Appendix 4 – Summary of Jurisdictional Scan Findings (January 2025)

A jurisdictional scan, outlining the status of sustainable/green development standards programs and incentives in other municipalities in Ontario dated January 2025, is attached as Appendix 1. Thirty (30) municipalities were reviewed and consisted of municipalities in the Regions of York, Durham, Peel, and Halton, two municipalities in Simcoe County, as well as the Single-Tier municipalities of Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Guelph and Hamilton. These municipalities were chosen to be inclusive of the Greater Toronto Area, ensure municipalities with a sustainable/green development standards program were accounted for, and that municipalities similar to King's context were reviewed. The scan identifies that of the thirty (30) municipalities reviewed, over half (sixteen (16)) have existing sustainable/green development standards programs, with two (2) not yet in effect.

Within the jurisdictional scan, two (2) municipalities have implemented financial incentives, being of a Development Charge Refund Program in the City of Toronto and a Community Improvement Program in the City of Richmond Hill. Three (3) municipalities in Durham Region (City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, and Town of Whitby) have employed a dedicated Green Development Standards (GDS) staff member and have found it to be beneficial in the implementation of their programs. The City of Hamilton is currently in progress of developing an incentive program. Nine (9) of the municipalities reviewed have not developed any incentives and are not exploring options at this time; as such, over half of the municipalities that have a sustainable/green development standards program are not exploring incentive options.

Similar to King, four (4) municipalities (Cities of Brampton, Mississauga, and Burlington and the Town of Halton Hills) are currently at the preliminary stage of exploring incentive opportunities. The City of Brampton has identified they are exploring options for non-financial incentives.