

August 28, 2024

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Sent via email: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

**Re: Request for Extensions to Niagara Region Incentive Programs
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Ms. Norio,

At its meeting held August 26, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines is committed to addressing the housing crisis through its unanimously passed 2023 Municipal Housing Pledge of 11,000 additional housing units; and

WHEREAS development project timelines over the last several years have been significantly impacted by housing market fluctuations, rising interest rates and construction costs, and pandemic related restrictions; and

WHEREAS Niagara Region's Smart Growth Regional Development Charges Reduction Program and Smarter Niagara Incentive Program Property Rehabilitation and Revitalization Tax Increment Grant program are set to expire on October 1st, 2024; and

WHEREAS qualifying residential developments that do not have building permits issued by October 1st, 2024, will be ineligible for Niagara Region's Smart Growth Regional Development Charges Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS redevelopment or remediation projects previously approved by City Council under the City's Community Improvement Plans cannot request a matching incentive from Niagara Region unless a complete application, including executed agreement, is submitted by October 1st, 2024, thereby severely limiting the feasibility of many developments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests that Niagara Region extend the expiration deadline for Niagara Region's Smart Growth Regional Development Charges Reduction Program for a period of three years to October 1st, 2027; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council requests that Niagara Region extend the expiration deadline for Niagara Region's Smarter Niagara Incentive Program Property Rehabilitation and Revitalization Tax Increment Grant for a period of three years to October 1st, 2027, for projects approved by Council under the City's Community Improvement Plans on or before September 30th, 2024; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to all area municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1512.



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