His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
Hamilton City Centre  
77 James Street North  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Re: 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment

As announced in the 2008 Provincial Budget, I am pleased to advise you that the City of Hamilton has been approved to receive funds in the amount of $8,806,309 towards your municipal road and bridge capital investment needs.

Addressing municipal road and bridge capital investment needs is an important part of maintaining and improving the province's transportation network, economic success and Ontarians' quality of life. To this end, the approved funds will be transferred to you by June 30, 2008, at which time the province will also provide details on reporting requirements and other accountability related requirements. These requirements will include as a minimum a description of the types of eligible expenditures for which the funding is intended, and requirement for a final report on how the funds were used. In addition, the province reserves audit rights to ensure that funds were used for the purpose intended and to recover funds if it is determined that they were not used, or will not be used for the intended purpose.

The province also requests the following additional information:

- An authorizing bylaw/council resolution from the City of Hamilton which should be dated no later than April 30, 2008. The bylaw/council resolution should reference:
  - That the $8,806,309 allocated to the City of Hamilton by the province will be used for municipal road and bridge capital investment needs;
  - That a final summary report detailing expenditures, use of provincial funding, and outcomes achieved shall be submitted to the ministry and the ministry may request an independent audit of the project; and
  - Any funds intended for the project that are not used in accordance with rehabilitation of municipal road and bridge capital investment needs or the terms outlined above will be returned to the ministry.
Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter by signing and returning the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter to Steve Naylor, Director, Finance Branch, 6th Floor, 301 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R4, Fax (905) 704-2515 by April 30 to initiate payment processing. If you anticipate any issues or concerns with meeting any of the above-noted dates, please advise as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Jim Bradley
Minister

C:    Bruce McCuaig, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation
      Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton-Centre
      Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
      Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
      The Honourable Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale

Acknowledged by:

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