



## **Memorandum**

### **Corporate Services Department City Clerk Services**

Date: May 26, 2020

File: A-2150

To: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Development Services Department,  
Corporate Services Department, Community Services Department

From: Jennifer Allan  
Administrative Assistant

Re: Direction of Oshawa City Council  
May 25, 2020

Attached is a listing of Council's direction on matters discussed at the meeting held May 25, 2020. Please review the listing and take the appropriate action to address Council's decision for those matters within your respective area of responsibility.

Jennifer Allan  
City Clerk Services

**Attention:**                   **Development Services Department, Finance Services**

**Action Taken:**           **Carried**

CNCL-20-62               Timing of the Payment of Development Charges

Recommendation

Whereas the Province of Ontario, the Region of Durham, and other Regional local municipalities have declared a state of emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had unprecedented economic impact on the local economy; and,

Whereas it is appropriate to consider providing an incentive to the development community which has been impacted negatively by the COVID -19 pandemic; and,

Whereas low-rise residential development can take from 8 to 12 weeks from the issuance of a building permit to occupancy by residents; and,

Whereas non-residential development and mid to high-rise residential development can take from 18 to 24 months from the issuance of a building permit to occupancy by commercial tenants or residents as the case may be; and,

Whereas it is appropriate to consider providing a financial incentive to the development community as a result of the economic hardships of the COVID-19; and,

Whereas on May 8, 2020, the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery requested Council, the Region and School Boards to consider changing the timing of the payment of development charges to when occupancy of a building is provided rather than when the building permit is issued for a limited time to advance economic recovery in the Region;

Therefore, that Council direct staff to work with the Region of Durham and the School Boards to advance changes to all our respective development charges by-laws/policies to delay the payment of residential and non-residential development charges to the time occupancy of a building is provided rather than at the time

the building permit is issued for a limited time in order to help economic recovery in the Region and report back to the Finance Committee.