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Andrea Holland
City Clerk
City of Hamilton
Ste 700, 120 King St West
Hamilton, Ontario

Dear Ms Holland:

We're writing on the advice of Mayor Eisenberger, requesting an opportunity to present our Charter City proposals for large Ontario cities to Hamilton City Council's General Issues Committee at an early convenience.

The Charter City project seeks to address two fundamental deficiencies in the current relationship between the province of Ontario and its large municipalities.

The first is a power imbalance that gives all authority over municipal affairs to the province, depriving cities of autonomy and the authority to determine their own destinies.

The second is a severe and long-standing revenue imbalance that deprives large municipalities of the funding necessary to carry out their assigned responsibilities or plan for the future and which leaves them vulnerable to the ever-shifting priorities of successive provincial governments.

We began as a purely Toronto-based project in 2018, after the province slashed our city's council in half in the middle of an election. Over time, we have found a receptive and growing audience for our ideas in other large Ontario cities.

We are currently inviting large municipal councils to join or endorse our project in the hopes of creating a critical mass of advocacy such that provincial parties will address these ideas in their 2022 provincial election campaigns.

Please find a brief overview of our proposals attached. We would be happy to provide any other information that will assist you in facilitating our deputation. Many thanks for your kind attention to our request.

Sincerely,
Doug Earl and Tim Grant
Steering Committee Members
Charter City Toronto

Cc: Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Christopher Cutler