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Dear Mayor Di Ianni, Councillors and Bid Committee Leaders:

**Re: Commonwealth Games Bid**

Congratulations to the Bid Committee team and the rest of Council for their support of this endeavour in putting forth an excellent bid on behalf of the City of Hamilton. By all accounts, it was a first class presentation and the entire exercise was another opportunity to showcase the attributes of our community, and to demonstrate the leadership attributes of those individuals who have the privilege of representing our great City on a national stage.

Despite the fact that we did not win the bid, those who put together this proposal and all of Council should be congratulated for taking the initiative in pursuing an important vision for Hamilton, and being prepared to accept the risks associated with this endeavour. Leadership always involves taking reasonable risks. Inherent in any risk is the possibility of an unfavourable outcome. That should never deter true community leaders from moving forward on projects for the betterment of our City.

I would strongly encourage the leadership team at the City to continue to search for new opportunities to help us collectively achieve the full measure of greatness that is invariably ours to grasp.

Congratulations to all and best wishes for the holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

**FOTHERGILL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT INC.**

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