



Monday, November 14, 2021

Ryan McHugh,
Manager, Tourism
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West,
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Ryan,

It is with great pleasure that the Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (“HUPEG”) shares our desire to participate in the Commonwealth Games 2030 (“The Games”) Request for Proposal process. We understand that this exercise is designed to assist “The Games” Bidco with formulating its venue and sports plan, which would precede MPA discussions and subsequent submissions to the Commonwealth Games Federation when they announce their international process for the 2030 events.

It is our intention to submit a venues proposal for the three downtown entertainment venues which HUPEG would be assuming responsibility for in April 2022. We anticipate that FirstOntario Centre could be programmed for Gymnastics and Closing Ceremonies, the FirstOntario Concert Hall could be programmed for Weightlifting, and that the Hamilton Convention Centre could be programmed for a handful of other sportings including Boxing, Judo, and Table Tennis (depending on what other venues are submitted as part of this process), as well as playing host to the International Broadcast Centre / Media Centre. For simplicity purposes at the present time, we anticipate one master submission/MOU for these venues, but if there is a need for individual MOUs for each venue, we will advise immediately.

We would like to work with the City of Hamilton to ensure that our submission aligns with the City’s strategic objectives. We are proud of our strong working relationship with the City of Hamilton and are confident that we would have a Games plan that provides incredible opportunities for the City of Hamilton, in both the short term and in the long term.

We are requesting for the City to sign off on the final venues proposal and look forward to any comments/feedback as part of this process in order to make it as seamless and efficient as possible.

With the greatest of respect,

P.J. Mercanti
General Partner, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group