

**Appendix C—Draft Correspondence – Mayor Eisenberger to Ministry of the Attorney General**

7 June 2021

The Honourable Doug Downey  
Attorney General of Ontario  
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720 Bay Street  
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Dear Attorney General Downey:

**Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultations**

The Municipality of Tweed has recently shared its March 10, 2021 correspondence to Premier Doug Ford (copy attached) with the City of Hamilton Council. Tweed's correspondence outlines, once again, the significant inflationary influences imposed on Ontario municipalities by the legal doctrine of joint and several liability and advocates for reform. The City of Hamilton is in full support of Tweed's correspondence.

By letter dated October 30, 2019 (copy attached), in response to the Ministry's opening of consultations on the subject, my office provided a comprehensive summary of the City of Hamilton's experience with joint and several liability. Our experience has only worsened since then, with further significant claim payouts driven primarily by the principle of joint and several liability. We take this opportunity now to request an update in regard to the Ministry's consultations.

We look forward to your reply and again offer the assistance of the City of Hamilton in exploring the possibility of joint and several liability reform.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor