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Dear Steve Robichaud:

Thank you again for taking the time to walk ministry staff through the land needs assessment work that was done as part of your municipal comprehensive review process. We appreciate the opportunity to see and understand the work that is underway as well as the ability to provide you with some preliminary feedback per your request.

As noted in our email to Hamilton planning staff recently, based on our preliminary review, your Draft Land Needs Assessment appears to conform to the requirements set out in the Land Needs Assessment Methodology (2020). Notably, we highlighted the following:

- The Draft Land Needs Assessment adequately addresses the components of the Province's new Land Needs Assessment Methodology (2020) including the need to consider market demand across the range of housing types
- The Draft Land Needs Assessment implements the 2051 planning horizon including updated Schedule 3 growth forecasts as per the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 (A Place to Grow), as amended
- Each growth scenario under consideration would support the minimum density and intensification targets established in A Place to Grow for the City of Hamilton

As you are aware, the land needs assessment does not identify the location or phasing of lands for future growth. Municipalities must go about designating specific lands for development via settlement area boundary expansions in accordance with the process set out in Policy 2.2.8 of A Place to Grow. Specifically, a reminder that the feasibility of, and the most appropriate location for, any proposed expansion should be identified in accordance with Policy 2.2.8.3 of A Place to Grow.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to share the draft with us. We look forward to continuing to work with you. Please keep my staff informed of any updates

throughout the municipal comprehensive review process. Do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Singer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Geoffrey" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Singer".

Geoffrey Singer  
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