



August 12, 2024

Planning Committee
City Council
City of Hamilton

RE: HCE Written Delegation to: “Draft Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications under the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PED24109).”

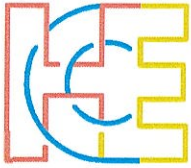
We are writing with respect to a Planning Staff report delivered to you on August 13, 2024, titled “Draft Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications under the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PED24109).”

Hamilton Community Enterprises (“HCE”) is a purpose-driven technology company owned by the City of Hamilton with a significant focus on helping our customers transition to high-efficiency, low-carbon building heating to help enable Hamilton to meet its 2050 net-zero emissions targets while fostering smart growth and citywide prosperity.

We see merit in this draft framework crafted by city staff. It would offer a practical tool for the municipality to evaluate proposed new development projects through multiple lenses, including energy and climate. Moreover, it would support the developer community as it adopts additional best practices in sustainability.

We are encouraged to see that proven carbon-reduction technologies and practices, such as integrated community energy through district energy and thermal networks, energy harvesting, “smart” buildings and community energy planning, are incorporated into the draft framework and appear in the memo authored by Dillon Consulting and submitted as part of the Planning Staff report.

HCE believes minimizing the impact of climate change is all about maximizing the utilization of every unit of energy. This is only possible through collaboration and connectivity, which is featured in this report.



HCE was founded in the early 2000s with the deregulation of Ontario's electricity sector with a mandate to reduce Green House Gas emissions (GHGs). HCE is wholly owned by the City of Hamilton, governed by an independent Board of Directors and has grown to become a utility solutions provider in the nonregulated energy and telecommunications markets. HCE designs, builds, operates and maintains critical community infrastructure, including energy networks, renewable energy systems, and internet and metro area fibre networks.

HCE has become an expert in delivering kilowatts, kilojoules, and kilobytes — the currency needed to power our lives in the digital age and is well-placed to play an increasingly active role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Hamilton Community Enterprises looks forward to interacting with the City of Hamilton Planning Staff during the coming weeks to provide our specialized feedback on the framework, particularly on the theme of climate change and considerations for the "Energy and Climate Change Assessment Report" proposed as a submission requirement for expansion applications.

Sincerely

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David Inkley
Vice President
Hamilton Community Enterprises

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Jeff Cowan
President and CEO
Hamilton Community Enterprises