



June 6, 2022

Re: Letter of Support – Current Development Projects Search Tool

Dear Mayor Kevin Davis and CAO Brian Hutchings,

The Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant would like to commend the City of Brantford's implementation of the Current Development Projects Search Tool and the meaningful incremental improvements undertaken to improve accountability and timelines for approvals of development projects.

The Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant has been the voice of business in the Brantford-Brant region for over 155 years. Representing over 600 businesses and 30,000 employees, the Chamber is keenly aware of the need for greater public insight into the development approval process. The development community has been a consistent and enthusiastic supporter of innovation and technological advancement that results in tangible improvements to the municipal approval framework.

The Cloud-Based E-Permitting platform the city is procuring will provide meaningful insight to the public on the real-time status of project approvals, and which municipal stakeholders are currently tasked with action on the file. Furthermore, the provincial funding that was accessed and leveraged to improve the local approval timeline is an exemplary action the city has taken to demonstrate its' commitment to supporting the efficient and timely development of employment and residential lands in our growing community.

The Chamber would also like to acknowledge and applaud the City's efforts to develop consistent standards for technical reviews, online public access to development applications, and ongoing work on the New Zoning Bylaw. The Chamber is encouraged to hear of municipal considerations exploring opportunities for new housing as-of-right for property owners and encourages further work in this regard as a means of addressing the ongoing housing affordability crisis.

We appreciate the opportunity to support such worthwhile projects. Please feel free to contact to us should you require any additional information, and the Chamber would be delighted to voice our support in person if an opportunity is available.

Sincerely,

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Paul Bisanti
President
Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant

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David Prang
CEO

