

The Rise and Fall and Continued Rise of Development Charges

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There is arguably no field in development as marked by controversy as the imposition of development charges. This form of revenue raising is complicated and has been the subject of much litigation before the Ontario Municipal Board and the courts as municipalities and school boards square off against land owners/developers over who should pay for new infrastructure. Generally speaking, the former have had the benefit of the doubt as development charges have become a permanent and expensive fixture on the development landscape.