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His Worship Fred Eisenberger Mayor City of Hamilton Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

I am pleased to inform the City of Hamilton that funding for the Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program has been extended for an additional program year, from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. This extended funding opportunity is open to all recipients of the pilot grant program so that their community transportation projects can continue.

Since the launch of the grant program in 2015, all grant recipients have implemented transportation initiatives that are improving transportation service in their communities. This includes providing better coordinated and more frequent service in underserved communities, including rural and remote areas, as well as providing transportation services to targeted groups, such as older citizens, persons with disability and low income families.

The extended funding is for the operating costs of the community transportation service undertaken, such as driver wages and vehicle maintenance, up to a maximum of \$50,000. You will receive a letter shortly from the Ministry of Transportation's Transit Policy Branch outlining the process to request funding and next steps. If you have any immediate questions, please contact Steven Ball, Director of Policy in the Minister's Office, 416-327-0806, <u>Steven.Ball@Ontario.ca</u>.

I want to express my appreciation for your participation in the pilot grant program and your municipality's continuing contribution to improving access to public transportation across the province.

Sincerely,

Steven Del Duca Minister