



December 6, 2021  
 Mayor Mitchell & Members of Council  
 Town of Whitby  
 575 Rossland Road East  
 Whitby, Ontario L1N 2M8

**Re: PW 43-21 – Development Review Fee Study Update – Engineering Review and Inspection Fees**

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The Durham Region Home Builders' Association (DRHBA) has received and reviewed Report PW 43-21: Development Review Fee Study Update – Engineering Review and Inspection Fees.

DRHBA has significant concerns over the increases in fees proposed in the report. While the Association, could support a moderate increase tied into inflation, some of the new fees proposed are a 503% increase.

Fee Title	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	% Increase
<b>29. Site Alteration Permits Application Fee</b>			
Small Site Alteration	\$545.00	\$2,741.00	503%
Large Site Alteration	\$1,090.00	\$5,482.00	503%
<b>Subdivision Review Design &amp; Inspection Fees</b>			
Up to \$200,000	Greater of 5.2% or \$5,125.00	7.86%	151%
\$200K - \$500K	Greater of \$10,660 or 4.6%	6.95%	151%
\$500K - \$1 million	Greater of \$23,575 or 3.9%	5.89%	151%
\$1 million - \$2 million	Greater of \$39,975 or 3.3%	4.99%	151%
\$2 million - \$3 million	Greater of \$67,650 or 2.9%	4.38%	151%
\$3 million and up	Greater of \$89,175 or 2.6%	3.93%	151%
<b>Site Plan Engineering Fees</b>	Greater of:		
Up to \$200,000	\$5,125 or 5.2%	12.38%	238%
\$200K - \$500K	\$10,660 or 4.6%	10.95%	238%
\$500K - \$1 million	\$23,575 or 3.9%	9.28%	238%



\$1 million - \$2 million	\$39,975 or 3.3%	7.86%	238%
\$2 million - \$3 million	\$67,650 or 2.9%	6.90%	238%
Over \$3 million	\$89,175 or 2.6%	6.19%	238%

At this stage, everyone is aware that Canada, and more specifically the Greater Toronto Area, is in the midst of a housing affordability crisis. The cost of a home is continuing to increase, and in many areas, owning a home is already out of reach for most of the younger generation.

The industry cannot absorb these fee increases, which means that these costs will be passed on to the new homeowner as they will be incorporated into the price of a new home – making them even less affordable and inflating the affordability crisis further.

The Durham Region Home Builders' Association encourages council to look at other ways to recoup costs – such as finding efficiencies and streamlining reviews and approvals. Not only will this allow building to start sooner, it should reduce costs to the Town as well.

We must work together to combat the affordability crisis, and the Town must exercise its responsibility to keep costs at a reasonable level.

We are available and happy to meet with staff to discuss solutions and an affordable path forward.

Sincerely,

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Durham Region Home Builders' Association

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