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Subject Agenda item 7.2.2 Development Levies Review – Request for Additional Funding Meeting (if known) SPC on Finance (September 16 2019)
Comments Please see attached letter, merci.
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September 14, 2019

Standing Policy Committee on Finance
c/o Councillor Ann Iwanchuk, Committee Chair
222 3rd Avenue North
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RE: September 16 2019 meeting - Agenda item 7.2.2 Development Levies Review – Request for Additional Funding

Dear members of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance,

We strongly support City administration's request for additional funding of \$10,000 – an increase of 7% to the originally approved maximum cost - to review our City's development levies.

Once all stakeholders embarked on the process, we realized very early that the consultation process was not nearly enough for the consulting team to properly assist and understand the process. It was also very clear that if the process could not be fully trusted, the results would be questioned as well. Given the importance of this review for everyone involved, we recommended adding more consultation to improve transparency and understanding to the project, and in turn bring trust to the process.

Our professional association, when bringing the proposal of auditing development levies to Council in October 2018, wanted to utilize this idea to build trust as we embark on a global conversation on growth together. This is not a conversation that can be rushed and if it requires additional conversations and time, and all parties are willing to make that investment in time, we should support it. We certainly will continue to support this project and remain available to City administration in helping where appropriate.

We very much look forward to the results of the report and moving onto the phase of this project focused on recommendations and improvement.

I am at your disposal to answer any questions or comments you may have and thank you again for supporting this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris M. Guérette'.

Chris M. Guérette
CEO