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Subject: [EXTERNAL]CoA \$12K Fee : Driveway Extension Applications

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Mayor Brown and Council Members,

I wanted to express my support for the increased fee structure that was passed a few months ago regarding applications for variances. I specifically want to express my strong support for the \$12,000 fee for driveway extensions. In my opinion, if this fee had been implemented years ago, it would have made a significant and positive difference in many of the communities we see in Brampton today.

Thank you for implementing the \$12,000 fee to support and maintain the overall landscape of our city and our beautiful, family-friendly, kid-safe communities and neighborhoods. We are seeing a positive impact since its implementation.

The current bylaw's driveway requirements and measurements are more than adequate for what is required for a residential property in our family neighborhoods. Unfortunately, we see too many driveways that expand across the entire front of properties, covering more than half or all the front lawn, sadly eliminating most of the green space. This reduces the opportunity for proper water absorption, putting strain on our infrastructure that is already maxed out with run-off going into the sewers. We are already feeling the negative impact of too much hardscape over the years.

Please do not lower the \$12,000 fee. I understand that there have been discussions regarding reducing the fee for driveway extensions. However, we are finally on the right track, and reversing course would have a significant negative impact on the City of Brampton.

I believe most City of Brampton residents strongly support the \$12,000 fee and the positive change we are starting to see.

Please keep the \$12,000 fee as is and unchanged.

Thank you,
JONATHAN KRESS
City of Brampton Resident