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Subject: Correspondence for January 9/24 planning committee meeting agenda addendum

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> Clerk:

> please ensure the following correspondence is added to the Jan. 9/24 Planning Committee meeting agenda addendum:

> You will have seen the costs of providing and maintaining infrastructure, and servicing growth areas, in several December staff reports, which included the Water and Sewer budget and the proposed Budget Guideline increases. I addressed Finance and Administration about some of my concerns on December 12th.

> Many Durham homeowners are facing a real affordability crisis and are already struggling with increasing costs for utilities, insurance, home repair & maintenance, transportation and food.

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> Many Durham homeowners are on fixed incomes and will be challenged to afford higher user rates and property taxes. Should they find themselves having to sell, there is a shortage of affordable rental accommodation.

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> It is long past time that Regional Council directed staff to undertake a comprehensive servicing costs analysis of the proposed Settlement Area Boundary Expansions (SABEs) in Durham Region's proposed Official Plan (DROP) and consider the fiscal impacts.

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> The council approved DROP has been on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing's (MMAH) desk for months, with a decision possibly imminent.

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> I respectfully request that:

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> Planning Committee recommend to Council that Council should immediately advise the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that Durham wishes to "pause" their DROP approval request to allow time for Council to thoroughly review and consider the servicing costs and impacts associated with the SABEs, these costs being in addition to the fiscal pressures of servicing lands within the current urban boundary.

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> Planning Committee recommend to Council that they direct staff to produce a comprehensive analysis of the servicing and financing costs for the proposed SABEs.

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> Thank you.

> Greg Milosh

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