

Dear Mayor and members of Council,

As of writing this delegation on the morning of August 7th, the petition hosted on Change.org [“Tell Hamilton Council: “No public money for Commonwealth Games!”](#) has received precisely 1,203 signatures - with that number certain to grow over the weekend. I will gladly provide the full list of the signatures to Councillor’s and the Mayor’s offices - however I do not wish to deny any individuals who sign the petition prior to the August 10th GIC to be excluded from it.

I welcome you all, as I am sure you have, to read some of the comments left by signatories as well as the various arguments made in the press and on social media by Hamiltonians that supports the key demand of the petition which reads clearly: “By signing this petition you are telling Hamilton City Council NO to any more public dollars or resources going towards the 2026 Commonwealth Games bid.”

I ask you all to please listen to the demand of these 1,200+ (and growing) individuals and to not dedicate any public dollars or resources towards the 2026 Commonwealth Games bid. There are simply more important things to dedicate staff time and public resources towards. I want to stress that this petition was worded to include a demand for no further staff time being dedicated to this proposal - further study on this issue should not be a priority of the City of Hamilton.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope the priorities of Council will align with the necessities of Hamiltonians.

- Ian Borsuk, Ward 1 resident