

November 29, 2022

Dear Clients:

Re: *More Homes Built Faster Act*

In our continued efforts to keep our clients up to date on the legislative amendments resulting from Bill 23 (*More Homes Built Faster Act*), we are writing to inform you that Bill 23 received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. This letter highlights the changes that were introduced with the Second Reading of the Bill and identifies the amendments that are currently in effect for the *Development Charges Act* (D.C.A.), as well as section 37 (community benefits charges (C.B.C.s)) and section 42 (parkland dedication) of the *Planning Act*.

Development Charges Act

- Second Reading of the Bill introduced two substantive modifications to the proposed changes, including:
 - For the phase-in of the charges over the first four years of a development charges (D.C.) by-law, under First Reading the transition provisions only applied to existing D.C. by-laws passed on or after June 1, 2022. These rules now apply to a D.C. by-law passed on or after January 1, 2022.
 - The discount for rental housing developments is applicable to a D.C. payable under a section 27 agreement, for prescribed developments that were entered into before the *More Homes Built Faster Act* received Royal Assent. These discounts do not apply to payments made under the agreement prior to this date.
- All sections of Schedule 3 of the *More Homes Built Faster Act* are in effect as of November 28, 2022 (date of Royal Assent) with the exception of:
 - Subsection 4.1 of the D.C.A., which provides exemptions for affordable and attainable residential units;
 - Rules under front-ending agreements with respect to affordable and attainable residential units; and
 - Regulation powers related to defining attainable housing and criteria for arm's length transactions.

These exceptions will come into effect on the date of proclamation. As of the date of this letter, proclamation has not been given.

Section 37 of the *Planning Act* – Community Benefits Charges

- Second Reading of the Bill introduced an additional change to the proposed C.B.C. amendments under section 37 of the *Planning Act*. The change allows a municipality to enter into an agreement with a landowner for the provision of in-



kind contributions. It also allows for this agreement to be registered on title of the land to which the charge applies.

- Section 10 of Schedule 9 of the *More Homes Built Faster Act* is in effect as of November 28, 2022 (date of Royal Assent) with the exception of:
 - Subsection 37 (32.1) of the *Planning Act*, which provides reductions in the maximum charge for developments containing affordable and attainable residential units.

This subsection of the *Planning Act* will come into effect on the date of proclamation. As of the date of this letter, proclamation has not been given.

Section 42 of the *Planning Act* – Parkland Dedication

- No additional changes or modifications were made since First Reading of the Bill with respect to the parkland dedication amendments under section 42 of the *Planning Act*.
- Section 12 of Schedule 9 of the *More Homes Built Faster Act* is in effect as of November 28, 2022 (date of Royal Assent) with the exception of:
 - Subsections 42 (1.1) and 42 (3.0.3) of the *Planning Act*, which provide reductions in the standard and alternative parkland dedication requirements for affordable and attainable residential unit developments; and
 - Subsections 42 (4.30) through 42 (4.39) of the *Planning Act* which allow a landowner to identify the land for parkland conveyance under the by-law.

These subsections of the *Planning Act* will come into effect on the date of proclamation. As of the date of this letter, proclamation has not been given.

We would be pleased to discuss the changes resulting from the *More Homes Built Faster Act* with you in further detail at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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