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City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue PO Box 5035 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Development Finance London, ON N6A 4L9

Attention: Mr. Paul Yeoman, Manager

**Development Finance** 

**Re:** Proposed Development Charge Rates

Commencing August 4, 2014 Self-Storage Establishments

Dear Mr. Yeoman:

I've had opportunity to compare the existing and proposed Development Charge Rates related to a new self-storage facility we're building in south London. The current charge is based on the finished office area only, or approximately \$11,687.48.

Effective August 4, 2014, the proposed rate is based on the total building area and is estimated to be approximately \$766,439.08.

This DC cost exceeds the building cost. It would not be feasible for our self-storage project to proceed to construction based on the proposed charges.

The City of London should consider ways to promote development in these tough economic times. The proposed Development Charge Rates are not business or development friendly in this case.

Sincerely

BlueStone Properties Inc.

Bernie Bierbaum,

**President & CEO** 

cc. Mark Henderson, Director of Business Liaison, City of London