

General Issues Committee

Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON

April 29, 2025

Re: Green Building Standards Implementation Plan (Item 8.5 PED25117) and Growing a Resilient and Environmentally Sustainable Hamilton Community Improvement Plan (Item 8.6 PED25105)

Dear General Issues Committee Members,

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency based in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) supporting a net-zero future. TAF strongly supports the proposed Green Development Standard (GDS) implementation plan and the associated GREEN Hamilton Development Tax Increment Grant Program. We commend city staff for their leadership in advancing these important initiatives that will serve as a catalyst for sustainable development, economic growth, and environmental stewardship in Hamilton. By rewarding environmentally sustainable building practices through tax increment-based grants, Hamilton is demonstrating a clear commitment to aligning growth with climate action. These initiatives follow priority actions from Hamilton's 2019 Climate Crisis declaration, 2022's Hamilton Climate Action Strategy and will support the city in achieving its goal of net-zero 2050.

TAF has actively contributed to the design and implementation of Hamilton's GDS because of its transformative potential to reduce carbon, create healthier buildings, and generate local economic opportunities. The proposed implementation plan and grant program will work hand-in-hand to deliver high-performing and energy efficient communities. We also support the proposed GREEN Hamilton CIP incentive programs for existing building studies and industrial retrofits, which also support emissions reductions.

In conclusion, **TAF fully supports the proposed GDS implementation plan and the associated GREEN Hamilton Development Tax Increment Grant Program, and we urge you to approve it.** We applaud City of Hamilton staff for their hard work and leadership in advancing these initiatives.

Sincerely,



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About The Atmospheric Fund

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency that invests in low-carbon solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and helps scale them up for broad implementation. We are experienced leaders and collaborate with stakeholders in the private, public, and non-profit sectors who have ideas and opportunities for reducing carbon emissions. Supported by endowment funds, we advance the most promising concepts by investing, providing grants, influencing policies, and running programs. We're particularly interested in ideas that offer benefits in addition to carbon reduction such as improving people's health, creating local jobs, boosting urban resiliency, and contributing to a fair society.