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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter, which you sent to my predecessor, the Honourable Donna Cansfield, about the October 10, 2007, City of Hamilton Council resolution regarding the Highway 24 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study.

The study team has received a large volume of comments and questions on all aspects of the information presented at the June 2007 public information centres and the August 2007 Rural Stakeholder Community Meetings. These comments form a very important part of the study process and considerable effort is required by the study team to analyze and consider them. Accordingly, the first step in the next phase of the study (and the next round of outreach/consultation) involves assessing the issues, developing a strategy to move forward and providing responses to the comments. The October 1, 2007, staff report provided under cover of your letter will be an important part of this exercise.

I have forwarded your letter to the study team for their consideration as they review these comments.

City of Hamilton staff can also contact Fred Leech, Area Manager - Planning, at (519) 873-4546, or write to the study team directly at:

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Again, thank you for your interest in the Highway 24 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Bradley
Minister