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Subject: Request for Waiving of building permit fees

Lutheran Social Services is in the process of building St. Clare Place, a 40 unit affordable housing apartment building. Most of our funding is through CMHC. CMHC has informed us that they can not put additional funds into the project above the amount promised. The building cost estimates have increased since the agreement with CMHC has been signed.

With interest rate adjustments, the project is about \$300,000 short of funding. This is after Lutheran Outreach Ministries has contributed an additional \$400,000 to the project. One of our other church endowment funds has contributed \$10,000. The project is very close to being viable. LSS has received COCHI funding from Grey County and this has allowed us to proceed with detailed design. We are expecting to apply for a foundation permit by April 15th.

LSS appreciates the waiving of the development fees but we are asking for a bit more help with the waiving of building permit fees. We are requesting that council consider our request to waive building permit fees.