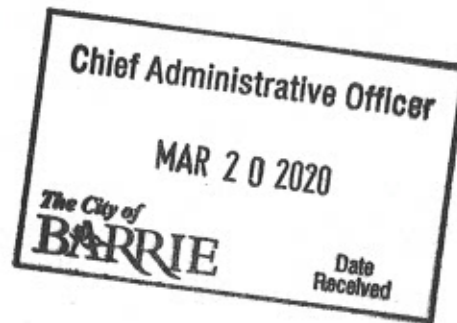


February 26, 2021

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Att'n: Mr. Prowse, CAO

To Mayor and Council:

**Re: Fees in connection with Site Plan Approval**

As part of the process to obtain Site Plan approval for new construction, in addition to the numerous other fees that are payable prior to paying for the Building Permit itself, the City requires the developer to pay an administration fee for the review and inspection of site servicing and landscaping works equal to 5% of the estimated cost of site servicing (minimum of \$1,000) and 5% for landscaping (minimum \$500) plus applicable taxes. These fees are in excess of the thousands of dollars a developer required to pay for the site plan process and in addition to the thousands paid for the building permit.

In the case of three of our recent projects (431 Bayview Drive, 131 Big Bay Point and 222 Maplevue Drive West) these 5% fees were significantly higher than the engineers and landscape architect were paid to prepare the plans only being reviewed by a staff member (neither an engineer nor an architect). This is an unconscionable cash grab on the part of the City.

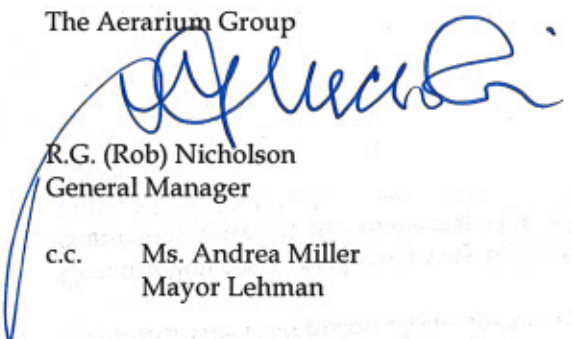
Construction costs are already very high making it difficult for developers to provide industrial or commercial space at affordable rents but when the City inflicts these unnecessary fees on top of the hundreds of thousands a developer is already paying to the City to develop a project, it is very wrong.

We are asking the City to have a formal review conducted of these fees taking into account all the other fees and changes a developer is required to pay for approval to construct a building in the City of Barrie.

We trust the City will not rely on the weak excuse that "other communities do it, why shouldn't we?"

Yours truly,

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