His Worship Fred Eisenberger
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Dear Mayor:

My colleague the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, in his previous role as Minister of Transport, forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence concerning impaired driving. I regret the delay in responding.

I appreciate being made aware of Hamilton City Council’s resolution, Changes to Alcohol Legislation for Driving. I particularly note the Council’s interest in having the Criminal Code amended to reduce the “legal limit” of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) while driving. As Minister Cannon mentioned in his letter, during the last Parliament, the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights included this matter in its hearings on the impaired driving provisions in the Code. Unfortunately, the Committee was not able to produce a report and recommendations before the summer recess and the dissolution of Parliament. It is hoped that a reconstituted committee in this parliament will conclude this review.

Thank you for sharing the City of Hamilton’s interest in combating the serious problem of impaired driving. I appreciate having had the Council’s views brought to my attention.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Rob Nicholson