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April 21, 2014

His Worship Bob Bratina, Mayor of Hamilton
Members of the General Issues Committee
Office of the City Clerk
City Manager's Office
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Reference – Royal Botanical Gardens – Rock Garden Rejuvenation Project

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Further to our presentation to the General Issues Committee on November 20th, 2013 we have been actively working on obtaining the necessary approvals to proceed with the work. We hope to re-open our iconic garden in the spring of 2015.

We are attempting to comply with all of the conditions related to our Site Plan Approval. Development Fees for the project are one such condition. I am writing to City Council to request that these fees be waived. Royal Botanical Gardens is a Not-for-Profit, Charitable Organization that is trying to restore one of Hamilton's treasured spots. If this request is accepted, the project would be able to involve much more.

I understand that in addition to Development Fees there are Parkland Dedication Fees and GO Transit Development Charges involved in the approvals. I would ask that these be waived as well.

As reported, the Rock Garden is basically on an island where there are limited services; so much of the project's budget is going towards this matter. RBG has applied to the City for assistance with this along other infrastructure components, however this request for waiving the above noted fees, is separate.

As mentioned, any assistance that the City can provide us will benefit the project immensely.

Thank you for your consideration.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mrunciman@rbg.ca or at (905) 527-1158 ext. 221.

Kindest regards,

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