The City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

February 2, 2006

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships is an exciting multi-sport provincial championship event for athletes with physical disabilities. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Bid Guidelines for hosting the 2007 Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships.

As one of the Ontario Games Programs, Paralympics Ontario works in partnership with the Sport Alliance of Ontario to deliver the Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships.

More than 45 communities have benefited from hosting our Regional and Provincial Games. The benefits of hosting this event include:

- Increasing the community’s sport hosting portfolio.
- Increasing the accessibility of the community’s facilities (sport and other).
- Showcasing the best athletes with a disability in the Province.
- Develop and train local volunteers, and create a database for future community events.
- Demonstrate the community’s commitment to persons with a disability.
- Economic impact of hosting.
- Civic pride.
- Creating a legacy for persons with a disability in the community.
- Receive a minimum of two Ready, Willing, and Able community outreach sessions leading up to the Championships.

Athletes qualify for the Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships by participating in our Regional Games Program. For 2006, the Regional Games will be held in Oshawa on May 6th; and at York University in Toronto on May 27th. The 2006 Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships will be held from July 6-9, in London at Western University. We invite you to attend any one of these events.

We encourage you to consider hosting this event. Bids are due in the Paralympics Ontario office no later than Friday, April 28th, 2006, 4:00 pm. It is our intention of selecting a host in time to attend the 2006 Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships in London.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 426 – 7186, or cathy@paralympicsontario.ca

Sincerely,

Cathy Vincelli  
Executive Director