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Your Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your recent letter of June 27, 2018. I appreciate your kind words regarding my re-election and appointment as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Under the Municipal Act, the appointment of a qualified person to hold office for the remainder of the council term must take place within 60 days of the declaration of the vacancy.

I have reviewed the request from Hamilton City Council for an exemption from the requirement under the Municipal Act regarding your vacancy on council for Ward 7. I understand the situation in which council has been placed. However, there is no provision in the legislation for me to grant an exemption from the rules set out in the legislation that require municipalities to fill council vacancies. Providing an exemption to the requirement in the Municipal Act to fill the vacancy would require a change to the Act.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark', written in a cursive style.

Steve Clark
Minister