

July 24, 2020

Hamilton 2026 Commonwealth
Games Bid Corporation
77 James Street N, Suite 300,
Hamilton ON, L8R 2K3

Re: Commonwealth Games Bid 2026

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Councillors:

Since its inception in 1845, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce has harnessed collective action to advocate for ambitious, city-building initiatives that enhance the social and economic prosperity of Hamilton and our region.

With those objectives in mind, the Board of Directors of the Chamber have authorized me to inform you of our support for the effort to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games, contingent on securing funding from higher levels of government.

As you know, Hamilton hosted the first version of the Commonwealth Games in 1930 and some of those legacies remain. Since then, the event has grown significantly, attracting over 6,000 athletes to the host city to compete in up to 17 sports. An influx of athletes, spectators and sports officials to Hamilton will undoubtedly contribute to our local economy for the span of the event, while new multi-sport complexes and much-needed upgrades to facilities across the city will boost employment and redound to the benefit of Hamilton for decades to come.

The bid before Council lays out in great detail the need to address many of the social, environmental, and economic challenges facing our city, from the enhancement of water quality in Hamilton Harbour to the dearth of affordable housing units in our city. We pledge to work with the group to ensure that this large investment provides optimal community benefit in return.

The post-COVID economy will require great stimulus and, ten years into our renewal, Hamilton is well-poised for significant investment. If the provincial and federal governments' pledge to help us accelerate our renaissance, the Commonwealth Games 2026 would catalyze a generation of development over the next six years.

Sincerely,



Keanin Loomis
President & CEO
Hamilton Chamber of Commerce