Dear Mayor Bratina

I am writing to you directly on behalf of the Hamilton Brantford, Ontario Building & Construction Trades Council, pertaining to the proposal to build a 22,000 person plus stadium in the Hamilton/Burlington community. We represent 20,000 tradespeople, and their families. It is sadly apparent today that our community is on the verge of losing the Pan Am Hostco stadium opportunity. This would truly be an unfortunate event and a great setback not only for the construction workers in the area, but also for the whole community.

There are thousands and thousands of ‘man years’ of employment associated with this important public project. Millions will be spent in local steel and concrete, wholesalers, as well as labour wages. This is a once in a lifetime project. It is the replacement of a stadium that served its purpose for over eighty years. It is infrastructure replacement.

The jobs will benefit tradespeople in the construction of this facility, as well maintaining the building well into the future. This project will also create a wonderful opportunity for young men and women, engaged in, skilled Apprenticeship programs. Please approve a realistic stadium project in Hamilton, that will be a suitable host facility for the Pan Am Games, and one that will leave a lasting legacy thereafter.

In the event that you cannot find consensus for a stadium in Hamilton, please do your utmost to facilitate construction of the stadium in Burlington. We are now one large community. Everyone will benefit whether it is Hamilton or Burlington.

Please use your collective wisdom, to make an important decision, that ensures that the stadium will be built in our community. I would ask that each member of Council receive this letter.

Sincerely

Joe Beattie