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Hamilton City Council
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor and esteemed members of Council,

RE: Commonwealth Games, 2026

The Hamilton Olympic Club is Canada's oldest continuously operating track and field organization, having been incorporated in 1926. Our organization is proud that one M.M. Robinson was the founder of both our club and the British Empire Games, the forerunner to the Commonwealth Games.

We believe that a successful Commonwealth Games would be of great benefit to our City and region. Not least would be the legacy of sport facilities that would exponentially increase opportunities for training and competition in Hamilton. We hold the hope that the bid, as well as other funding sources, might be leveraged for an indoor track & field training and competition facility, the likes of which are lacking in our region.

As such our club, as the flagship organization of track and field in Hamilton, wishes to offer its enthusiastic support to the Hamilton 2026 bid, to bring these games home. Imagine, having athletes from all over the world come to Hamilton as they did back at the old Civic Stadium in 1930!

Yours very truly,


Richard Gelder,
President