

AQUARIUS

May 14, 2025

TO: Legislative Coordinator, GIC
City of Hamilton, 71 Main Street West,
1st Floor, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5
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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)

Theatre Aquarius supports New Vision's desire to convert the church sanctuary into a **live performance venue and Creative Community Hub**. They have made a case that Hamilton has lacked a music specific venue that can accommodate up to 1,000 people and that, without a mid-size music venue, local and touring performers have had to exclude Hamilton. The Music Hall could provide access to a variety of performing artists and other creative not-for-profit community groups. The Music Hall holds the possibility to bring the arts to a wider audience and contribute to tourism activity in Hamilton.

We salute the Music Hall Alliance for its commitment and focus on inclusivity and community outreach: the Music Hall will fill a niche providing social, cultural and economic value. It will also further enhance our city's recognition as an important and vibrant music city. We believe City Council is doing the right thing by supporting this important phase of renovations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Straughan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kelly Straughan
Executive Director
Theatre Aquarius