

18 June 2024

To the members of the city's General Issues committee:

I write as a life-long Hamiltonian on Between the Lakes Purchase Treaty No. 3's lands, living here with my wife and 4 children. I write as a Christian, one of German heritage, a White cis-het male.

I write to ask that you continue the conversation with the members of Circle of Beads supporting their request for an elected seat on the city's council for Indigenous peoples. As published in the *Hamilton Spectator* on the 21st of February and the 12th of June, 2024, this elected seat would represent the whole community better. I urge you to support, clearly, unequivocally, and publicly, Circle of Beads' request for an elected seat on council for Indigenous peoples, beginning with an advisory position created in the interim with a clear, express view of moving reasonably from an advisory to an elected capacity.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters. I look forward to your actions in these regards.

Respectfully,

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