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Andrea Holland
City Clerk
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Dear Andrea Holland:

Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022* was passed by the Legislature and received Royal Assent on April 14, 2022. Schedule 5 of the Bill makes changes to the *Planning Act* to:

- expedite approvals and incent timely decisions for zoning, plan of subdivision and site plan applications, and
- ensure provincial housing policies are implemented and priority projects are expedited by providing the province with new tools to address dispute resolution.

One of the *Planning Act* changes provides a new discretionary authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to suspend the time period to make a decision on official plans and official plan amendments.

I am writing to notify you that I am using this authority, pursuant to ss. 17(40.1) of the *Planning Act*, to suspend the 120-day timeline for the amendments to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Official Plan, which were adopted on June 8, 2022.

You will be notified when the Minister takes further steps under the *Planning Act* in relation to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Clark'. The signature is stylized with a large 'S' and 'C'.

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Steve Robichaud, Chief Planner and Director of Planning, City of Hamilton