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Dear Jay Dion:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 9, 2026, regarding your position on high development charges and construction fees in British Columbia. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Province of British Columbia has established a legislative framework for local governments that recognizes they are in the strongest position to weigh the needs of the community and to make informed decisions for the benefit of its citizens while maintaining provincial interests. The system depends on the ability of your locally elected representatives to balance their vision for the community with the concerns expressed by the people and organizations that are affected by their decisions.

Your concerns are certainly noted, and I recommend that members of Supply-Build Canada directly engage with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities who act on behalf of the entire local government membership in British Columbia to ensure that your concerns are heard.

Costs of construction have increased for all those wishing to build, including local governments that provide core services. The Province recognizes developers and local government concerns about increased service and infrastructure costs. However, meeting British Columbia's housing needs takes strong partnerships, and ensuring people have access to safe, affordable housing in communities with reliable services is crucial to creating more livable communities. Local governments in British Columbia have the authority to adopt development cost charge (DCC) programs that support the future housing supply growth needs in their communities. DCCs help local governments build infrastructure to serve their growing communities.

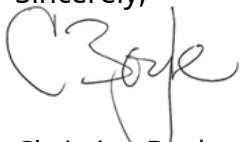
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Local governments can waive or reduce DCCs for affordable rental housing. However, any shift of costs for core infrastructure away from the developers must be recovered from the rest of the community, usually through property taxes. The existing community is already contributing to the cost of renewing and maintaining existing infrastructure that serves them. You may already be aware, however, that at an April 2026 Board meeting Metro Vancouver voted to reduce the existing DCCs rates and remove the planned increase for 2027.

The Province is taking steps to ease the impact of development charges on the development sector. Last year, the Province updated the Development Cost Charge and Amenity Cost Charge (Instalments) regulation to provide the housing development industry with more flexibility in how they finance and build new housing. Starting in January 2026, developers can delay their final development charge payment until the occupancy permit is issued or within four years, whichever comes first. School site acquisition charges were added to those that may be paid by instalments. Qualifying developers also have the option to use on-demand surety bonds instead of locking up working capital with bank guarantees. Together, these changes can save millions on carrying costs for large projects.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Boyle', written over a horizontal line.

Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

cc: David Eby, KC, Premier