



Hamilton2026 Commonwealth Bid Corporation

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June 29, 2020

TO: Mayor and Members of the General Issues Committee of the City of Hamilton

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the General Issues Committee:

I am writing to provide to you correspondence from Mr. Brian MacPherson, President of Commonwealth Sport Canada, and Dame Louise Martin, President of the Commonwealth Games Federation. Collectively, these letters provide written confirmation of the unprecedented commitment and resolve of both organizations to work exclusively with our community to craft a program for the Games in 2026 in Hamilton that is specifically focussed on accelerating pandemic relief efforts while supporting the City in advancing its initiatives around prosperity and sustainability, with a view to confirming an award of the 2026 Commonwealth Games to Hamilton prior to the end of 2020.

We thank you for your consideration of this unprecedented opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "P.J. Mercanti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

P.J. Mercanti

HAMILTON2026 President

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June 17, 2020
sent by email

Dear PJ,

Thank you for participating in Commonwealth Sport Canada's (CSC) process to select Canada's next Commonwealth Games Candidate City. Hamilton has constantly demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment to the Commonwealth Games and submitted a compelling and exciting 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting Plan. Following up on the March 26th phone call, on behalf of CSC's Bid & Hosting Committee and the CSC Board of Directors I am pleased to inform you that Hamilton has been selected as Canada's Candidate City for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. This selection is contingent upon Hamilton receiving support from the 3 levels of governments and CSC will assist you in securing this support.

Further, CSC supports Hamilton's recent pivot to the 2026 Commonwealth Games at the invitation of the Commonwealth Games Federation (the "CGF") and is currently working alongside Hamilton Bid Committee members, community leaders and the CGF, to develop a 2026 Commonwealth Games Hosting Plan that will help achieve the City of Hamilton's Vision for its future, be supported by governments and cause the Commonwealth Games Federation to award the 2026 Commonwealth Games to Hamilton outright. Should Hamilton be awarded the 2026 Commonwealth Games CSC will advocate for a linkage between the City of Hamilton and the host city of the 100th Anniversary 2030 Commonwealth Games that pays homage to the City of Hamilton as the birthplace of the Commonwealth Games and Bobby Robinson as its founder.

To be clear, if Hamilton is not awarded the rights to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games then Hamilton is and will remain Canada's Commonwealth Games Candidate City for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

On behalf of CSC, congratulations and we look forward to working with the Hamilton bid committee in bringing the Commonwealth Games home, to their birthplace.

Yours Truly,



Richard C. Powers
President, Commonwealth Sport Canada

Cc. Mayor Eisenberger



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29 June 2022

Dear Hamilton 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation,

On behalf of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), we are delighted the Bid Corporation has agreed to work with Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) and ourselves to explore the exciting and unique opportunity now presented to host the XXIII edition of our Games, which will be held in 2026.

Since August 2019, the CGF has been working exclusively with CSC on plans to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Following the decision of CSC to put Hamilton forward as the preferred Candidate City to host the Games and our agreement with you to explore a pivot from the 2030 Games to 2026, the CGF has invested significant time and dedicated resources to support Hamilton in the development of its proposals.

Due to the escalating importance of securing a host city, the CGF commits to continuing to provide this same support on the process for hosting the 2026 Games, specifically to CSC and Hamilton, until the end of September 2020.

To progress and ensure a clear pathway for Hamilton to proceed through the Candidate City Process, the Bid Corporation will require a clear commitment and dedicated support from Hamilton City Council and Provincial and Federal Government Partners to work with you to develop a robust Candidate City Proposal. We believe there is an urgency needed, to capitalise on this unique opportunity and secure an extension of our support.

We strongly believe Hamilton, the very birthplace of the Commonwealth Sports Movement, would be an ideal partner in hosting a modern and progressive 2026 Commonwealth Games. The Games returning to its place of origin would support the city and province in their recovery from COVID-19, as well as contributing to ongoing regeneration initiatives and the communities' long-term sustainability and prosperity agendas.

Our aspiration remains to award the Games by the end of the year, with potential flexibility arising from the global pandemic, and we hope to continue to work closely with your team at Hamilton 2026, CSC and Government Partners as you develop your proposals to host an outstanding Games in the City of Hamilton in 2026.

Yours sincerely

Dame Louise Martin DBE
President

cc.

Fred Eisenberger, Mayor of Hamilton
Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour
Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage
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