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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: 2026 Commonwealth Games

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

I am sincerely hoping that we can count on your vote to not support a bid for the 2016 Commonwealth Games when council votes on August 10th. I have heard that no other city wants to bid on them. Are they smarter than us?


We have greater priorities than these games, to name only a few: our debt from COVID-19 (\$60 million), homelessness crisis, wait list of more than 5,000 for social housing, fallout (lawsuit) from the RHVP cover-up, Cootes spill cover-up, etc. We don't have the expected \$1 billion cost to hold these games. When has a cost estimate ever gone *down*?

After last night's downpour I know that I don't have the money to spare paying for these games through increased taxes. I need to get my downspouts disconnected. We all need to do our part in not contributing to the overflow of the city's CSO tanks. Infrastructure work like this is a higher priority than these games!! The city should be offering financial help to residents who cannot afford to do this work on their own.

Please vote no to the 2026 games.

Thank you.

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