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Re: Hamilton 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation

SportHamilton is in full support of the Commonwealth Games and the Hamilton 2026 Bid Corporation which includes many Hamilton volunteers, highly experienced and skilled individuals who have worked so diligently and professionally to outline the details and incredible potential of hosting the Commonwealth Games in Hamilton.

I have communicated on many occasions, SportHamilton truly values being part of the Hamilton2026 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation, as both myself, as President and Val Sarjeant VP are active SportHamilton representatives having contributed in many ways. SportHamilton has garnered the support of many Hamilton sport organizations to attend key council presentations regarding the Games and to encourage each sport group to provide letters of support for the Bid. SportHamilton has worked for the past years to communicate details and ways of getting involved with the Games via the SportHamilton website, newsletter, emails and social media and supporting all Bid members.

As the plans for the Games have evolved over this time, it has become very apparent that these Games are not just about two weeks of outstanding international sport competition, but so much more for all Hamiltonians.

In this unprecedented pandemic time, these Games will create much needed jobs, provide affordable housing, and most of all revitalize the economy in the Hamilton and region. Infrastructure will be developed that will last for generations as a legacy to enhance the lives and inspire so many. Local tourism and businesses will benefit into the multi millions of dollars.

Hamiltonians will not only be inspired by these games, but will glow with pride and enthusiasm about the City of Hamilton when they see what these Games can and will bring.

As the official sport council for the City of Hamilton, SportHamilton volunteers are community leaders fully supporting the 2026 Commonwealth Games and committed to bringing the Games home to Hamilton.

I urge all Hamiltonians to embrace this unique opportunity being offered to our beautiful city and join the effort to support the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Sincerely,

Helen Downey, President

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