

# Staff Report

**Report From:** Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official

**Meeting Date:** November 12, 2024

**Subject:** Habitat for Humanity's Request to Waive Development Charges for New Build at 158 Anglesea Street

**Attachment:** 1. Habitat for Humanity Letter dated October 4, 2024

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**Recommendation:**

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And that Council approve the request from Habitat for Humanity to waive the development charges for a new residential build located at 158 Anglesea Street.

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**Report Summary:**

Habitat for Humanity has been an active organization in our community for years. The organization builds homes intended for individuals that require housing at a lower cost point and have requested Council waive the associated development charges.

**Background/Analysis:**

Building permits have been issued for a new house that will be built at 158 Anglesea Street. Historically, the development charges have been waived for Habitat for Humanity builds in the past. During my tenure as Chief Building Official, I believe this will be the fourth Habitat for Humanity house built in the Town of Goderich.

To keep costs at a minimum for these types of builds, waiving of the development charges is an act of good faith and has a direct link to the Town's Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2 – Welcoming and Caring Community.

Development Charges for this project are \$3,886.93. Development Charges assist the Town in recovering costs as a result of development, such as expansion to the Town's water and sewer infrastructure.

**Linkages:**

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

The development charges totaling \$3,886.93 would be reimbursed to Habitat to Humanity, if Council approves the request to waive the development charges.

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Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk