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His Worship Fred Eisenberger, Mayor
Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager
Members of Hamilton City Council
Hamilton City Hall
2nd Floor – 71 Main Street West
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Subject: Expression of Interest in lease of Auchmar Estate

Dear Mayor Eisenberger, Mr. Murray, and Members,

1. It has come to my attention that after a nine month extension, the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry 13th Battalion Auchmar Heritage Trust may not be able to provide a satisfactory business plan for the restoration of the Auchmar Estate, and that they may not have raised sufficient funds to establish future capacity.
2. It is my understanding that Hamilton City Council on March 21, 2018 will be considering its next steps with regard to the future of the Auchmar Estate.
3. If, and only if, Council comes to a decision to **NOT** provide an extension to the Heritage Trust:
4. Cardus is prepared and able to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Hamilton for the Auchmar Estate.
5. Cardus is prepared to request delegation status to make a presentation at the March 28, 2018 meeting of Council.
6. In this presentation we will (a) briefly introduce Cardus and its mission, (b) outline our vision and plans for the Auchmar Estate, (c) review Cardus's financial capacity and project management capacity, and (d) discuss administrative and logistical steps to a mutually beneficial agreement.

I look forward to hearing from you to confirm your interest as outlined above.

Respectfully,



Michael Van Pelt
President and CEO, Cardus