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Mayor Bob Bratina and
Members of Hamilton City Council

I am writing to request that you and the city council consider appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to begin planning our sesquicentennial celebration in 2017.

While five years might seem like a long time away let me assure you that much activity is already underway. At the federal level a survey on March 10, 2008 revealed broad public support for Canada celebrating its sesquicentennial. On March 11, 2010 three hundred (300) delegates comprised of public servants, business and community leaders, academics and artists gathered in Ottawa to hear presentations from 27 eminent Canadians. This resulted in a report entitled "150! Canada Conference Report" which outlines their ideas for creating the next great year (2017) in Canadian history. Also at the federal level on September 24, 2012 the report of the Standing Committee of Canadian Heritage entitled "Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017" was presented to the House of Commons by the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Culture and Official Languages. The report contains numerous recommendations to encourage Canadians to participate in the celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary with support from the federal government.

Several communities across Canada, some smaller than Hamilton, i.e. Stratford, et al, have already formed Ad Hoc Committees or Task Forces to plan for this significant historical event. Therefore, it would appear that it is not too soon for us to begin.

Respectfully submitted:


Patricia Saunders.

cc Councillor T. Whitehead