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This letter is in reference to City of Hamilton’s representative to the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan Alliance.

The Food and Farming: An Action Plan 2021 strategy has been endorsed by the five regions and two municipalities that make up the Golden Horseshoe (Approved at the City of Hamilton at February 22nd Council meeting). The proposed final terms of reference for the Food and Farming Alliance have been endorsed by the Steering Committee and Working Group. The Alliance will guide the implementation work of the Action Plan.

The proposed final Terms of Reference state:

“The membership of the Alliance is to reflect the goals of the Action Plan to ensure that the Golden Horseshoe retains, enhances and expands its role as a leading food and farming cluster. To this end the Alliance will include representatives from the participating municipalities, the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, and representatives of the food and farming value chain, such as primary production, processing, retailing and research.

Each of the Regions and Cities may appoint one representative and an alternate to the Alliance. These may be either municipal staff or elected officials. It is important that municipal representatives have a reporting relationship to their respective councils to communicate progress and to speak on behalf of their municipality to ensure that action of that municipality contributes towards implementation of the Action Plan. The municipal appointments should have an interest in the Action Plan’s success."

I would like to formally request that the City of Hamilton provide us with their representative (and alternate) to the Alliance. I understand that you have been working on this process and I look forward to hearing back on Hamilton’s approved Council representative.

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