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Subject: Correspondence for inclusion in Wednesday's GIC agenda

To members of council:

I'm writing to you again to ask that you do not commit the city any further to a Commonwealth Games bid. Very simply, I believe this endeavour would be a waste of time and money, and a giant distraction from what should be the city's top priority: directly addressing the housing and homelessness crises.

Every dollar and minute council and city staff spend considering this proposal would be better spent lobbying upper levels of government to invest in new public housing.

Investing hundreds of millions (if not 1-2 billion) of public money on a two week event would be a mistake.

Additionally, considering a significant number of councillors have signalled they don't intend to return after this year's election, this council shouldn't commit the next council to the untold costs of a Commonwealth Games bid.

If it is truly in the best interests of Hamiltonians to be involved in the Games, proponents should make their case and let voters decide that.

Thanks