September 10, 2013

Mayor and Members of Council City of Hamilton 71 Main St W Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Bratina,

Please find enclosed an unsolicited request from Rosedale Tennis Club located in Gage Park, Hamilton for an interest free loan in the amount of \$180,000.00. This will allow for the continuation of our winter tennis program for the next 20 years. We will repay the loan over a 15 year period on terms agreed to with the City. We are asking for your support to have our request submitted to Committee and Council for consideration. Specifically we are seeking an interest free loan to assist with the replacement of our tennis bubble. The bubble that had been in use for the past 10 years was deemed unsuitable for continued use due to safety concerns. Along with the bubble the lighting system was also identified by the ESA as deficient.

In March we submitted an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding to address the problems identified but were denied because we had received support in the past.

In addition to a new insulated bubble it has been recommended that we install a new emergency door and upgrade to a suspended lighting system. These improvements will increase safety and reduce costs.

Rosedale Tennis Club has been operating for almost 100 years and for the past 32 seasons has offered year round tennis to the Hamilton community. The winter season is approaching and a new bubble is urgently needed to maintain the existing program level.

If you would like to meet to discuss this request please contact myself at 905-547-6383 or alternatively the club manager, Vincent Ormond at 905-545-5205. We are available to meet with you at any time.

Yours very truly,

Sharon Campbell-Springstead

President, Rosedale Tennis Club

cc. Councillor Morelli