January 21, 2014

Mayor Bob Bratina
and Members of Hamilton City Council
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main St. West, 2nd floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Bratina,

LETTER OF REQUEST TO HOST GLASGOW 2014 QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

On behalf of Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC), I formally invite the City of Hamilton to host the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay (QBR). CGC would be grateful if the City of Hamilton would consider hosting a QBR event on the morning of May 2, 2014.

The Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games will take place from July 23 to August 3, 2014. In the lead up to the Games, the Queen’s Baton will travel through all 71 Commonwealth Nations and Territories. Its appearance in Canada will be from April 27 to May 2, 2014.

The Queen’s Baton Relay is to the Commonwealth Games what the Olympic Torch is to the Olympics. It is a relay among Commonwealth Countries and a celebration of all things Commonwealth and Youth once in the Country. The Baton itself carries a message written by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to be read at the Games Opening Ceremony to the athletes of the Commonwealth.

The Queen’s Baton Relay is an important event in the lead up to the 2014 Games and we would be honoured to have the City of Hamilton, host of the first British Empire Games in 1930, play a significant part in this event. Hamilton is one of only three Canadian cites chosen to host the QBR.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Commonwealth Games Canada at 613 244 6868.

Yours in Commonwealth Sport,

Brian MacPherson
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Games Association of Canada