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Subject: RE: PED25142 - Grant for Centenary Methodist Church to Establish A Mid-Sized Performance Centre, 24 Main Street West, Hamilton (Ward 2)

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TO: Legislative Coordinator, GIC
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RE: PED25142 - Grant for Centenary Methodist Church to Establish A Mid-Sized Performance Centre, 24 Main Street West, Hamilton (Ward 2)

Mayor and Council Members:

I wanted to write to support the funding of the ongoing Music Hall project at the New Vision United Church.

As the Program Director at 93.3 FM and a long-time music journalist I've seen the need that the city has for a variety of venues. In recent years, we've lost many of the most important ones. This has had an effect on local musicians, local audiences, and the economics of the city at large. Local bands need more and bigger venues. Touring acts who can fill a spot this size bring

in out-of-towners (read: tourism) and there is an economic ripple effect as event-goers visit restaurants, bars, go shopping, etc.

I've been to the Music Hall on a variety of occasions and think it's a great spot for music and other events. It's right downtown, it sounds fantastic, and, to be artsy about it, has "vibes." That is to say, it feels *right* to see a show there. That's intangible but important. If a venue is the right size, the right location, sounds good and feels good, it will succeed.

I understand that The Music Hall fills a specific niche (as identified in the City of Hamilton's Music Strategy) with its approximately 1,000 seating capacity.

I was lucky enough to get a tour of the facility in the daylight, when I was working on a piece for Hamilton City Magazine, and I was even more impressed by the facility and the vision they have for it. Hopefully the city is able to support this excellent space for music (and help preserve such an incredible heritage room).

Sincerely,

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