JUN 29 2010

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Further to my letter of March 29, 2010, please be advised that a transfer of $100,000,000 has been made to the City of Hamilton’s account.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is pleased to be able to provide the above-noted funds for the purpose of the City of Hamilton’s Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, which consists of a new tertiary membrane treatment plant, a new chlorine contact tank, new tertiary effluent outfall and upgrades to Red Hill Creek, and power supply, electrical distribution system and standby power upgrades.

As referenced in my earlier correspondence, please note the following reporting and accountability provisions which apply to this transfer:

1. The City of Hamilton shall use the funds only for the purposes as set out above.

2. Expenditures made by the City of Hamilton to achieve the purposes of the grant are eligible expenditures provided the expenditures are necessary and prudent to achieve the stated purposes above. Ineligible expenditures include costs incurred after the Project has, in Ontario’s opinion, been completed.

3. The Ministry may require the City of Hamilton to provide information concerning the use of the funds and the outcomes and achievements obtained with the use of the funds at significant project milestones, or as the Ministry requires, until all funds have been expended or the project has reached completion. The Ministry requires a final report setting out the outcomes and achievements of this project upon substantial completion of the project. Ministry staff will contact City of Hamilton staff regarding the reporting requirements and format of reports.
4. The Ministry, at its discretion, may verify or audit information submitted by the City of Hamilton is complete and accurate and that funds were used for the purposes intended.

5. Where it is determined by the Ministry that the City of Hamilton uses or has used the funding for purposes other than permitted above, the Ministry may demand return of all funding advanced and until repaid, the funding owed shall be a debt due to the Ministry by the City of Hamilton.

6. Upon request the Ministry may participate in public events to demonstrate support for the activities of the City of Hamilton and the City of Hamilton shall inform the Ministry of such events 30 days prior to their occurrence.

7. The City of Hamilton shall maintain appropriate governance, reporting and performance management structures as may be required to fulfill the purposes of the grant and to manage the further development and lever the benefits and outcomes achieved from the activities of the City of Hamilton in relation to the funds expended.

I wish the City of Hamilton much success with its endeavours. I look forward to receiving additional information on how the above grant was used and the success of the Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades.

Sincerely,

Carol Mitchell
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

c: Ms. Andrea Horwath, MPP
    Hamilton Centre

    Mr. Paul Miller, MPP
    Hamilton East–Stoney Creek

    Dr. Deb Stark, Deputy Minister (Acting)
    Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

    Mr. Martin Bohl, Director, Rural Community Development Branch
    Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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