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Your Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
The City of Hamilton

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

Thank you for your application to the second intake of the *Audit and Accountability Fund* and for your commitment to delivering modern, efficient services that are financially sustainable.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario will provide funding of up to \$400,000 towards the Hamilton Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) Eligibility Audit for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a final report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings and efficiencies by October 15, 2021.

In 2019, our government launched the *Audit and Accountability Fund* to help large urban municipalities improve local service delivery and ensure taxpayers' dollars are being used efficiently, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are making this work more important than ever. The projects selected for funding under the second intake of the *Audit and Accountability Fund* will further support your efforts to find efficiencies, with a focus on digital modernization, service integration and streamlining development approvals.

A transfer payment agreement is required to provide funding for this work. The ministry will forward a transfer payment agreement for this project for your municipality's review and signature in the coming days. Please return a signed copy of the transfer payment agreement by email to municipal.programs@ontario.ca by **March 26, 2021**. Please note this deadline is important to us as we require the transfer payment agreement to be in place before the end of the province's fiscal year on March 31, 2021. Ministry staff would be pleased to work with your staff to finalize the transfer payment agreement and respond to any questions, and can be reached by email at municipal.programs@ontario.ca

I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval under the second intake of the *Audit and Accountability Fund* and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Ali Sabourin, Janette Smith, Andrea Holland, Mike Zegarac