



January 20, 2023

The Honourable Mr. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Premier Ford,

We the First Nations and Municipalities that make up the Hamilton 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid are writing to express our support for hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games in the Golden Horseshoe Region. The Games would span 8 municipalities and 2 First Nations with benefits accruing to many neighbouring regions. It would be a one-time, multi-year, pan-community building opportunity that boosts Ontario's economy, drives private sector investments, delivers economic Impacts and legacies, and helps achieve several Ontario government mandates (accessibility, affordable housing, environment, indigenous affairs, community infrastructure, sport, culture, tourism, and trade.)

A proposed investment of \$440M from the Ontario Government that catalyzes federal and private sector funding, will result in a **\$1.2B+ boost to regional GDP** including 16K+ new jobs, and \$400M+ in Games contracts for local businesses. In the lead up to and for years following the Games, national and international sport events, festivals, tradeshow, and conventions hosted in Ontario will more than double, benefiting the tourism and hospitality sectors. Owing largely to private sector leadership, a trade program will result in new deals with key Commonwealth countries worth hundreds of millions of dollars, forge new international partnerships, and fuel growth across the Golden Horseshoe Region.

Hosting these Games

- brings reality to the *Made in Ontario* narrative, with Ontario producing raw materials and manufactured products showcased in all development projects – showing the world what *Made in Ontario* means and that Ontario is *Open for Business*.
- provides a platform for showcasing environmental and sustainability best practices, improving people's and business sustainability habits and behaviors for the long term and is a powerful enabler in achieving Ontario's commitment to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- has support from a broad range of business, community and sport organizations, and 8 municipalities and acts as a connector between all levels of government and the private and public sectors, resulting in an increase the confidence and pride of all Ontarians for generations to come.

What better way to support Ontario's recovery from the pandemic than a multiyear, pan community building project with Ontarians coming together to create jobs, build "shovel ready" community infrastructure, and showcase Ontario's resilience to the world.



Sincerely,

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