His Worship R. (Bob) Bratina  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
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Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

Thank you for taking the time to send your letter in support of the Great Lakes Protection Act. I appreciate being made aware of council’s position on an issue that is of great importance to our government.

My colleagues and I recognize that protecting the environment will enhance the quality of life for Ontario families and ensure a dynamic, green economy for future generations. As you are aware, Bill 6, the proposed Great Lakes Protection Act 2013 passed Second Reading in the Ontario legislature. The proposed act, if passed, would ensure cleaner and healthier Great Lakes that are protected for future generations.

As your views would also interest my colleague the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment, I have shared a copy of your correspondence with him. I am sure Minister Bradley will also appreciate the City of Hamilton’s support.

Once again, thank you for writing. I am always interested in hearing from our municipal partners on matters important to them. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne  
Premier  

c: The Honourable Jim Bradley
November 18, 2013

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne,
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Support of the Great Lakes Protection Act

Hamilton City Council, at their meeting held on November 13, 2013, passed Item 4 of the Public Works Committee Report 13-013 which reads as follows:

4. Support of the Great Lakes Protection Act (Item 9.1)

Whereas, a bill to advance a Great Lakes Protection Act has now passed Second Reading at Queen’s Park; and

Whereas there is an urgent and pressing need for a new, strong and effective law to protect and restore the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River watershed; and

Whereas 3 of our 4 Great Lakes are in decline (Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron); and

Whereas the Great Lakes provide more than 80 per cent of Ontario’s drinking water; and

Whereas over 95 per cent of Ontario’s agricultural land is in the Great Lakes basin; and

Whereas the health of the lakes contribute to a $4.4 trillion economy in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin in Canada and the United States; and

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has been very involved in Great Lakes protection efforts through the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and other efforts.
Therefore Be It Resolved:

That correspondence be sent to the Government of Ontario requesting that strong action be taken, through effective legislation, to protect and restore the health of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin, through the passage of the Great Lakes Protection Act.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

R. Bratina
Mayor