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Legislative Coordinator of the respective Committee Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

## Hamilton Music Hall Letter of Support

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

I'm writing in support of the City of Hamilton grant to The Music Hall in the amount of \$900,000, to help cover the first phase of the renovation project, budgeted at \$1.3 million. The comprehensive City staff report requested February 2024 has now been completed.

Since the end of the Covid 19 pandemic, downtown Hamilton is again becoming a destination for residents and tourists. The choice of venues for community gatherings and events is limited.

The Music Hall will function as a **Creative Community Hub**, serving both larger performing acts and creating space for smaller, marginalized community groups.

A thriving Music Hall will boost the downtown area, as concertgoers and event attendees will patronize nearby restaurants, bars and hotels – and paid parking lots!

Please assist the growth of downtown Hamilton, for business and pleasure, by providing the grant to The Music Hall now.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bainas