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Oakville Mayor Rob Burton brought a motion to the last regional council meeting that calls for improvements to the Development Charges Act.

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to the backs of taxpayers, specifically local property taxpayers," said Burton. "The only alternative to pay for growth, aside from development charges, is taxes."

"We know that growth currently doesn't pay for itself, so any step to make growth pay even less is a step backwards," added Meed Ward.

Of particular concern to the mayors are any potential changes to Section 27 of the act, which permits municipalities to collect development charges prior to

the building permit stage. The motion deems this measure "critical in Halton for the delivery of infrastructure to support additional new housing."

Regional chair Gary Carr will now write a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark expressing council's serious concerns regarding changes to Section 27 of the act or a reduction in the

THE ISSUE:
HALTON COUNCIL URGING PROVINCE TO IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT.

LOCAL IMPACT:
STRONGER ACT WOULD EASE BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS WHEN IT COMES TO GROWTH.

use of development charges.

"Halton would welcome the opportunity to work with the provincial government to find creative solutions to increase the stock of affordable housing while ensuring that growth pays for growth," notes the motion, which will also be sent to Halton local municipalities for endorsement.

The region has long been calling for changes that would facilitate growth paying for itself through its Advocating for a Strong Halton campaign.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY

Metroland has been closely following the Region's fight to make growth pay for itself for more than a decade, via its Fairness for Halton and the Advocating for a Strong Halton campaigns.



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