



July 2, 2025

Dear Councillor Wilson:

Thank you for supporting Sacajawea's efforts to develop new affordable housing options for Indigenous households in Hamilton, specifically in Ward 1. We are pleased to be working with the City of Hamilton in a co-operative and productive way, and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved throughout the development since we purchased the former City property at 95 Dundurn St. South in January 2024.

When the property was listed for sale, Part 2 was excluded. We expressed to Staff that we would appreciate if it was part of the sale, as it would benefit our development. Staff indicated it was likely needed for a future street widening, so was not available at that time. Regardless, we agreed to pay the listed price for the vacant parcel, maximizing the municipal financial benefits.

We have since worked closely with Staff through the pilot All4One site plan process which has proven very effective in streamlining City reviews and approvals. It was during an All4One meeting that we identified that the Part 2 parcel would indeed optimize Sacajawea's project, enabling it to effectively meet the outcome goals of each department without undue costs or extreme complexity. It was subsequently confirmed through the surplus property processes that the remnant parcels would indeed *not* be needed for municipal purposes.

As Council reviews our request to purchase the two small parcels from the City, we ask that these be transferred at a nominal cost. These remnants have no economic value to any other developments, nor utility to the City. A nominal fee would also be considered a municipal co-investment, bolstering Sacajawea's applications to CMHC. Ultimately, Sacajawea and the City of Hamilton have shared goals of developing affordable housing while practicing reconciliation with Indigenous communities. Having paid full value for the original parcel, adding these remnants at a nominal cost would continue to facilitate those goals in practical ways.

Thank you for considering this request.
Sincerely,

Miranda Rappazzo
Executive Director