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March 6, 2019

Council for the City of Hamilton Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Via mail and email

Dear Council:

Re: Ombudsman investigation

This is to notify you that the Ombudsman's Office has received complaints alleging that on February 9, 2019 and February 23, 2019, the City Manager Recruitment Steering Committee for the City of Hamilton held meetings that did not comply with the open meeting rules in the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The Ombudsman's Open Meetings Team will be investigating this complaint.

Lauren Chee-Hing, with our Office's Open Meetings Team, will be in contact with the Clerk in the near future, to provide further information with respect to the conduct of this investigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lauren-Chee-Hing at 416-646-8008 or by e-mail at lchee-hing@ombudsman.on.ca, should you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation with our Office during this investigation.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ray

Wendy Ray General Counsel

CC:

Janet Pilon, City Clerk, Janet.Pilon@hamilton.ca

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