September 30, 2009

Mayor Fred Eisenbergen  
City of Hamilton  
Hamilton City Centre  
77 James Street North  
Suite 230  
Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Eisenbergen:

Thank you for sending to AMO a copy of Council's resolution regarding the proposed Ontario Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

AMO has raised some early concerns with the provincial government regarding elements of the proposed HST including recreation registration fees. The government has committed to working with municipalities on issues related to HST implementation. AMO has established a small working group of municipal representatives which will work with the Ministry of Finance. The group will look at ways to minimise the impact on municipalities and better understand the implications of the government's proposal.

AMO will keep municipalities informed of these developments. As more information becomes available AMO will consider the positions it may take on issues related to the HST including the results of an on-going information survey being conducted by the Municipal Finance Officers Association.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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