



May 8, 2024

Via email – mayor@hamilton.ca

Mayor Andrea Horwath
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Horwath:

Re: Ombudsman investigation

This is to notify you that the Ombudsman's Office has received a complaint alleging that on October 24, 2023, the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees of the City of Hamilton held a meeting that did not comply with the open meeting rules in the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The Ombudsman's Open Meetings Team will be investigating this complaint.

Willem Crispin-Frei and Talitha Kozak, members of our Office's Open Meetings Team, will be in contact with the Acting City Clerk in the near future to provide further information with respect to the conduct of this investigation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Willem Crispin-Frei at wcrispin-frei@ombudsman.on.ca or Talitha Kozak at tkozak@ombudsman.on.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation with our Office during this investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Laura Pettigrew'.

Laura Pettigrew
General Counsel

cc: Janet Pilon, Acting City Clerk, janet.pilon@hamilton.ca