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**MEMORANDUM**

**CSC-C 42-2022**

**Subject: Referral of Memorandum CSC-C 18-2022 - Recommendations for Consideration from the Regional Development Charges Policy Task force meeting held on June 30, 2022, and Proposed Amendments**

**Date: August 10, 2022**

**To: Corporate Services Committee**

**From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk**

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At its meeting held on July 21, 2022, Regional Council considered the recommendation of its Corporate Services Committee to approve Memorandum CSC-C 18-2022 which contained recommendations from the Regional Development Charges Policy Task Force meeting held on June 30, 2022.

The following recommendations were contained in Memorandum CSC-C 18-2022 and referred to the Corporate Services Committee:

1. That the draft Regional Development Charge By-law **INCLUDE** an exemption for on-farm accommodations used for agricultural purposes, from paying development charges; and
2. That the draft Regional Development Charge By-law **INCLUDE** an exemption for that portion of a place of worship which is used exclusively as a place of worship for religious services and any reception and meeting areas used in connection with, or integral to the worship space as defined below:  
“place of worship” means any building or part thereof that is owned by a religious organization that is exempt from taxation as a place of worship pursuant to the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.31, as amended.

The following amendments were put before Council and were also referred to the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on August 10, 2022:

3. That the draft DC By-law **INCLUDE** the following:

If application is made for a building permit from September 1, 2022, onwards in respect of a parcel of land upon which a building/structure existed between January 1, 2010, and the date of application but ceased to exist at the date of application, then the amount of development charge payable shall be the excess of the development charges for the building/structure constructed, less the development charges for building/structure demolished or destroyed. This calculation is based on the development charge rates as of the date the charges are calculated and payable for the new building/structure;

4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to include the following in the Niagara Region Incentives Policy:

a) That the application of DC charges for industrial expansions **BE COLLECTED** upon granting of occupancy permit; and

b) That the current Brownfield RDC Reduction Program **BE EXTENDED** for large scale (10ha+) brownfield redevelopments for five years at which time progress on the project will be review and extended if appropriate as determined by staff and Council.

The above items are before Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk