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**Subject:** City of Hamilton Request for Governance Change

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Dear Dr. Richardson,

I'm writing to respond to the City of Hamilton's request to adopt a semi-autonomous Board of Health governance model. I am pleased to inform you that earlier today, the province introduced the More Convenient Care Act, 2024. If passed, this legislation would amend the City of Hamilton Act, 1999, to enable the City of Hamilton to appoint its own Board of Health.

Please see news release and backgrounder at the following link for information about these changes: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005436/ontario-continuing-to-build-a-more-connected-and-convenient-health-care-system>

If passed, the legislation would establish a governance structure that enables the City of Hamilton to appoint City Council members and representatives from the community and education sectors to the Board of Health. By incorporating a broader range of perspectives in public health decision-making, the province trusts that this model will help enhance Hamilton's ability to address its public health priorities effectively and in alignment with community needs.

Please note, this change is posted on

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/search.do?action=beginBasic> for public consultation. We encourage you to share the posting with your partners for feedback.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or require further details.

Best regards,  
Colleen Kiel

Colleen Kiel  
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