October 29, 2007

His Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Centre
77 James Street North
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Hamilton ON L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

I am writing to congratulate the City of Hamilton for its support of brownfield redevelopment, most recently recognized by the Imperial Cotton Centre for the Arts being a finalist for a 2007 CUI Brownie Award in the category of Communications, Marketing and Public Engagement, at the eighth annual Canadian Brownfield Conference in Montreal.

The McGuinty government believes that brownfield redevelopment is an essential component of sustainable communities in Canada. We salute the leadership of municipalities such as yours to help put more vacant and under-utilized sites back to productive uses and make our communities even better places to live in.

Brownfield redevelopment is of crucial importance to improving our communities and to sustaining their long-term prosperity. It is encouraging to see recognition provided for projects such as this one being recognized by fellow professionals in this area.

I would also like to add that I hope that the City of Hamilton has been able to take advantage of the three million dollars provided by the Province in last budget, and I look forward to announcements of Hamilton’s future successes.

Once again, my congratulations to the City of Hamilton for its support for brownfield redevelopment.

Sincerely,

John Gerretsen
Minister