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Members of City Council
City of Hamilton

Re: Block 16 Proposal - Letter of Support

Since 2015 Brook McIlroy Inc. (Planners, Urban Designer, Architects and Landscape Architects) have had an on-going role assisting the City of Hamilton in the development of the new Pier 8 neighbourhood. In 2015-16 we prepared the **Pier 7 and 8 Urban Design Study** which was approved by the City of Hamilton in May 2016. We were subsequently retained by the City of Hamilton to review options for the potential development of Block 16 for primarily residential uses, and to prepare urban design guidelines that would provide standards for this site. This work culminated in the **Pier 8 Block 16 Urban Design Guidelines**.

During this process we assisted the City's Planning Department in an extensive public engagement process as well as iterative design and sustainability workshops with the developer and their consultant team to determine the best development scenario for the site. We also participated in several sessions with the City of Hamilton Design Review Panel.

It is our opinion that the proposal prepared for Block 16 by KPMB Architects will make an important contribution to Pier 8 as well as setting a new standard for the City of Hamilton in sustainable design excellence. Throughout the process of working with the developer and KPMB, they have meaningfully embraced the aspirations and recommended standards contained in the Urban Design Guidelines as well as input from the public and DRP. The project makes an important and creative contribution to the public realm that reflects the aspirations for Pier 8 while mitigating impacts to the balance of the primary mid-rise character of the neighbourhood.

I am therefore writing in support of the Block 16 proposal and look forward to the next steps in the implementation process for this important project.

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Yours Sincerely,



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