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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
 Mayor
 City of Hamilton
 City Hall, 71 Main Street W
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Congratulations on the completion of your community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan for the City of Hamilton.

The [Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan](#) demonstrates the City of Hamilton's leadership and commitment to proactively addressing crime and complex social issues facing your community. I would like to commend you and your multi-sectoral partners for your collaborative efforts on the development of a comprehensive plan that will target local priority risks such as Hate Incidents, Mental Health and Stigma, and Violence through the implementation of your identified programs and strategies. As you know, it is by working together that we can truly make our communities safer and healthier.

The positive impacts of CSWB planning are clear. Through this collaborative planning process, communities can ensure better coordination between police services and community partners, not only through crisis response, but through proactive programs and strategies that address locally-identified risks and improve the social determinants of health (e.g., education, housing, mental services). This type of planning can also lead to improvements in service delivery across multiple sectors, benefitting everyone in the community.

Further, by engaging in this holistic approach to CSWB planning, communities can ensure that those in need receive the correct response by the appropriate service provider in a timely manner. In so doing, this will alleviate the long-term reliance on the criminal justice system and the financial burden of crime on society.

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Throughout the implementation of your CSWB plan, it will be essential to measure outcomes on an ongoing basis in order to determine progress on addressing local priority risks. Over time, priorities may change as improvements are made to reduce identified risks in the community. Therefore, it will be important to regularly monitor and update your CSWB plan to ensure that the plan continues to be reflective of the needs of the community.

As we move forward with CSWB planning in Ontario, I want to thank you for your continued support and ongoing efforts in helping to build safer, stronger communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

c: Jennifer Hohol
Senior Project Manager
City of Hamilton