



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

February 9, 2017

The Honourable Bill Mauro  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

**Subject: Request for Legislation to Establish Updated Guidelines for Ward Boundary Reviews and to Create an Independent Body to Conduct those Reviews**

Dear Minister Mauro:

At its meeting of February 8, 2017, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5, which reads as follows:

**7.5 Guidelines for Ward Boundary Reviews**

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request that the Province develop legislation to establish updated guidelines for ward boundary reviews and to create an independent body to conduct the reviews, taking into consideration the principle of effective representation and having sensitivity to the relevant interests of Ontario's rural and urban communities; and,
- (b) That a copy of this motion be circulated to area municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities Ontario for consideration.

We respectfully request your consideration with respect to this matter, and look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Eisenberger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Fred Eisenberger

Copied: Association of Municipalities of Ontario