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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City Of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Congratulations on your recent election. I am responding to a letter from your predecessor, requesting that consideration be given to a separate and distinctive graphic licence plate for veterans who served in World War II or in Korea during the Korean War. I welcome the opportunity to respond and apologize for the delay.

I understand this request is being made to facilitate the City of Hamilton’s efforts to introduce a permanent exemption from parking fees on municipal parking areas for these specific veterans.

Ontario's Veterans Graphic Licence Plate Program was developed in partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command. The eligibility criteria were designed to recognize the service and contributions of all Canadian veterans including the veteran groups mentioned.

I suggest you contact the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command, to determine if they would support this initiative. The Executive Director, Marlene Lambros, can be reached at 905-841-7999 or mlambros@on.aibn.com. The address is:

Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario
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I commend the city’s efforts to honour Hamilton’s veterans.

Sincerely,

Donna Cansfield
Minister