



February 26, 2025

Reference: 184829

His Worship George Harvie
Mayor of the City of Delta
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Email: mayorharvie@delta.ca

Dear Mayor Harvie:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 11, 2025, regarding greater flexibility in determining the timing of development cost charge (DCC) collection.

The British Columbia Legislature has passed several pieces of comprehensive legislation that change the local government land use planning framework to enable local governments to provide more housing, in complete communities, faster. Changes to local government legislation provide new and updated development finance tools that local governments can use to help fund the costs of infrastructure and amenities needed to support complete and livable communities.

Additionally, in 2023, the Growing Communities Fund provided a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants distributed among all of British Columbia's local governments. It supports the delivery of infrastructure projects necessary to enable community growth. Elected leaders were able to fund infrastructure projects that would otherwise be financed with DCCs, reducing the DCC burden on developers.

I appreciate that homebuilding is challenged by increasing costs, interest rates and other factors. I have directed staff to examine changes to the DCC framework that would allow some additional flexibility in the payment of DCCs. Also, please note that an installment payment approach is already available to developers. They can choose to make DCC and Amenity Cost Charge payments in instalments under certain conditions provided for in the existing Development Cost Charge and Amenity Cost Charge (Instalments) Regulation. Found here: www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/166_84. The City may wish to work with developers to encourage them to use this tool.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kahlon', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

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