



Municipal Services Office - Central Ontario (Priority Projects)
777 Bay Street, 12th floor
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July 24, 2025

Dear Minister Flack:

Hamilton is Home is writing to encourage your approval of the Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) requested by the City of Hamilton to get the much-needed Jamesville redevelopment started in Hamilton.

Hamilton is Home is a coalition of community housing providers sharing their knowledge and experience to maximize new affordable housing development. Our members included CityHousing Hamilton and Indwell, two of the partners in the Jamesville redevelopment.

We understand that all Jamesville parties have tried since 2022 to reach an agreement with CN Rail that resolves its concerns about the project. However, none of those efforts have succeeded, and the rail company continues to obfuscate. As the housing crisis becomes acute for many Hamilton families, the public is no longer tolerant of excuses provided by any party and wants to see action. Now is an appropriate time to use your MZO authority to permit the housing developments planned for this large site adjacent to the West Harbour GO Transit station.

Affordable housing developments bring dignity and stability to individuals and families. They play a key role in ending chronic homelessness and hospitalizations. And they provide hundreds of jobs along the way. Hamilton is Home advocates for every opportunity our members have to deliver these overlapping results.

We are anxious to see Jamesville become a bustling hub for individuals and families once again, and with your intervention, this vision can be achieved.

Sincerely,

Graham Cubitt
Chair, Hamilton is Home

