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Your Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your July 25, 2018 letter regarding the item identified by the City of Hamilton's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities in 2016.

Ontario's Building Code has included barrier-free design requirements in buildings since 1975. The current Building Code incorporates enhanced accessibility requirements which came into effect on January 1, 2015. The barrier-free provisions of the Building Code include design requirements for grab bars and where they must be installed, for example in universal washrooms, and in barrier-free water closet stalls and showers.

The ministry appreciates your interest in this matter and staff from my ministry would be happy to discuss the requirements of the Building Code, including the process for proposing amendments. For more information, you or your staff may wish to contact Hannah Evans, Director of the Building and Development Branch, at (416) 585-6399, or Hannah.evans@ontario.ca

Once again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark
Minister

