 2019 to discuss the proposed changes to the User Fee By-law as well as attending our November 22, 2019 York Chapter meeting. It has been our longstanding position that early-on consultation with the industry on matters affecting their work is important, and we applaud the Region for demonstrating exemplary consultative practices.

BILD and its members also appreciate staff providing us with the requested additional background material that outlined the methodology of this fee review and the Region's cost of services, especially under the short timeframes. This information provided our members with an understanding on the basis for the changes and how it relates to levels of service. We trust that these satisfactory service levels at the Region will continue in the New Year. Moving forward for future fee updates, BILD and its members believe that this information and level of detail should always be provided and that enough time be built in the consultation process to review it. Local area municipalities would also benefit from undertaking this best practice that the Region has demonstrated with this fee review.

As your community building partners, we look forward to a continued positive and transparent working relationship in the years to come. We trust you will find our comments helpful and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Mortelliti'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Victoria' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Mortelliti'.

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