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Here is a deputation we wish to present at the April 28, 2020 Council Meeting re Item 8.2.10 (Bill 108)  
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Dear Members of Council:

The Unionville Residents Association (URA) has been following Bill 108 since its inception. In May, 2019, we sent a long letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and our local MPPs outlining 6 major concern areas. One of our biggest concerns was the proposal to establish the Community Benefit Charges (CBC) to replace soft Development Charges and Section 37 charges. We emphasized the principle that growth should pay for growth. It looked like the CBC would be too low to fully cover costs of soft services like land for parks and social housing. We did not hear back from the Minister or the MPPs.

We are aware that the latest version of the regulation specifying the details in the CBC was posted by the province in February. And we understand, from a Region staff report in March, that York Region staff support this latest version and views it as positive and sufficient to cover their needs.

But, having now heard and read Markham staff's analysis of the latest version of the CBC and the drastic effect it would have on parkland acquisition by Markham, especially in high density areas, our concern remains at a very high level.

We strongly applaud General Committee's decision to direct staff to educate and engage the public on this. We have reached out to staff and indicated we would be happy to help in any way we can, such as, for example, Zoom meetings for our board or members. That offer still remains.

Peter Miasek  
on behalf of Unionville Residents Association



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