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His Worship Bob Bratina
Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your delegation for meeting with me at the 2012 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference in Ottawa.

It is always a pleasure to meet with our municipal partners. I know you share our government's focus on protecting your community's environment and the health of your residents. Please be assured, I understand the importance of working with you to achieve our common goals.

On November 19, 2012, the provincial government committed \$46.3 million to the remediation of Randle Reef in Hamilton Harbour, in partnership with Environment Canada, the Cities of Hamilton and Burlington, Region of Halton, other agencies, industry and the public. We look forward to continuing to work with you and all partners for the remediation of Randle Reef.

The cleanup of Randle Reef and the upgrade to the Woodward Waste Water Treatment Plant represent significant steps forward towards delisting Hamilton Harbour as an Area of Concern. This, in turn, represents a significant achievement with respect to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem.

I appreciate you sharing the challenges the City is experiencing with respect to the remediation of the perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) contamination at the Hamilton International Airport. I have written to the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, in support of the City's request for federal funding to complete this project. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

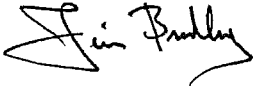
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With regard to the City's request for provincial funding for a project to address the infestation of urban forestry pests, as discussed, this matter would best be addressed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet, and please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Bradley". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Bradley
Minister

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The Honourable Denis Lebel
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
Government of Canada
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Dear Minister Lebel:

I recently met with Mayor Bob Bratina of the City of Hamilton at the 2012 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference in Ottawa.

Mayor Bratina expressed concerns about the City's resources to complete the remediation of the perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) contamination at the Hamilton International Airport. He also indicated that there is a considerable amount of community pressure to resolve the issues preventing the completion of this project.

When the source of the contamination was identified, my ministry requested that the City of Hamilton, Tradeport and Transport Canada work together to develop a remediation plan for the site, including proper assessment and characterization of contamination both on and off-property. My ministry also advised that any remedial plan must be developed in consultation with stakeholders.

I understand that, at this point, Transport Canada has publicly disclaimed any liability with respect to the contamination. However, I also understand that discussions between Transport Canada and my ministry are ongoing.

I am writing to you to formally request your support and active participation in the remediation of the Hamilton International Airport site, and the further assessment and delineation of the contamination in the Welland River and Binbrook Reservoir.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bradley".

Jim Bradley
Minister

c: His Worship Bob Bratina, Mayor, City of Hamilton
The Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment (Canada)

