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To: General Issues Committee
Subject: Support for Motion to Extend the Recycling Pilot – General Issues Committee
From: Susie Braithwaite

Dear Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the International Village BIA to express our strong support for the motion brought forward by Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch and seconded by Councillor Nann to extend the recycling pilot program by the City of Hamilton through the end of 2026 for non-eligible properties.

We would also like to reference our previous delegation by Nadine Ubl of the Barton Village BIA at the January 19th, 2026 GIC Budget Meeting, where we highlighted the significant impact that changes to waste management have had on businesses across the city. These concerns remain pressing, and we urge the committee to consider the ongoing challenges faced by businesses as you deliberate on this important motion.

As a business improvement area representing 140 businesses in Downtown Hamilton, we recognize the importance of allowing for much-needed time for the City of Hamilton and businesses to collaborate on a workable, long-term plan that addresses these unique challenges.

A thoughtful, phased approach will allow for meaningful consultation, robust education, and the development of solutions that are practical and sustainable for everyone involved. We believe that this extension will help avoid unintended disruptions and ensure a smoother transition for businesses and residents alike.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting Hamilton's business community as we work together towards a cleaner, more sustainable city.

Sincerely,
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