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To: Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; MROO Membership Updates <>

Subject: Extension of Benefits for City of Hamilton Retirees who turn 65 in 2021

Dear Councillor Esther Pauls and Mayor Fred:

My name is June Roberts, **Personal Information** Ward 7  
Resident and past City of Hamilton Employee 2017 for 41.5 years with the Public Works and Waste  
Depts.

I just left you a message, but think it would be better to write my concerns to you, so you can bring it forward to the HR Committee.

Due to Covid 19, City of Hamilton Retirees were not able to use their medical benefits due to dentists, dental hygienists, doctors, chiropractors etc. being closed. The City of Hamilton still had to pay Manulife benefits on our behalf knowing that we were unable to get appointments due to everything being closed due to covid.

When a retiree turns 65, there is no more benefits, unlike other organizations. I will be 65 years old in June of 2021 and am asking that you look into extending the benefits that our City paid for the retirees for the last 7 mos. And we were unable to use them.

Today I have spoken to Manulife about this and they said to bring it forward to benefits dept. for the City. I have just spoken to Manjeet in Benefits and she said there was no request for this.

I would now request for you, on behalf of the retirees and myself that an additional 7 mos be added on to our benefits, especially dental. I was finally able to see my dentist last week. I am still unable to get an appointment with my doctor during this pandemic.

Please let me know whether you think you can help or what my next steps should be.

Thanks

June Roberts