May 4, 2006

Mayor Larry Di Ianni
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Di Ianni:

Further to our telephone conversation on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, I am writing in follow-up regarding Niagara Region's implementation of inter-municipal specialized transit service. This service will provide transportation only for medical appointments made within the different municipalities in Niagara Region; however, our analysis indicates that there is a demand for specialized transit service connecting Niagara to the medical services available in your city.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your support and that of your council to allow our vehicles to travel through your municipality to drop off and pick up residents of Niagara Region who have medical appointments in the City of Hamilton.

Staff from Niagara Region has had preliminary discussions with the staff of DARTS, and it appears that their main concern would be where residents of the Niagara, travelling into the City of Hamilton for a medical appointment only, would then try to transfer to the DARTS service.

Please rest assured that Niagara Region will make it clear to anyone using this service to access medical facilities in the City of Hamilton, that transfers to the DARTS system will not be allowed. Niagara Region would also comply with any other considerations that may be necessary to allow this access to be put in place.

It is hoped that this service will be up and running by the last quarter of 2006, and as such an early response to this request would be sincerely appreciated.

Yours truly,

Peter Partington
Regional Chairman

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