

Office of the Mayor City of Hamilton

February 9, 2017

The Honourable Bill Mauro Minister of Municipal Affairs 17th Floor 777 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Subject: Request for Legislation to Establish Updated Guidelines for Ward Boundary Reviews and to Create an Independent Body to Conduct those Reviews

Dear Minister Mauro:

At its meeting of February 8, 2017, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5, which reads as follows:

7.5 Guidelines for Ward Boundary Reviews

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request that the Province develop legislation to establish updated guidelines for ward boundary reviews and to create an independent body to conduct the reviews, taking into consideration the principle of effective representation and having sensitivity to the relevant interests of Ontario's rural and urban communities; and,
- (b) That a copy of this motion be circulated to area municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities Ontario for consideration.

We respectfully request your consideration with respect to this matter, and look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Eisenberger

Copied: Association of Municipalities of Ontario