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Communication about public engagement opportunities

This (draft) communication is intended, once finalized, to serve as the core communication for public engagement that will provide input to the MTFTAA's recommendations.

The core communication will be amended as appropriate for the given communications medium, along with the relevant instructions (i.e. for the online survey, or encouraging delegates)

The Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability (MTFTAA) is looking to hear from community members in the City of Hamilton on how the City can be more open, accessible and accountable to our communities. We are committed to listening to community members from all walks of life and every corner of our city. The goal of this process is to ensure that the voices of all who wish to provide input are considered in the formulation of a report which will be presented to Hamilton City Council later this year. This report will share findings, as well as the Task Force's recommendations to the City of Hamilton on how to improve operations and strengthen trust between our community and our local government.

Community members are invited to share their insights through our online survey, written communication, or delegating at a MTFTAA meeting. The MTFTAA will also be soliciting input from members of Hamilton City Council, City staff, and local organizations.

ADD SPECIFIC DETAILS

The mandate of the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access, and Accountability (MTFTAA) can be viewed [here](#). The MTFTAA has retained the support of Enterprise and the Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC) of Hamilton to support its work.

Specifically, the MTFTAA is seeking input related to the following four themes that will be reflected in our report:

- **Public access to productively engage with the City of Hamilton:** This means finding better ways for community members to share their thoughts and ideas with the city.
- **Transparency regarding City of Hamilton activities and decisions:** This involves ensuring that people can easily see and understand what the City is doing and understand why.
- **The City of Hamilton demonstrating accountability to citizens, residents, and communities:** This includes making sure the City listens to and meets the needs of all community members and effectively communicates the outcomes of its work.
- **Propose practical steps to enhance trust:** Bringing forward clear and practical ways to strengthen the relationship between the City and its residents.