Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 2013, regarding the City of Hamilton’s request for provincial funding for the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre.

It is my understanding that the project work associated with the provincial funding is different than the project approved under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund. As such, there should be no impact on your contribution agreement with the Federal Economic Development agency for Southern Ontario. Please have City staff continue to keep their Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund Project Analyst informed of any developments.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write and please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Gary Goodyear, P.C., M.P.
January 31, 2013

The Honourable Premier-designate of Ontario Kathleen Wynne
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The Honourable Gary Goodyear
Minister of State
House of Commons
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Dear Honourable Premier-designate Wynne and Minister Goodyear,

Hamilton City Council, at its Special meeting held on January 31, 2013, approved Item 7.1, which reads as follows:

Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

WHEREAS in its 2012 Budget, the Government of Canada allocated $150 million to the newly created Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund ("CIIF") to rehabilitate and improve, and expand, existing community infrastructure facilities;

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario has agreed to make a non-repayable contribution to the City of Hamilton up to the maximum amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) in support of the Expansion and Upgrades to the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre;

WHEREAS on December 12, 2012 the Council of the City of Hamilton approved the Expansion and Upgrades to the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre project with gross costs of one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) with five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) of the funding coming from the City of Hamilton;
WHEREAS the forecast budget and scope may require up to one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,750,000);

Therefore be it resolved:

(a) That the Council of the City of Hamilton request that the Province of Ontario provide two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) towards the Expansion and Upgrades to the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre project, thereby maintaining the five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) level of commitment from both the City of Hamilton and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario;

(b) That upon confirmation of Provincial funding, staff be directed to request an amendment to the contribution agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to reflect the revised one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollar ($1,750,000) budget including a non-repayable contribution from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario of up to five hundred thousand ($500,000).

(c) That the Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario be notified in writing that the City of Hamilton has requested additional government financial support from the Province of Ontario for the Expansion and Upgrades of the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre project as per section 5.2 of the Contribution Agreement.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

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Mayor

cc. MPP Ted McMeekin - Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Westdale

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