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Mayor Bob Bratina
Office of the Mayor
City of Hamilton Board of Health
77 James Street North, Suite 230
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

With the emergence of the Pandemic (H1N1) virus in the spring of 2009, Ontario's public health system was asked to respond to a new challenge. On behalf of the McGuinty government, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts undertaken by the province's health units to meet this public health challenge.

I am pleased to confirm that the province has approved one-time funding of up to \$4,640 (at 100%) for the period of January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 to support the extraordinary expenses incurred by the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services in responding to H1N1.

In a subsequent letter, Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division, will be writing to Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, City of Hamilton, Public Health Services, to provide administrative and accountability details.

In closing, please accept my sincere thanks for the ongoing contributions you and your staff make in an effort to provide Ontarians with the strong public health system they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Matthews".

Deb Matthews
Minister

c: Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale
Gerry Martiniuk, MPP, Cambridge
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