



June 18, 2012

Mayor and Members of the
General Issues Committee
City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5
Attention: Carolyn Biggs, Legislative Coordinator

Dear Mesdames & Sirs:

RE: June 20, 2012 GIC Meeting Item 7.5 – Supermarket Development Incentives (PED 12120)

On behalf of the Durand Neighbourhood Association (“DNA”), I am writing to express our support for the Downtown Supermarket Incentive Program for a one-time only, forgivable loan to the successful proponent(s) to develop a Downtown supermarket.

The Durand neighbourhood is located in Ward 2. Our boundaries include Main West to the Escarpment and Queen South to James South. We are partially included in the current Downtown Improvement Area and should this proposal pass the neighbourhood will also be a part of the proposed urban growth boundary.

We are the densest neighbourhood in Ward 2 with the least amount of amenities for our population of nearly 13,000. Nevertheless, we continue to support urban intensification as shown by our support for the new condominiums currently being built on Charlton, Robinson and Park, in the heart of the Durand neighbourhood. We look forward to welcoming the hundreds of new residents to this great downtown neighbourhood. However, our new residents will require amenities such as a grocery store within walking distance and/or easily accessible through public transit. (As you know, the DNA also supports walkability and public transit.) Urban intensification and improved amenities go hand in hand and the order is insignificant.

The DNA firmly believes that this proposal will have a positive effect in the continued efforts to strengthen Hamilton’s downtown and improve the quality of life for its residents.

Yours truly,
Durand Neighbourhood Association
PER:

Janice Brown,
Board of Director and Secretary