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From: Ken Wallis

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Date: Tuesday May 12, 2025

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 wholeheartedly support the request for funding for the next phase of renovations to The Music Hall. The City of Hamilton sorely needs such a mid-sized venue for music and creative endeavors.

I have been involved in Hamilton's music community for many years, hosting a radio show, writing magazine articles, putting on music concerts, receiving the City of Hamilton Arts Champion Award, and now President of the newly launched, Escarpment Blues Society. I know how important a new facility would be to our community and to the downtown area. It would attract performers that seldom put Hamilton on the touring schedule, and it would lead to numerous employment opportunities for local Hamiltonians. The facility will fill the need for a modern, state-of-the-art facility

Hamilton's Escarpment Blues Society offers enthusiastic support for the renovations to The Music Hall and urge Council to support the funding. Our Society was formed to sponsor and offer support to the music industry in our city. We understand the positive impact of the facility as a win-win for the city and the creative community.

Sincerely,

K. A. Wallis

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