His Worship Mayor Di Ianni  
Office of the Mayor  
The City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
HAMILTON, ON  L8P 4Y5  

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Councillors:

Re: Relocation of Hamilton Community Correctional Centre

Further to an October 26th meeting with His Worship Mayor Di Ianni and Police Chief Mullin, I wish to reaffirm the position of the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) with respect to the Hamilton Community Correctional Centre (CCC).

The CSC continues to require a CCC in the Hamilton area based on its population and the needs analysis previously shared with city officials. Federal offenders will continue to return to Hamilton notwithstanding the absence of a CCC in the area. Community Correctional Centres and other residential facilities are a component of the Service's activities that support the safe reintegration and appropriate supervision of offenders in the community. Correctional Service of Canada is conscious of community feelings surrounding the existing facility and we remain committed to working with municipal officials and community organizations to select an appropriate alternative site which is located away from the downtown core. We would like to move forward expeditiously and we are very interested in further enhancing our close working relationship with the police and possible co-location with a Police Supervision Unit. Also please note that we are considering consolidating the new CCC site with the Hamilton Police Offices.

The CSC responded quickly to the incidents that occurred during the summer of 2004. In particular, the following actions were implemented:

- An increase in its complement of correctional officer staff at the Hamilton CCC;
- A comprehensive case review of Statutory Release with Residency cases has been implemented at a regional level which looks at residency in a CCC or a Community Residential Centre;
- Discussions continue with our private sector partners. Through the Ontario Halfway House Association we have been working towards increasing the number of Statutory Release with a Residency Condition accommodated at agency operated Community Based Residential Facilities. Now, on average, 30 to 40 per cent of Statutory Release with Residency cases reside at independently run Community Based Residential Facilities across the province;
- Daily morning operational meetings are now held at the CCC with the Director, Parole Officers and Correctional Officers;

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• Sign-in and sign-out procedures are closely scrutinized. Random calls to verify whereabouts of residents are conducted. Residents who are not working have mandatory check-ins at noon and 4 pm;
• No curfews are permitted later than 11 pm;
• Urinalyses are conducted 12 times per year;
• Monthly meetings are now held with the Director, Parole Officers and Police liaison to discuss potentially at risk cases; and,
• Furthermore, to resolve issues before they escalate, monthly resident meetings are held at the CCC.

Correctional Service of Canada is prepared to relocate the Hamilton CCC out of the downtown core to a site within the city of Hamilton that is suitable from a public safety point of view. Gerry Minard, one of my senior managers with a long history in community corrections, has been appointed to work full-time as the CSC Project Team Leader. I respectfully request that the City of Hamilton select a Project Manager to work with Mr. Minard to establish a site selection and consultation process that will ensure that the most appropriate site is chosen. Mr. Minard has already met with some city officials and elected representatives and will make himself available to meet with involved individuals and groups as this initiative proceeds.

In an attempt to expedite the relocation of the existing Hamilton CCC, I respectfully propose the following timeframes. If the City of Hamilton does identify a Project Manager for this initiative by the end of November 2005, it is our belief that we can cooperatively develop site selection criteria by January 31, 2006. With the assistance of Public Works and Government Services Canada, noting a focus on the acquisition of existing city property, we anticipate completing consultation and securing an appropriate alternative site by March 31, 2006. At that time, design and construction rendering or retrofit of an existing building would be undertaken.

I recognize that our plans will be met with some opposition; however, I am confident that by working closely with the City of Hamilton, we can demonstrate openness in the development of a site selection and the consultation process, along with our commitment to public safety.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Nancy Stableforth
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Please find attached a letter regarding the Hamilton Community Correctional Centre. Please share this letter with the City Councillors for review.

I look forward to hearing from you or a representative at your earliest opportunity.
November 7, 2005

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I have forwarded this information to my fellow members of council and have also taken the liberty of referring this to our High Risk Offenders Taskforce, for appropriate follow up.

In the interim, should you have any questions or further comments, please contact Richard Sayej, my Special Projects Coordinator at 905-546-2074 or by email at rsayej@hamilton.ca.

Sincerely,

Larry Di Ianni  
Mayor

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