

May 20, 2025



Mayor Andrea Horwath, Hamilton City Councillors, City Clerk

cc: Alissa Golden, Cultural Heritage
Alissa Denham Robinson, HMHC Chair
Karen Burke, Heritage Permit Review
Jacqueline Norton

City of Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

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

Dear Members of Hamilton City Council, Staff and Committees:

The board of directors of the Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc. are writing to express our support for the proposal from the board of The Music Hall Alliance regarding the funding request for New Vision Church located at 24 Main Street West.

What a terrific community improvement benefit and adaptive reuse of a great brick heritage church. Its proximity can only benefit those downtown neighbourhoods which are lacking in community/venue space, the Durand being one of those downtown neighbourhoods.

It has been disheartening to see much of our ecclesiastical architecture being lost due to dwindling church congregations. Where appropriate and where possible, support needs to be given to any adaptive reuse of these historical buildings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roberta Harman, President
Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc.