



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

21-013

Friday, August 13, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

*3.2. August 9, 2021 - Emergency Council Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS

*4.21. Correspondence respecting License Rental Housing:

*4.21.a. Vicki Coughlan

*4.21.b. Robert Cooper

*4.21.c. Tyler Kam

*4.21.d. Gina Pin

*4.21.e. Ann Lawton-Barry

- *4.21.f. Todd Prior
- *4.21.g. Victor Hannah
- *4.21.h. Brian Folkes
- *4.21.i. J. Zita
- *4.21.j. Les Toronto
- *4.21.k. Joanne Zissopoulos
- *4.21.l. Lyn Folkes
- *4.21.m. Jim Folkes
- *4.21.n. Barb McKean and John Hannah
- *4.21.o. Susan Hammond
- *4.21.p. Helen Sherriff
- *4.21.q. Brenda Zsiros
- *4.21.r. Diane Elliott
- *4.21.s. S. Ewoniak
- *4.21.t. Joann Carrothers
- *4.21.u. Boris Krasevich
- *4.21.v. Catherine Mlekuz
- *4.21.w. Frank Criminisi
- *4.21.x. Barbara Bohm-Lee and Graham Lee
- *4.21.y. Andrew Stassen

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 9 of Planning Committee Report 21-012.

*4.22. Correspondence respecting Encampments:

- *4.22.a. Ani Chenier

- *4.22.b. Councillor Farr's response to Ani Chenier's email (Item 4.22 (a))
- *4.22.c. Maya Lyn
- *4.22.d. Theo DiTommaso
- *4.22.e. Emma Ditchburn
- *4.22.f. Ben Robinson
- *4.22.g. Simon Lebrun
- *4.22.h. Craig Leonard
- *4.22.i. Montana Mellett
- *4.22.j. Alex Berze
- *4.22.k. Katie McCrindle
- *4.22.l. Jim Fitzgerald Jr.
- *4.22.m. Michelle Hruschka, Steel City Rising Against Poverty (SCRAP)
- *4.22.n. Kelly Wolf
- *4.22.o. Amber C. Boyle
- *4.22.p. Olivia Watkin-McClurg
- *4.22.q. Sarah Bennett
- *4.22.r. Kathleen Moore
- *4.22.s. Kara Jongeling
- *4.22.t. Mary-Elizabeth Gallacher

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 3.2, August 9, 2021 Emergency Council Meeting Minutes.

*4.23. Correspondence GRIDS 2 & Municipal Comprehensive Review - Consultation Update & Evaluation Framework & Phasing Principles:

- *4.23.a. Alida Wilson

- *4.23.b. Alana Didur
- *4.23.c. Brian Cumming
- *4.23.d. Maxine Morris-Zecchini

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 1 of General Issues Committee Report 21-015.

7. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- *7.1. Issuance of a Demolition Permit for 582 and 584 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek
- *7.2. Amendment to Item 5 of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Report 19-004, respecting Report HSC19008(a) – Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy
- *7.3. Residential Municipal Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding for the Heavy Rain Event of August 7 and 10, 2021 (Ward 13)
- *7.4. Speed Cushion Traffic Calming Locations Ward 2
- *7.5. Encampment Response Strategy

10. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- *10.2. Closed Emergency Council Minutes - August 9, 2021

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021; and Section 239(2), Sub-Sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

11. BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- *11.10. 134

To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 29 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 822 and 914 Book Road West and 1376 Shaver Road (Ancaster)

Ward: 12

- *11.16. 140
To Authorize the Execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario
Ward: City Wide
- *11.17. 141
To Establish City of Hamilton Land Described as Part 2 on Plan 62R-21169 as Part of Rachel Drive
- *11.18. 142
To Extend the Time Period of the Interim Control By-laws respecting lands in the former Town of Dundas, generally in the area bounded by Patterson road to the north, Cootes Paradise to the south, Highway No. 6 to the east, and Valley Road/York road to the west (Pleasantview)
Ward: 13
- *11.19. 143
To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to an extension of the Temporary Use By-law for Outdoor Commercial Patios and an addition to and extension of the Temporary Use By-law for Temporary Tents
Ward: City Wide
- *11.20. 144
To Amend Property Standards By-law No. 10-221, as Amended, a By-law to Prescribe Standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of Property
Ward: City Wide
- *11.21. 145
To Amend By-law 17-225, a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties
Ward: City Wide
- *11.22. 146
To Amend City of Hamilton By-law 09-190, Being a By-law Requiring the Supply of Vital Services and To Amend City of Hamilton By-law 17-225, being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties
Ward: City Wide

*11.23. 147

A By-law to Authorize the Use of Optical Scanning Vote Tabulators and to Authorize Use of a Special Vote by Mail as an Alternative Voting Method and to repeal By-law 17-059 and By-law 03-200

Ward: City Wide

*11.24. 148

To Amend By-law No. 21-021, the Council Procedural By-law

Ward: City Wide



EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 21-013

7:30 p.m.
August 9, 2021
Council Chamber
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger; Deputy Mayor C. Collins (presiding)
Councillors M. Wilson, A. VanderBeek, J. Farr, J.P. Danko, M. Pearson, B. Clark, B. Johnson, S. Merulla, T. Jackson and J. Partridge.

Absent: Councillors T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence; E. Pauls – Personal; N. Nann – Personal and L. Ferguson – Personal.

Deputy Mayor Collins called the Emergency meeting of City Council to order, noting that the Emergency meeting has been called as it is in relation to a situation or impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or not.

Deputy Mayor Collins recognized that Council is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Clark/Pearson)

That the agenda for the August 9, 2021 Emergency meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 1, as follows:

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Deputy Mayor - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(Clark/Eisenberger)

That Council move into Closed Session respecting Item 3.1 pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021; and Section 239(2), Sub-Sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Deputy Mayor - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

3.1 Encampment Litigation Update

(Farr/Merulla)

- (a) That Appendix "B" to Report LS20023(c), respecting the Encampment Litigation Update, being the Enforcement Protocol (attached hereto), be repealed, with a three-week grace period after Council ratification;
- (b) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session respecting the Options regarding the Encampment Litigation Update, be approved; and,
- (c) That the Options regarding the Encampment Litigation Update, remain confidential.

At Council's request, sub-section (a) of Item 3.1 was voted on separately, as follows:

- (a) That Appendix "B" to Report LS20023(c), respecting the Encampment Litigation Update, being the Enforcement Protocol (attached hereto), be repealed, with a three-week grace period after Council ratification;

Result: Motion on sub-section (a) of Item 3.1 CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Deputy Mayor - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Sub-sections (b) and (c) of Item 3.1 were voted on separately, as follows:

- (b) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session respecting the Options regarding the Encampment Litigation Update, be approved; and,
- (c) That the Options regarding the Encampment Litigation Update, remain confidential.

Result: Motion on sub-sections (b) and (c) of Item 3.1 CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Deputy Mayor - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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BY-LAWS

(Partridge/Johnson)

That Bill No. 21-124, be passed and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-law, be numbered, be signed by the Deputy Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

21-124 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Deputy Mayor - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(Partridge/Eisenberger)

That, there being no further business, Emergency City Council be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr

NOT PRESENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Deputy Mayor - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor C. Collins

Andrea Holland
City Clerk

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Licence Rental Housing Ward 8

From: Victoria Coughlan

Sent: August 9, 2021 2:19 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Licence Rental Housing Ward 8

Re: Licence Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022)

I have been a resident of Ward 8 for 24 years. Over those years, I have seen the character of my neighbourhood change. With its parks, schools and library, it was a great neighbourhood for us to bring up our children. Over the last few years, I have noticed a change as I walk my dog. I see dozens of homes that used to be family homes that now have weeds growing several feet high, garbage left strewn on front lawns, plastic bags with the free newspaper piling up in driveways, several cars parked on front lawns, turning them to mud pits in the spring. It seems clear that nobody is taking responsibility for the upkeep of these homes as these conditions persist for months. I am in favour of any measure that would require more accountability for property owners to ensure that they are maintaining property standards. It would not be in the city's interest to have existing home owners feel compelled to move to another town or city in order to avoid the conditions described above. The character of a city's neighbourhoods make a huge difference in a city's reputation and its ability to attract not just landlords but tax-payers and workers who can fuel the burgeoning industries Hamilton is trying to promote.

I would appreciate it if you would include this correspondence included in the August 10th Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Vicki Coughlan

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Hamilton Rental Housing By-Law - Ward 8 Resident in Mohawk College Neighborhood

From: Robert Cooper

Sent: August 9, 2021 1:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Hamilton Rental Housing By-Law - Ward 8 Resident in Mohawk College Neighborhood

Dear Councilors & City Staff;

This City Council has achieved a status no other Hamilton Council has ever achieved.....this Council has made Hamilton the Third Least Affordable City in North America. We continue to see a pattern where Councilors think their actions are well intended, while Council's actions result in bad unintended consequences for residents.

This action to license rentals will just make Hamilton so much more unaffordable for residents. Currently all the laws are on the books to address rental bylaw infractions but there is an unwillingness amongst staff and council to enforce them. In order to deflect from the inaction of Council, they have decided that a new licensing tax is required. I have no confidence this misguided plan will do anything but make Hamilton more unaffordable.

Living in ward 8 in the Mohawk College neighborhood I continue to be disappointed with my Councilor and City Staff not addressing basic property standards on simple things like street parking, and property maintenance while defunding my decaying street from being repaired. The same laws are on the books that have resulted in past Councilors being able to effectively address parking and property standards but unfortunately current city staff and my current Councilor do not see it as part of their job description, which is the core of the issue. A new rental tax will not solve this problem.

Kind regards,

Robert Cooper

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Rental House Licensing - August 10th Meeting

From: Tyler Kam
Sent: August 9, 2021 2:21 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Rental House Licensing - August 10th Meeting

To Whom It May Concern,

Please include this email in the coming August 10th Planning Committee Meeting.

I fully support the new proposed by-law for Rental House Licensing. I have lived in the Mohawk college area for about a decade and have seen many illegal dwellings, usually filled with students, who have absentee landlords. These rentals stick out like a sore thumb, and in my experience, by-law is 'not able' to do anything about many of the concerns. Many times by-law has stated, they can't do anything to help because the laws do not afford them the proper authority to do so.

The properties are not taken care of and with the high number of bodies in the home can not be legal and when looked into, most of the time are not legal rental units. Therefore under no authority standards for renters. This by-law would help to hold these unfit landlords, collecting rent from high student numbers in a house, to a safer standard.

Tyler Kam
Sent from my iPhone

4.21 (d)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Letter of support: Immediate implementation of the bylaw asking Landlords to license their rental units

From: Gina Pin

Sent: August 9, 2021 3:23 PM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Letter of support: Immediate implementation of the bylaw asking Landlords to license their rental units

I support the immediate implementation of the by-law asking landlords to license their rental units.

I have been living on Algoma Crescent since the early 1980's. The neighborhood has changed drastically. Many houses now have multiple units in them. We have a mix of student and double or triple family dwellings. Many residences are not cared for. Individuals renting are afraid to complain re: conditions in the house (i.e. leaky ceilings with mold due to roof leaks). No repairs and minimal cleaning are done after tenants move out. They are charged extra to park in driveways. This landlord I'm referring to has five or six houses in this neighborhood. The fire marshal's office was involved with another property with no smoke detectors and other fire infractions. This was in a multi person rental on Collier Crescent housing at least eight people or more.

Why should we have regrets instead of being proactive in having licensed units which can legally be checked for safety and basic standards of living for any renter? I highly doubt that the city is even aware of how many houses have already been divided up within Buchanan Park. There are several on my street. Are they done safely? Landlords need to be accountable. It should not be solely about the money.

Gina Pin

Hamilton, Ontario

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Regarding multiple tenants

From: Lawton-Barry, Ann
Sent: August 9, 2021 3:08 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Regarding multiple tenants

I have had a letter from John-Paul Danko regarding crowding in houses intended for one family. I do understand there is a housing crisis in the city, but allowing many people to be packed into a home is not the answer.

We have a possible situation such as this, 3 houses from where we live.
A contractor bought the small home with the intention of enlarging, and then renting.
The home has had a huge bin stationed in the driveway for the past month, presumably waiting for permission to continue from the City.

We also have 4 empty houses on our street - one of which has not had anyone live there for about 15yrs.
There must be a better way to manage housing in Hamilton.

Ann Lawton-Barry

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Thanks for addressing this issue.....

From: Prior, Todd

Sent: August 11, 2021 12:44 PM

To: Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca; Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Thanks for addressing this issue.....

In response to your recent initiative and comments noted below. I believe there should be no further delay and this process need to be implemented ASAP.

I am one of 3 home owners left on my street. This uncontrolled misuse of single family dwellings has essentially ruined the neighbourhood. We control commercial density and other forms of construction and this should be no different. If you were to regulate and register these properties then you would also perhaps be able to control the density. No neighbourhood can survive a 90% conversion to rental properties. Its not vibrant or healthy. There is no sense of community or a social network of neighbours just a bunch of faceless landlords and transient renters.....with little vested interest in the property or the neighbourhood beyond the ability to generate revenue.

Recently a property, a small 1950's home behind Binkley United Church was openly advertised by a realtor as having 12 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms and was listed for 1.5 million dollar.....Its a tiny house with the backyard used as a parking lot. The fact that they would pay residential taxes likely equivalent to mine when the burden of that property on the city far exceeds the 2 people that live in my house is not a fair situation. I would take this one step further and say in situations like this that we are looking at a commercial property not a residential one and therefore these properties should pay taxes at a commercial rate.

I want to thank you for taking this on and you have my support. I can only dream of a day when the neighbourhood might be re-imagined and populated by a vibrant mix of homeowners that actually live and work in Hamilton....

Quotes:

“These properties have been carved up to maximize revenues for their investor owners. They are businesses and need to be treated as such. The city licenses and inspects restaurants and hair salons reasons of health and safety. Why not these rental properties? A cost recovery licensing model ensures that owner/operators, and not taxpayers, are funding a program which will go a long way in creating healthy and safe places for tenants to live. It also offers neighbourhoods a standard on how these businesses are to be operated.

Councillor Maureen Wilson, Ward 1

“There are neighbourhoods in Ward 8 where nearly every home has been purchased by absentee landlords and real estate investors. These former family homes are then converted to illegal rental units with eight, ten or more adult tenants with little regard to the impact on the neighbourhood. This by-law provides the City the leverage necessary to hold investor property owners accountable for the rental units they own and make sure that tenants are living in a space that is safe, legal and meeting all regulations.”

Councillor John-Paul Danko, Ward 8

Todd Prior

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Danko and Wilson proposal

From: Vic Hannah

Sent: Saturday, August 7, 2021 3:36 PM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Danko and Wilson proposal

I live on Atwater Cres which is near West 5th and Mohawk and our street used to be a very family oriented street with many people living here for over 50 years.

We now have five rental houses on our street with landlords that live in Brampton and are from Asia. They bought single family houses from people that were elderly They always put in the highest bid and immediately turned the house into a rental by adding about 5 more rooms. These places are a disaster, lawns never cut unless we send a bylaw officer. and snow removal is never done. One house has 12 renters in it and they all have fancy cars, so there goes the homeless excuse , they park all over the street and cause calamities in winter.

I do not blame the renters as the landlords could care less and only respond when the bylaw officer shows up. All five rentals are either from India or Pakistan and their clients are the same.

It is time to stop this , and that is why we need Danko and Wilson's proposal to take effect now.

Thanks Victor Hannah

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods

From: Brian Folkes

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 8:05 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods

Dear Hamilton Council,

Please include this correspondence for the Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2 "License Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1 8, and parts of Ward 14)" for August 10th:

The issue of Absentee-Landlord Student Rentals is of extremely serious concern to me and my family who live behind Mohawk College in the Buchanan Park neighbourhood in Ward 8. We have lived here for 22 years now, and are still waiting for these run-down and overcrowded student house hazards to be regulated! With all the families with young children living here due to the close proximity of the elementary school, you'd think that this would be in place already. Families with children deserve more consideration to keep their children safe.

As a university student who has rented before, I know about the types of hazards that can be present in student housing. These houses need to be regulated to keep both the students safe as well as the surrounding community.

Sincerely and with great urgency,
Brian Folkes

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Rental Housing Licensing By-Law Input

From: J Zita

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:40 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Rental Housing Licensing By-Law Input

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this e-mail as my contribution to the conversation surrounding the proposed "Rental Housing Licensing By-Law", and the urgency at which I believe it needs to be addressed.

My young family has lived in ward 8 for half a decade now. It is not that long ago that my husband and myself were living in student houses ourselves. Now, living in a ward with a heavy number of student rental properties (even sharing a property line with one), we see firsthand the issues that lack of by-laws are creating in a number of these rental properties that do not have responsive landlords.

It does not take living in the area to see that over-crowding, absentee landlords and unmaintained properties are creating dangerous conditions for tenants, and in some cases, neighbours.

A recent search for the listing of a nearby bungalow for sale listed the property as a single family home, while listing 6 bedrooms in the same sentence. I have personally come across more than one property spread out across our ward that had 10 adults living in these single family bungalows. I have seen photos from real estate listings of properties that are functioning as full student houses, while clearly not meeting safety standards. And yet, there are landlords who continue to build walls to transform single rooms into doubles, in order to squeeze in one more tenant.

Aside from the blatant dangers, such as lack of sufficient fire exits and maintenance of the properties, makeshift parking and excessive garbage also pose issues to those in the general vicinity.

While there are responsible property owners, I am truly concerned for those living in houses owned by landlords who show no care for the safety of their tenants, or the concerns of their neighbours.

It is my hope that this by-law will provide those that are renting with safer, humane living conditions while holding those that own the property accountable. I believe those living in these houses deserve better, and it is time that they had someone in their corner.

Thank you,

J. Zita

Pilon, Janet

Subject: about 10.2, license rental housing for ward 1/8/14

From: Les Toronto

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 4:21 PM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: about 10.2, license rental housing for ward 1/8/14

Hi been told to forward to you,

I have to agree with this as Ive seen that there are too many in my area of rental units, parking space are overcrowded with cars even unto the lawn as well lot of electronic noises disturbing, hard to explain but related to acoustic radio frequency under Code Six under Federal Health guideline. As well overflow of garbage/recycling that sometime are mixed up. Also could that internet provider overhead lines by Bell and Roger be overload or too saturated causing buzzing sound or hum by larger number of users, just asking. But have noticed that hybrid cars somehow causing buzzing and hum as well again with overload of wireless radiofrequency disturbance, again just asking. Sometime I dont even know how many are there in the house, sometime lost track of them since always in and out.

This neighborhood can be the greatest ward, just that there some lacking of respecting to that area for one another. People here are too obsessed with electronic device and not paying attention to their surroundings.

PS great job on Monarch and 2nd Street for road and sidewalk, much safer to walk on.

Les

4.21 (k)

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing this letter with regards to the existing and growing problem of single family homes being converted into rental units in Ward 8.

I fully support the rental housing licensing bylaw for my area effective immediately. Rental properties are taking over our neighbourhoods. The landlords/owners do not maintain the properties with some being rundown, lawns overgrown and properties littered with garbage. My other concern is the number of people that live in these rental properties. A single family home may sometimes have eight or more renters which is not acceptable. If the property is a 3 bedroom home, then there should only be 3 tenants or renters.

There have been issues in my area regarding some rental properties with illegal activities in one rental unit and renters arguing/fighting outside another. This is just a few incidences that have occurred in my neighbourhood. I am an older woman and live alone and do not feel safe with all these rental properties in my area. Because of the increase in rental properties I have had a security system installed in my home.

The licensing would help regulate the number of rental properties in one given area/neighbourhood and would also make landlords accountable for their property. I'm sure that these landlords/investors would not appreciate having all these rental properties in their neighbourhood where they live and they should not expect us to be "okay" with it!

Joanne Zissopoulos



Pilon, Janet

Subject: Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods

From: Lyn Folkes

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 5:59 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: 4.21 (I) Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods

Dear Hamilton Council,

Please include this correspondence for the Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2 "License Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1 8, and parts of Ward 14)" for August 10th:

The issue of Absentee-Landlord Student Rentals is of extremely serious concern to me and my family who live behind Mohawk College in the Buchanan Park neighbourhood in Ward 8. We have lived here for 22 years now, and are still waiting for these run-down and overcrowded student house hazards to be regulated! With all the families with young children living here due to the close proximity of the elementary school, you'd think that the mischievous behavior that happens at college-aged student rentals would be controlled here. Families with children deserve more consideration to keep their children safe.

At the student rental properties in my neighbourhood there have been many problems. The more dangerous ones involve fires, gas leaks, floods and other health hazards that affect the safety of the rental residents and especially their surrounding neighbours. After a fire occurred at a crowded student rental on Delmar Drive (my street at the time), and friends of mine were afraid that their house was going to catch fire as well. I learned that the City was not allowed inside rental properties to check for basic health and safety violations. I could not believe this sheer irresponsible nonsense! I found this completely absurd and unbelievable, so I called the City and they confirmed it! I felt abandoned. What if a student rental started up next to me and set my home on fire? Does no one care about my family being harmed? Obviously not after 22 years with no regulations in place to fix it yet! We finally have a couple of Councillors who care about this serious issue and want to make life easier and safer for working families and lower our high stress levels. So PLEASE SUPPORT THEM Council! We need and deserve this after waiting so long! After voicing my concerns and attending College meetings that the City referred me to, and getting no help at all -- I'd given up on you long ago. I didn't think anyone really cared about my family.

The most noticeable problem is loud partying, of course. The more students you squeeze into a rental, the larger and louder the parties become. The music has been so loud on our street before that glasses in my kitchen have rattled more than once. I have called the police on numerous occasions and they eventually arrived to shut down these parties. Although I really appreciate the help of our great police force, after getting woken up in the middle of the night, phoning the police and discussing the disruption, and then the police arrive with flashing lights and sirens, there are often loud voices heard after the music is finally shut down, and then all the door slamming and loud complaining from the parties, taxis arriving to drive the intoxicated, and then the police finally leave -- and there are two hours to sleep before the next work day begins. The neighbours never get a good enough sleep when these parties occur. And big or small, the loud music and yelling is what wakes us up. Every new student rental near us has started in this fashion, and they don't learn after the first police visit -- it takes several every time. At one house near us the parties got louder and larger every week until something finally stopped it -- the landlord finally smartened up!

And my children had to put up with these loud parties too, even if they had the flu or a big test the next day, it made no difference. Why are parents subjected to this just because Hamilton has a lack of simple laws in place? It's a real insult to

taxpayers that the City has waited this long to regulate student housing. I've never understood why it takes months sometimes to get an overcrowded student rental to shape up?!

And these parties don't have to be next door to wake you from a solid sleep either. I have wandered the streets of Buchanan Park after midnight searching for the house with the crazily loud party -- and that is dangerous enough for me to be doing! And sometimes the party is 3 blocks from my house! This is a HUGE problem. And absentee landlords cause this huge problem because no one responsible lives in the house to prevent these illegal events from happening.

Each time I have been woken from a sound sleep, I wondered how many other taxpayers were being so rudely disturbed the same night? We have to wake up early, get our tired children off to school and then get to work ourselves in the morning -- it's very difficult to get through your busy morning routine, let alone the rest of your day, when you haven't had a decent sleep. This is not fair to working people or to our youngest students!

We have a pathway that runs between our house and our neighbour's. and there have been some serious problems arise when groups of students 'hang out' there too. Of course the drugs are legal now even though drug sales that were ongoing there recently were not. We collected drugs and took them to the police who took action to get rid of the dealers. So far, so good, but I have found needles condoms, plastic tubes, burned pieces of containers, etc. -- all related to drug use in a City pathway that is normally used multiple times/day by our youngest elementary students. We also find broken alcohol bottles and once a couple students had oral sex that was visible from our dining-room window. It makes me wonder how many times my young children saw inappropriate behaviors from our property? I can only hope they didn't. Too many students living in a neighbourhood can do alot of damage!

I know a homeowner that had a large pile of flammable material in their yard and they received a 30-day notice to clear it away because it caused a fire hazard -- so why are student rental houses allowed to break other laws that are made to keep us safe? This makes absolutely no sense. This is vital for the safety of all the good innocent people who are unlucky enough to end up next door to a student rental. Please regulate all student rental houses as soon as possible! Don't wait any longer!!!

There are also too many cars parked at one house where student rental overcrowding occurs. I have seen cars parked on lawns on my street before -- that is unhealthy for the environment, unsightly to see from your living-room window and also illegal! I regularly saw the front yard of a rental house on Delmar Drive at Columbia, covered in cars parked all over a corner property and nothing was done even after neighbours complained. A couple of parking tickets isn't enough. I have heard that more bylaw officers were assigned to our neighbourhood before the pandemic started and it seemed to help a bit. I hope that extra law enforcement continues here when the shutdown ends too.

I have seen students sitting in their cars in front of an overcrowded residence with their cars' radios at full volume past 11 pm, also on Delmar Drive. They have to run their engines to keep the radio on that long too -- polluting GHG emissions needlessly for long stretches. I wondered how students could afford to waste that much gasoline but today of course, some of them are far more wealthy than we are now.

I know the family that lives across the street from this student rental quite well too. They said they were woken up at all different hours of the night and had to go outside to ask that music be turned down and conversations taken indoors or in the backyard at least. Even with the students in the backyard sometimes the noise would still wake my poor friends who were trying to raise a young girl and boy at the time. Why should any family have to endure this nuisance time after time, sometimes night after night? it really does drive you crazy.

The noise from that house woke my family up once too -- from over a block away! Not to mention the car headlights flashing in their windows and the car doors slamming over and over again all night long. That family got very little sleep sometimes and they are both educators. How are they supposed to go out and be effective in their classrooms without a decent sleep? And they said it was often noisy during the day on weekends as well. These are nice people who do not deserve that kind of punishment -- it leads to mental illness and often physical illnesses too, which I know they have

both suffered. And were the students across the street sympathetic at all when they both had parents pass away? NO! These houses need to be regulated!!

I also have students block my driveway when they park often. I can't count how many times I've had to call bylaw just so I could get in or out of my own driveway. I know more bylaw officers have been assigned to our area recently but after schools go back to in-person classes this fall, I am worried about the parking problems that may arise again here. Too many students in our neighbourhood make our lives much more stressful than they need to be! Imagine if your driveway was blocked every other time you came home -- it would get really frustrating wouldn't it? Trust me, I know.

Another common problem with student rental houses in Buchanan Park neighbourhood is the lack of yard maintenance. Often these places are full of invasive weeds which spread to our yards, the lawns are not cut often enough and the property is a real eyesore with old furniture, mattresses and the like on the weedy lawn. The houses are not maintained the way a permanent resident would maintain them - paint is left peeling, lawns are left unmowed and garbage or junk lays about the yardsometimes. Again, absentee landlords are the problem -- they don't care as long as they get lots of rent from crowding students into what used to be a nice family home. These houses are destroyed and often remain rentals forever because no one has the money to renovate an entire house that has been divided up into 10 separate bedrooms. I have seen sheets hung in living-room windows because that room was converted to a bedroom - how nice for the neighbours! Student rental houses are often trashed and no one wants to live beside one in our neighbourhood!

It needs to be said that Mohawk College creates many of our neighbourhood student problems themselves but have done very little about it when we've asked. The nicer students tell me that Mohawk College charges too much for a parking space or there are no more College parking permits left to purchase. They don't have enough residence rooms on campus either - I have attended meetings concerning these matters at Mohawk College in the past and in response they built one residence that is too small. They recently enlarged their parking lot but it won't meet their needs so the overflow is still dumped onto us to deal with. The College needs to build more residences instead of all the new classrooms that are ongoing, so that students are not forced to live in our neighbourhood! The College has built many additions in recent years - but no more student residences! This needs to change too.

Kitchener/Waterloo was already regulating student rentals when I lived there in 1990. Only five unrelated adults could be living in any rental home at any one time. This solved most of the problems that we still experience in Hamilton. Why is Hamilton taking so long to protect people from serious disturbance and danger here? Why?

I beg you not to delay this decision -- we needed student rentals regulated 22 years ago already!! Please, please do this in September this year -- DO NOT WAIT ANY LONGER! I wish you could all experience living beside a student residence because then something would be done immediately - it really can be pure HELL.

Every time a house goes up for sale in our neighbourhood there is a big commotion about whether or not students are moving in -- because having a student rental next door can completely destroy your life and lower your property value as well. I would definitely have mental-health problems if students moved in beside me because I have had enough headaches from distant students, and heard too many horror stories from poor friends who live closer to student rentals than we do right now - you never know when that might change though!

The houses rented to people who are not students have never been a problem for us in the neighbourhood -- but the over-packed student houses are a complete disgrace and definitely degrade the quality of life here more every time a new one arises. I know more than one resident who has moved away from Buchanan Park because a student rental started up beside them. This was definitely a factor in two fairly recent sales on Laurier Avenue.

In fact, that house first became an Air B&B after it was sold (which should also be strictly regulated, by the way!!!). And then someone moved in who we think was selling drugs - many shady characters visited regularly - and now I think it is a student rental. The first week students were there, they didn't take their garbage bins in, and they were blown down the street. One bin banged loudly against the neighbour's fence. She called me in the morning to investigate and said she couldn't sleep all night but was too scared to go outside alone. I took the can back to the rental house and told them

to bring their bins in every week because they kept a poor widow awake all night. She was terrified and the resident uncaringly said that the garbage wasn't his job. He didn't care at all!!

My children are grown now but they still live in Buchanan Park. One of them would like to start a family here soon and I would like to see them have more protection than we had from student problems while their children are young. We have been negatively affected by the behavior of students living in absentee-landlord student rental houses ever since we moved here in 1999, and the number of rentals has just continued to grow over the years. The entire neighbourhood rejoices when a student rental house is purchased by a family and fixed up!! Hallelujah!

I have heard and/or witnessed serious complaints from different neighbours in our ward concerning students renting homes in our area. Honestly, this situation is a big disgrace to the City of Hamilton and if not regulated very soon, I am concerned about these rentals completely ruining our neighbourhood one day. We have had many discussions about this around our dinner table.

I am desperately hoping that Council will enforce regulation of these dangerous rentals THIS SEPTEMBER, and not add two more years of stress that continues to disturb whatever remaining peace we have left in our lives today. Every time a home sells nearby I panic that it will be yet another rowdy bunch of students to destroy my sanity. There have been too many loud partying student rental homes near us already, often requiring police intervention after enough neighbours complain. Council is supposed to protect tax-paying residents from this type of abuse. The health of families is at stake and many have young children who attend the elementary school here. Our neighbourhood needs to be safer from dangerous student rentals!

During the pandemic, schools have been online and we have noticed that the disturbance in our neighbourhood from absentee landlord rentals has been very minimal compared to when schools were having in person classes. It's quieter, less people 'hang out' in the pathway beside our house, less people walk by smoking drugs, I have not seen one alcohol bottle in my yard or in the pathway, nor have I found any drug paraphernalia in the pathway. This alone is evidence of how much the student rental population disrupts an ordinary tax-payer's life day-to-day. It's much safer and quieter without the students here!

Our neighbourhood would be much better off in various ways without ANY student rentals but I know you won't do that. But the least you can do is support my Councillor and the others in REGULATING THEM AT LEAST! PLEASE JUST GET THIS DONE!!!

We already have to put up with flashing digital signs which should not be allowed in residential areas at schools and churches which are exempt from Hamilton's sign bylaws -- please work on changing that next!! We also have a teenager with a racecar of some kind that now wakes us up at night often and then there are all the new Covid-19 untrained barking dogs to put up with -- something has to give! Please regulate student rentals VERY STRICTLY!!!! It just isn't fair to us that this has taken so long and we all know the absentee landlords are getting even wealthier just because they don't have to maintain their rentals properly! We would be fined by the City if we acted like an absentee landlord does.

My heart goes out to every mother and father who has had to deal with inconsiderate student neighbours. This kind of renting should never have been allowed in Hamilton in the first place -- why are surrounding cities always way ahead of us on these easy to implement laws that would bring peace of mind to so many tax-paying families? I've never understood why the City didn't address the disgraceful state of student rentals in Hamilton decades ago. The time to regulate them is TODAY!! DO NOT DELAY AGAIN!!!!!! Have some heart, have some sympathy!!

You would not put up with a student rental beside your home -- we all know this is true! HELP US PLEASE and support our good Councillor Danko today!!

Sincerely and with great urgency,
Lyn Folkes

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods**From:** Jim Folkes**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:04 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Cc:** Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>**Subject:** Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods

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My heart goes out to every mother and father who has had to deal with inconsiderate student neighbours. This kind of renting should never have been allowed in Hamilton in the first place -- Waterloo has had a five unrelated person limit on rentals since 1990 -- why are surrounding cities always way ahead of us on these easy to implement laws that would bring peace of mind to so many tax-paying families? Hamilton should have regulated these rentals decades ago. The time to regulate them is TODAY!! DO NOT DELAY AGAIN PLEASE! Have some heart, have some sympathy.

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Jim Folkes

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Delegation to Planning Committee Aug 10 re: 10.2 License rental housing PED21097/LS21022)
(Wards 1, 8 and parts of Ward 14)

From: Barb McKean and John Hannah

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 7:16 PM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Delegation to Planning Committee Aug 10 re: 10.2 License rental housing PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1, 8 and parts of Ward 14)

If possible, I would like to delegate for the above meeting on August 10. I am away and while I have access to wifi, it is for limited time. If it's possible to get a fairly accurate time for this item on the agenda, then I can do a video call, but otherwise it might need to be by phone only. Our family has had many years of experiences living across the street from 2 single-family 3-bedroom homes that became student houses with 9 rooms and 5 rooms. We had 15 years of being kept up and wakened up at all hours multiple nights each week by people coming home from a party or hosting one, yelling profanities, fighting with (or over) their significant other, throwing booze bottles, leaving used condoms in our garden, urinating or vomiting in our front yard, cars peeling out etc. The houses are poorly maintained, cars are parked on lawns and in our neighbourhood (located in the Chedoke Creek watershed), sewer cross-connections from DIY basement renos to make student apartments abound - you just have to give our neighbourhood's stormwater sewers a sniff on a morning walk between 6:30 and 8 AM any week day.

Thanks very much,

Barb McKean and John Hannah

Susan Hammond



Monday, August 9, 2021

Lisa Kelsey
Planning Committee Legislative Assistant
City of Hamilton
Planning Committee
71 Main St. West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

RE: Draft by-law "Rental Housing Units" (Schedule 31)

Dear Ms. Kelsey,

As a resident of Ward 8, I wish to support the immediate implementation of the above by-law. My neighborhood has seen changes as homes have changed hands. Many single-family dwellings are being converted into 2 or 3 or more units. There are more cars on the roads, travelling faster and parking are both sides of the street. As someone who walks my dog every day, I am extra cautious. I dislike when cars block the sidewalk and park for extended periods of time in spots that make corners hard to see (such as Columbia and Stacey). I see homes not being maintained. I see more garbage being dumped in Buchanan Park. There is a bungalow house near me that holds a family upstairs in one unit and downstairs in another. That is far too many people for the home.

We need this bylaw to ensure that conversions are done properly and safely. I understand there is a housing crisis in Hamilton. Let this by-law serve as a tool for educating landlords about their responsibilities. This should reduce problems down the road.

Thank you for reading and considering my ideas.

Regards

Susan Hammond

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Rental Housing Bylaw project

From: Helen Sherriff
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 8:49 PM
To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>
Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Rental Housing Bylaw project

To all concerned:

This letter is regarding the Rental Housing ByLaw Project of the city of Hamilton. I would like this to be read for that project.

We have unfortunately been subjected to homes being made into duplexes without any knowledge of this being done. We now have double rental homes on both sides of our house, whether they are to code or not I do not know.

If people are making this a business (i.e. buying a year ago, selling the next year after making a double rental home), then moving on, they should be charged as such, inspected and approved as the law requires. This will also protect the residence that have been established for years. What about zoning?

What has to be done to fix this, please, can we stop it from happening

A very frustrated home owner

Helen Sherriff

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Licence for Landlords Ward 8

From: Brenda Zsiros

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 9:14 PM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Licence for Landlords Ward 8

As a resident of Ward 8 I fully support the implementation to licence landlords for this area.

Several houses in this area have a number of people living in a single family home. One house had a 2nd storey added and this house has rental for 10 people.

This is a huge problem in regards to garbage, lawn care and parking.

Landlords are never around to check out the properties or do any inspections.

I believe many of these homes are unsafe to house the number of people living there.

I believe it is the right of every person to have a safe place to live, so many of the problems fall to the landlords and not the actual tenants.

Landlords should be held accountable for these properties.

Thank you,

Brenda Zsiros

This may be read at the planning committee meeting

Subject: Landlord licensing fees

From: Diane Elliott

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:18 PM

To: Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Landlord licensing fees

Hello Everyone

Thank-you for reading this email about the proposed landlord licensing fees. This is a very good opportunity to regulate and provide quality housing for all tenants in Hamilton.

1. Licensing allows the City to be proactive by inspecting and licensing housing before it is available for rent. There could be savings from not having to deal with complaints and inspections reactively.
2. My own neighbourhood is changing with single family homes being converted to both legal and illegal duplexes. It impacts the neighbourhood with increased demand for parking, poorly maintained properties, increased garbage outside the homes which leads to more animals in the garbage. Landlords need to provide animal proof containers.
3. I work with newcomers who find themselves in substandard housing with bedbug infestations. They often do not have the language to advocate for themselves. Why should they have to do this? If landlords were licensed, these problems would be eradicated before tenants moved in.
4. This proposal is certainly worth a pilot project. Contrary to the staff report, I believe this could lead to more stability in the housing market. Tenants would know a standard was set and enforce with licensing requirements. Landlords would understand what standard of housing they need to provide to be licensed.
5. Rental homes are a business and businesses are licenced in Hamilton. Rental homes should be no exception to licensing requirements.

Again thank-you for reading this.

Diane Elliott

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Hurray!

From: William Ewoniak

Sent: August 9, 2021 4:21 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Hurray!

Finally, two city councillors that are concerned and willing to take on the serious issue of licensing of what the city calls, "single family home rentals" when in stark reality they are students rentals. Absentee landlords are collecting rent, not paying taxes? on tiny subdivided rooms, some are proper bedrooms, but many are not, e.g. dining/living room divided in to two sleeping rooms. How is that a family housing unit? Where is the fire safety, air conditioning may be a problem. Are we not concerned about their safety?

Considering the number of rentals in Bonnington area, mainly student housing, how many permits have been issued over a number of years for renovations. If we can identify the homes why is the City unable to. We are lucky to have a University and College, this is not a new issue. Previous councillors certainly turned a blind eye.

Parking is an ongoing problem. If not on the street, on the lawn or hanging over the sidewalk. The city used to do a much better job at ticketing. Grass cutting has improved, this year has been good, thanks to whatever the City has done. Snow clearing can be a problem anywhere, most students are young and fit though, what does it take to supply a shovel.

A pilot project will be most welcome! No excuse by absentee landlords will be enough. And what are the rest of Hamilton Councillors worried about, this has been an ongoing problem, and needs to be addressed, Aug. 10/2021, no delays.

One more thing, the Real Estate business should be ashamed of themselves for allowing the sale and purchase of illegal housing units.

S.Ewoniak

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Re rental laws

From: joann carrothers

Sent: August 9, 2021 2:40 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re rental laws

I do not live in affected area but volunteer for a group trying to assist men in trying to get housing. The dives they are offered I would not allow my cat in. All landlords should have to have their rentals inspected and registered. So what if there are fewer rentals atleast they are safe. In Simcoe county you pay over \$1000 to be inspected and registered for any unit

Pilon, Janet

Subject: August 10th Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2 "License Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1, 8 and parts of Ward 14)"

From: Krasevich, Boris

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:31 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: August 10th Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2 "License Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1, 8 and parts of Ward 14)"

Good Morning,

I am writing in response to the proposal of regulating the rental housing market.

I live in Ward 8 near Brantdale/Cloverhill Rd area and the condition of the rentals is quite apparent.

Given that the outside of the various home are in shambles, I can only imagine what the living conditions inside are like.

I feel that in many cases these landlords are taking advantage of the situation and renting out in less than ideal conditions and due to the current conditions, the tenants are scared to cause any issues for fear of being evicted.

I do think it is a great idea to regulate but have many questions as to how these will be identified and inspected. If a landlord decides not to volunteer will the city rely on a snitch line and what power of inspection do they have?

These are some large hurdles. By my estimation it may cost a landlord \$2000 for the initial inspection plus any work deemed necessary to bring to code and that could be in the thousands and then they still may not be allowed to operate as a rental so I believe many will not volunteer.

if you can please share that process of identifying and inspecting suspected homes I think that needs to be addressed.

IN FAVOUR.

Sincerely,

Boris Krasevich

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Implement Rental Housing Licensing Bylaw

From: Catherine Mlekuz
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:50 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Implement Rental Housing Licensing Bylaw

Hi there,

I am emailing today to show my full support for the implementation of the rental housing licensing bylaw.

I live in Ward 8 which has a large proportion of houses converted into rental units. I am in full support for density in our city and building the missing middle, but not at the cost of safety. These rentals are overcrowded and run down. They do not look like safe structures from the exterior (boarded up windows, tarps covering portions of the roof, etc.) and I believe that most would not pass safety tests because they do not comply with building or fire codes. The landlords also do not remove snow from their property or sidewalk during the winter, making it unsafe for their tenants but also for all the neighbours and anyone else accessing the sidewalk. A specific rental closest to me that exhibits this is 182 West 2nd.

Furthermore, the landlords of these rentals appear to solely rent to disadvantaged groups. Mainly preying on newcomers to Canada, young students and those accessing social assistance. This should not be allowed to happen and implementing this bylaw can help prevent this.

It is our responsibility as a city to take care of everyone in our communities, and letting these rentals continue without this bylaw would be letting down this population.

Thank you,

Catherine Mlekuz

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Rental license

From: Frank Criminisi

Sent: August 10, 2021 6:35 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Rental license

I,ve lived in ward 8 for more than 40 years. First at my parents house and the last 21 years with my family. I've noticed more single family homes being purchased by out of town investors and they end up turning them into rooming houses either for students or just for basic room rentals. They are not in the city taking care of there properties they let the property look like a war zone by not cutting there grass or garbage being left out in the open so animals could feast on it . Im constantly calling the city for these issues. By the time bylaw puts a order to comply on the door and someone doing something about it months go by. If we have a system that councilor Danko is proposing and make these landlords accountable. We would have many problems.some of the house are being duplexes and they are not legal.

Please push this proposal through and start making landlords accountable and clean up our neighborhood

Thanks

Frank Criminisi

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Landlord Licensing in Buchanan Area

From: Barbara
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 1:43 PM
To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Landlord Licensing in Buchanan Area

Hello Lisa,

Have been a resident of the this area. Loved it when it was a single house owned family. Unfortunately, due to Mohawk College expansion, we have all witnessed what has happened. Investors have bought many single family homes, especially along West 5th and Delmar Drive. Many students in unsafe houses. Owners are absent and simple things like lawn maintenance and snow removal don't exist. I feel that these landlords need to be licensed for the good of these renters and our community!!

Regards,

Barbara Bohm-Lee and Graham Lee

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Important Message from Councillor Danko on Rental Housing Licensing By-law Pilot

From: Andrew Stassen

Sent: August 10, 2021 3:20 PM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Fw: Important Message from Councillor Danko on Rental Housing Licensing By-law Pilot

Hello

Below is my reply to Councillor Danko regarding the Rental Housing Licensing By-law pilot project. I look forward to hearing from you regarding how this will be handled

Andrew

From: Andrew Stassen

Sent: August 8, 2021 8:54 AM

To: John-Paul Danko <ward8@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Re: Important Message from Councillor Danko on Rental Housing Licensing By-law Pilot

Hello Councillor Danko

This is a very interesting proposition that you are pushing forward. On the surface, for a novice on these issues, this may seem like a good idea. I have many questions about how this will actually work and what the efficacy will be. I am a home owner and I look forward to hearing from you and your responses to these issues.

1. Does Hamilton have an adequate supply of housing at reasonable prices for people? If not, why would you legislate this plan? Wouldn't it drive up costs to the renters and push out more people?
2. It states that this program has a cost recovery element that wouldn't cost taxpayers? I know many programs where this is what was originally stated to get the tax payer support, only to have members go back to the City in a year or two looking for tax payers support because the program was not as lucrative as originally thought. This also calls into question the purpose of this by-law. The people who are enforcing this by-law would have an incentive to "make money" to ensure that the program is being paid for. Otherwise they could lose their jobs
3. This by-law states "Licenses would only be granted if the rental units fully comply with the Ontario building code, fire code, electrical code, parking requirements, room size and layout and all other regulations." How would this work since many of these regulations change over time? How would you handle landlords who had units that were up to code and have run for years, but have since fallen into "illegal" status since the Ontario Building Code or others have changed over time? Would they be required to retrofit? Could this stance by the city force out good landlords and leave the City with more of a rental pinch?
4. Why would you look to push this through when "The staff recommendation is to delay further discussion on this by-law until 2023."?
5. Why wouldn't the City come up with "carrot" by-laws versus "stick" by-laws? It is much easier to have landlords apply to, for example, save \$XXX on their property taxes if they comply versus having to enforce a by-law, provide evidence, pay fees, collect fees, go to court, etc... which is very onerous on

all involved. Also, enforcement would be easy. Landlord applies. Employee checks and grants "carrot". Then, at any time in the future if they are non-compliant and do not inform the city, they would be automatically required to pay back all "savings" as per the program, plus the fee? This is a ramble and there would be many nuances to this idea, but very few municipalities think this way. It is always pay, pay, pay....and then the tax payer pays. Why? Because it is "easy".

I look forward to a response to these issues. Feel free to contact me or phone me and we can discuss. I would be looking to hear back from you on these issues and why I should continue to vote for you in the future? What can we do to support small businesses in Hamilton? How can we stop "picking on the little guy" and help all those involved? How do you see our way through the next few years as Hamilton moves forward and continues to grow past this last 18 months? Much to discuss and many hard conversations to be had.

Andrew Stassen

From: John-Paul Danko <ward8@hamilton.ca>
Sent: August 7, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Andrew Stassen
Subject: Important Message from Councillor Danko on Rental Housing Licensing By-law Pilot

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Councillor John-Paul Danko

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[Hamilton, Ontario August 6th, 2021]

On Tuesday August 10th, 2021 the Planning Committee of Hamilton City Council will discuss a rental housing licensing by-law pilot for Wards 1, 8 and part of Ward 14.

The conversion of family homes to illegal, overcrowded rentals is an existing and growing issue in these areas of Hamilton.

If adopted, the proposed by-law would require rental business owners (landlords) to licence their rental units. Licenses would only be granted if the rental units fully comply with the Ontario building code, fire code, electrical code, parking requirements, room size and layout and all other regulations.

In order to be licensed, landlords would be required to submit their properties to interior and exterior inspections by the City (currently, the City cannot enforce violations unless inspectors are invited into a unit).

The scope of the by-law would include “buildings identified under the zoning verification as having a recognized use of single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, three-family dwelling, semi-detached dwelling and multiple dwellings containing four dwelling units. All secondary dwelling units existing or created in the pilot project area that are for rental purposes will also be included.”

The staff recommendation is to delay further discussion on this by-law until 2023. A copy of the staff report is available here:

<https://pub-hamilton.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=279443>

Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson and Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko are jointly committed to immediately implement this by-law with a full cost recovery fee so that all expenses are paid by landlords and not City taxpayers.

How you can get involved and have your say:

On August 10th, 2021, Councillor Wilson and Councillor Danko will request that Planning Committee approve the alternative direction presented in the staff report to implement the draft by-law “Rental Housing Units” (Schedule 31) by the Planning Committee meeting on September 21st, 2021 and that the program fees be set on a full cost recovery basis with no net levy cost to Hamilton taxpayers.

It is critical for committee to hear from local residents like you as well as tenants to understand how single-family home rentals have impacted them and how rental licensing would help.

Please ask your neighbours in the community to consider getting involved by either submitting a letter to Committee, or if possible delegating to Committee.

Resident's letters should be in their own words (ie. not a form letter or petition) and express their experience living in a neighbourhood with a high number of single family homes converted to rental housing. Letters should clearly state that they support the implementation of the bylaw right away (if that is the letter writer's opinion).

Specific observations on the inadequacy of existing by-law enforcement to address problems, any concerns about the number of people living in one house, direct observations of safety concerns for tenants (in terms of room sizes, fire escapes etc.), or any evidence of unethical behaviour by property owners that may take advantage of disadvantaged groups (students, newcomers, low income individuals, etc.). The focus should be on the property owners.

Multiple family members may submit individual letters in their own name (instead of a husband and wife submitting on letter together). Please keep letters brief to a paragraph or two.

If possible, it would be even better for residents to personally speak to Committee through a video or telephone delegation. Delegations are virtual and the City can assist any resident wishing to delegate with the technical connection.

Residents may submit their letters or delegation requests by email to the City

Clerk: clerk@hamilton.ca copied directly to the Planning Committee Legislative Assistant Lisa Kelsey Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca

Residents should state that they would like their correspondence included, or they wish to

delegate for the August 10th Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2 “License Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1, 8 and parts of Ward 14)”.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Ward 8 office via ward8@hamilton.ca.

Quotes:

“These properties have been carved up to maximize revenues for their investor owners. They are businesses and need to be treated as such. The city licenses and inspects restaurants and hair salons reasons of health and safety. Why not these rental properties? A cost recovery licensing model ensures that owner/operators, and not taxpayers, are funding a program which will go a long way in creating healthy and safe places for tenants to live. It also offers neighbourhoods a standard on how these businesses are to be operated.

Councillor Maureen Wilson, Ward 1

“There are neighbourhoods in Ward 8 where nearly every home has been purchased by absentee landlords and real estate investors. These former family homes are then converted to illegal rental units with eight, ten or more adult tenants with little regard to the impact on the neighbourhood. This by-law provides the City the leverage necessary to hold investor property owners accountable for the rental units they own and make sure that tenants are living in a space that is safe, legal and meeting all regulations.”

Councillor John-Paul Danko, Ward 8

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Emergency vote to end the encampment bylaw

From: Ani Chenier

Sent: August 10, 2021 11:23 AM

To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Emergency vote to end the encampment bylaw

Councillor Farr,

I was deeply saddened to learn, this morning, of last night's emergency council meeting, and of the motion to end the City's Encampment Protocol agreement, and perplexed at the secretive approach taken by the City. Why were organizations like Keeping Six, the Encampment Support Network, and the Shelter Health network work with and often include encampment residents, not consulted?

You say that there are good alternatives available for encampment residents. If that were the case, people would willingly choose to leave the encampments and avail themselves of these. It's not as if living outdoors and being forced to move every two weeks was anyone's ideal living arrangement. The fact is that we lack good alternatives for people who are homeless. Pushing people outside of public spaces endangers and marginalizes them, while doing nothing to address the underlying issues that got them there in the first place (including Hamilton's dearth of affordable housing; the state of penury imposed on ODSP and OW recipients).

I love Hamilton, but am ashamed, as a resident, of the course our city has taken in this regard. All residents deserve better than this!

Sincerely,

Ani Chénier
Ward 2 resident

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Emergency vote to end the encampment bylaw

From: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>

Sent: August 10, 2021 12:50 PM

To: Ani Chenier clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: RE: Emergency vote to end the encampment bylaw

Hello, Ani and thank you for engaging. Hopefully the following facts will provide you with some peace of mind and confirm that are indeed safer and more humane options. I would also argue as I have many times publicly in the past, that we are better than most when it comes to tackling housing and homelessness in this city. We have very passionate and experienced staff working with a plethora of equally passionate and qualified partners. That has of been the case and it will continue.

Sleeping rough outdoors is the least safe or humane option for our citizens. This is something Shelter Health and Keeping Six signed off on as well. We all agree.

And respecting your concern on consultation. After failing to get any traction or support with the Ministry of Health and other provincial Organizations that pay most of their salaries, those organizations you mention began to focus on the municipal government and our bylaw and went to court last year, succeeding in getting an emergency injunction on the city of Hamilton bylaw (similar to bylaws in most every city in Canada) that prohibits overnight camping in public parks and places. When those organizations did that – they did it swiftly and we were unable to have legal representation at the injunction hearing to defend our laws because of it. Legal can only represent council in court when council approves it. Because of the tactics, council had no time to approve anything. Just my opinion here, but that pretty much indicated to me their (Keeping 6, Shelter Health Network, Ross n McBride Downtown Law Firm, etc) preferences on how to communicate with this issue.

So here are some facts that I hope help...

- Last night, City Council voted to return to its pre-pandemic housing strategy, which includes helping individuals sleeping rough find safe and humane housing and enforcing the City's camping bylaw that prohibits camping or living on public property.
- The City will remain focused on helping individuals experiencing homelessness, and balancing our response to the needs in the homelessness community, safe access to public spaces and the City's longer term goal of finding safer and more permanent housing for our City's homeless population.
- The City of Hamilton has bylaws that prohibit camping on public property. We aim to uphold the bylaw in a way that is respectful and supportive to all involved.
- Our goal is to help those individuals sleeping rough to find alternatives that are safe and humane, which is dependent on people's individual circumstances and the available options.

Key Facts and Stats:

- In 2020 over 700 households from Hamilton's Access to Housing wait list were housed in rent-g geared to income units, in the private market using portable housing benefits, and from intensive case management and Rapid Rehousing programs. In 2019, 595 households were housed from the wait list.
- **In 2020 and 2021, the City's Housing Services Division assisted in connecting over 440 homeless individuals and families with permanent housing solutions.**
- Hamilton spends \$120 million annually on housing initiatives, which includes \$64 million from Hamilton and the remainder from higher orders of government.
- In June 2021, Council approved a one-time, \$2 million investment that provided housing allowances for clients of City-funded Intensive Case Management Programs.
- In 2021, the City committed to an additional \$950,000 in annual funding for a shelter that would serve the needs of women, the LGBTQ+2 community and the indigenous community.
- **In 2021/2022, ground will be broken for at least 400 new affordable housing units.**

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Prohibiting Encampments

From: Maya Lyn

Sent: August 10, 2021 12:56 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Prohibiting Encampments

Prohibiting encampments in city parks and on public space IS NOT a permanent solution to Hamilton's housing crisis. We have seen how poorly this tactic has worked in Toronto. This tactic is inhumane to the houseless people of the city. Let them keep the encampments and create permanent housing or tiny home shelters as a long term solution.

We are watching !

A concerned community member

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Maya Lyn

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: Atlas DiTommaso

Sent: August 10, 2021 1:00 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Hamilton Encampment Support Network <info@hesn.ca>

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

Hello,

My name is Theo, and I am a resident of Hamilton Ward 3.

I wanted to contact you to affirm my support for the open letter made by the Hamilton encampment support network demanding an end to encampment evictions.

It is inhumane to evict homeless people from public parks. The city of Hamilton should do better by providing actual support in the form of free housing, safer use supplies, and other social supports.

Theo (They/Them)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Removal of encampment protocol agreement

From: Emma Ditchburn

Sent: August 10, 2021 1:17 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Removal of encampment protocol agreement

I am writing to express my deep concern and disagreement with the arbitrary removal of the encampment protocol agreement. Pretending that there are better options or solutions available when there are not and forcibly removing people and destroying their belongings over and over again is unethical and in no way a solution. Our neighbours deserve better, our city deserves better.

The fact that this emergency meeting was called with only two hours notice and no prior consultation with relevant parties is quite telling.

Please read the open letter linked here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQoOI5vNUCzCM73F2fJqGbfB4ldMD6nQwiUmSMKabgDckp4Q/viewform> and watch as signatures are added.

We demand an end to encampment evictions and encampment bans on stolen land.

Emma Ditchburn

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Encampment Evictions

From: Ben Robinson

Sent: August 10, 2021 1:48 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: Encampment Evictions

Dear Mayor Eisenberger, Councillor Nann and those in the office of the City Clerk,

I was truly horrified to hear that the already insufficient protections for people living in encampments in this city are going to be repealed. There are many reasons why the shelter system is not a fit for people in our communities and to punish those in vulnerable situations by throwing away all that they own is inhumane.

Throughout this past year and a half, I have never been inconvenienced by the presence of people living in city parks, and even if I was, I believe a person's right to housing comes much before my need for recreational space.

I sincerely hope that you will reconsider and work in earnest to provide a workable and liveable situation for our most vulnerable neighbours.

Best,
Ben Robinson

Pilon, Janet

Subject: It was unconscionable for the city to end the encampment protocol without consultation. What is the city's plan to protect the dignity of my neighbours?

From: Simon Lebrun

Sent: August 10, 2021 6:36 PM

To: Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca; info@hesn.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: It was unconscionable for the city to end the encampment protocol without consultation. What is the city's plan to protect the dignity of my neighbours?

Councillor Pauls,

I am a resident of Ward 7.

I am deeply disappointed by the news that city council met in a closed emergency session to unilaterally discontinue the encampment protocol, which I understand was reached in collaboration with doctors, lawyers, and advocates like Keeping Six and HAMSMaRT following a court injunction against the city.

I have come to understand that this city council and I will never agree on the right way forward on the issue of houselessness. I see that the majority of councillors do not agree that the right to exist with dignity is more important than rights to property or the need of uncritical people to feel a fictional, inward-gazing comfort at the expense of others. For this reason the termination of the encampment protocol by city council does not come as a surprise.

What is shocking and unconscionable is that it was done behind closed doors, apparently without even discussing the issue with the community advocates that -- to my experience in past year -- have been working harder and more effectively than the City in support of the health and safety of my neighbours in Hamilton.

In a CBC article today Wade Poziomka was quoted saying "I would think that if the city is going to make this decision unilaterally ... then they better have a plan in place that's going to make sure people are protected and not cause further trauma." Councillor Pauls, what is that plan?

Sincerely,
Simon Lebrun

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Tents in parks.

From: Craig Leonard

Sent: August 10, 2021 5:07 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: Tents in parks.

Hi My name is Craig Leonard and I believe you should leave the people living in tents in the parks and such alone. They have nowhere to go. The housing market is horrible and rent is not much better. Assisted housing is full. Where do you expect these people to go? They need your help! Not violence, which is what is being forced on them.

I work a fulltime job in graphic design, which I went to school for and have been in the industry for over 10years.

Living by myself I still find it hard to make ends meet sometimes. If it wasn't for the fact I've been in my apartment so long I might not be able for afford to live here and I'm not a big spender.

Open your eyes to their situation. What would you do if you had nowhere to live and no one to help you?

Not everyone has or can get a well paid job that can keep your head above water in these messed up times. Especially if you already have no place to live.

Sure it doesn't look nice seeing tents in parks, but these are people trying to survive. I think you'd agree that someone's well being is more important than a bit of a view. If not then working in government is probably not where you should be. You're supposed to be in service to the people, that includes the people in those tents.

I strongly encourage you to please help them out or at least let them be.

Sincerely Craig Leonard

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: Montana Mellett

Sent: August 11, 2021 8:10 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

TO: Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City Councillor Nrinder Nann
Clerk

My name is Montana and I am writing to you today with hopes that you'll listen and understand the facts written in the following open letter from the Hamilton Encampment Support Network. I stand with encampment residents and fully support the below letter. **I demand the end to encampment evictions and encampment bans on stolen land.**

"This past week, the City of Hamilton announced that it would be returning to "pre-pandemic enforcement of camping bylaws" in Hamilton, which will prohibit encampments on all City property, including public parks, starting on August 30. This is not a solution to the ongoing housing crisis in our city.

This comes out of a motion to repeal the Bylaw Enforcement Protocol, motioned by Jason Farr (Ward 2 Councillor) and seconded by Sam Merulla (Ward 4 Councillor.) This decision came out of a sudden emergency City Council meeting, which occurred behind closed doors, with no way for the public or houseless residents to weigh in.

Encampment evictions have been and continue to be dehumanizing, insidious displays of violence in a sustained municipal war on Black, Indigenous, racialized, disabled, poor, and unhoused communities, both in so-called Hamilton as well as across Turtle Island.

Mayor Fred Eisenberger was quoted following the meeting as saying, "the pandemic has underscored the increasing need for access to safe, humane, and affordable housing." Meanwhile, as of 2016, over 11,350 homes stood vacant across the City while condo development projects continue to be approved by Council.

The national and provincial responses have also been dismal. In late June, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the creation of 4,500 new affordable housing units slated for creation across the country to help 320 Ontario families and individuals find housing, when Hamilton alone presently has a multi-year housing waitlist of over 5,000. Recent research pronounced Hamilton one of the least affordable cities in North America, more expensive to live in than New York and Los Angeles.

The Ferguson encampment, which triggered the creation of Hamilton's encampment Bylaw Enforcement Protocol in 2020, was one of the largest encampments across Turtle Island at the time of the encampment eviction. This encampment had over 60 residents and was violently torn down in the pouring rain, during a worsening global pandemic. People were denied their ask to stay in the community, on an unused boulevard, on the premise that the encampment hurt development prospects.

Encampment evictions are a public health crisis. According to Leilani Farha, the former UN Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, applications for evictions in Hamilton have gone up 90-95% in the last six years and, in the Greater Toronto Area, housing prices have gone up 425% in the last 30 years.

Many people living on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) cannot

afford to live in this City, because social assistance rates are fixed below the poverty line, creating the current conditions we are witnessing, where most encampment residents are disabled. On top of this, while forcing people out of parks under the false promise of providing houseless people with indoor spaces, we continue to see shelter hotels evict people on the basis of disability-related “disruptions.” We also know that houseless community members are at far greater risk of contracting COVID-19 under current overcrowded shelter conditions, and that encampment evictions physically prevent homeless community members from accessing resources, supports, and medical care through routine displacement.

As we learned during the Ferguson tear down, and through subsequent encampment tear downs, policing houselessness will never eradicate the public health risks at hand. The only solution is housing. Despite knowing this, the City of Hamilton wishes to return to pre-pandemic enforcement of camping bylaws, a decision which will perpetuate the increased criminalization of unhoused community members. Hamilton City Council has decided to do this in the middle of a global pandemic. We also know that Wards 2 and 3, which have some of the most frequent encampment eviction rates, have some of the lowest vaccine rates in the province of Ontario.

All of this is also happening in the middle of an opioid epidemic. Without sufficient support for community members who use drugs, such as safe injection and drug inhalation sites, the City’s efforts to destroy community and their ways of keeping safe through the weaponization of encampment evictions puts blood on their hands.

What’s clear to us is that encampment evictions put people directly in harm’s way and we know that Black and Indigenous community members are overrepresented in encampments. Across Turtle Island, from Tkaronto to the unseeded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), sə́lilwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh), & Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish) Nations in so-called Vancouver, it is unjust to violate the dignity and humanity of people in our community."

So I ask these questions of Mayor Eisenberger and City Councillor Nann, as political leaders in this city after reading through that letter and knowing what is going on behind closed doors:

- 1. What will you be doing to take meaningful direct action, right now?**
- 2. What demands and solutions will you be proposing in stopping the violence being committed against encampment residents?**
- 3. Will these proposed solutions include the voices and be led by the folks living in the encampments?**

Thanks for taking the time to read this correspondence, I look forward to hearing your responses.

Montana Mellett

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: Alex Berze

Sent: August 10, 2021 2:17 PM

To: Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

Good afternoon,

My name is Alex Berze and I am a resident of ward 3.

I am writing to state that I am against the arbitrary removal of the encampments and the people using them.

Every human deserves a roof over their head in a place they feel safe.

Till the city provides actual solutions for the homelessness issue that actually helps the people affected by this issue I will be speaking up about this and the awful governing body in Hamilton any chance I can get.

How can the city erect an outdoor covid overflow center beside the General Hospital, that never got used, just to tear it down months later but they can't provide housing for people in need?!?!'

City counsel should be ashamed of themselves.

I would like to note that you Nrinder Nann have really surprised me with all the good you have done for ward 3 and how you have stood up for the opinions of people living in this ward.

I really had zero expectation for anyone to be able to make any positive changes due to the corrupt nature of city hall but you stand your ground and I appreciate that! Thank you for always putting your best foot forward and thinking of your community.

Thank you

Alex Berze

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End encampment evictions

From: Katie McCrindle

Sent: August 10, 2021 3:26 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: End encampment evictions

To whom it may concern,

Encampment evictions need to end and safe, affordable housing needs to be provided to every person needing them. I find it atrocious that Council is evicting people from the only place they have to go. Shelters are at max capacity and are difficult/dangerous places to be anyways. Why are there numerous buildings going up in Hamilton and tons of empty places and yet housing can't be provided? Shameful.

Sincerely,
Katie McCrindle

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Homeless camp evictions in Hamilton

From: Jim Fitzgerald Jr.
Sent: August 10, 2021 3:42 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Homeless camp evictions in Hamilton

To whom it may concern-

I was born in this city. When I was a child people used to joke that mentally ill people were shipped in from other cities to live here. They used a different word though. When people are renoevicted with no jobs during a pandemic where do you expect them to go? Picking up a tent and living in a park or forest seems like a pretty reasonable option to me. I walk the trails weekly. I have for all of my life and not one camper bothers me, even when I walk the side trails. What bothers me is the blatant lack of respect for human life and dignity. These people need help and support, not a cold boot or hot gasoline.

BThis town is becoming more and more like Gotham without Batman and the biggest villain of all are the politicians passing motions in favour of appearances while stepping on the poor. You may not even read this and you may not even care but I am not the only one that feels this way. I have been active in this community for decades as an artist, musician and impresario. It wouldn't take much digging to find proof of my efforts to make the city a better place to live. Now it's your turn.

Respectfully yours,
Jim Fitzgerald Jr.

Pilon, Janet

Subject: HESN LETTER

From: michelle hruschka

Sent: August 10, 2021 3:27 PM

To: Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Hamilton Encampment Support Network <info@hesn.ca>

Subject: HESN LETTER

Good day

I'm advising you all, I signed HESN Letter given the city council actions yesterday of breaking the treaty you made with Hamsmart and Keeping Six last year, the encampment protocol.

My Clr, M. Wilson was one who did not vote for this. Kudos to her.

Farr must be feeling the pressure by HESN, I ELECT and others who are fully aware of his improper behavior. Given you passed the use of swastikas and Confederate flag you seem to have missed the point of the hate you are creating against the unhoused.

I have prayed to the creator to give the legal experts the strength to evoke another injunction.

From the poem, The Mask of Anarchy by Percy Shelley to commemorate the Peterloo Massacre

Rise like lions after slumber
In unvanquished numbers
Shake the chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you
Ye are many, they are few.

Michelle Hruschka

SCRAP

steel city rising against poverty

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Encampment protocol

From: Kelly Wolf

Sent: August 11, 2021 8:44 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: Encampment protocol

Hello Mayor Eisenberger and Councilor VanderBeek,

I have just signed the HESN Demand to end encampment evictions open letter.

I am writing to let you know about my frustration and anger about the encampment protocol returning to pre pandemic measures. Return to pre pandemic measures - what does that even mean? When we have been learning throughout the pandemic about all the things that we don't want to go back to 'normal' homelessness is not one of them.

Is this because you believe that the pandemic is over?

Is this because you believe there is somewhere for people to go?

Or is this because you are tired of looking at a mess and just want it to go away instead of doing something tangible about it. You tried hard but nothing was working so you just give up.

I am a resident of Ward 13, and you know that there are encampments in our lovely little Dundas as well. People who for whatever reason are forced to live outside. Pretending it's a downtown issue does not make it go away.

I am so tired of the callousness of this city council. And I never hear anything coming from you Councilor VanderBeek - one way or the other. Stand up for something. Were you even at this meeting? It was offensive that this motion was brought forward in a private meeting with no opportunity for discussion from the public. Brought forward by councilors with their own self interest at heart.

I love this city and the people in it, that way people stick together and care for each other. I hate the way this city council is all about growth and development but gets nothing done. If you do get something done - it's under cover of private meetings. Not a way to run a city.

Sincerely,
Kelly Wolf

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Encampment Evictions

From: Amber Boyle

Sent: August 11, 2021 12:12 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Encampment Evictions

I am writing in response to the decision made recently about returning to the pre-pandemic enforcement of camping bylaws.

There is an abundance of structural violence and trauma that is being not only showcased but encouraged.

Misinformation and stigma are only perpetuated when the privilege of making a decision is done without the input of the people being affected. Nobody is above anyone else. The people that are being affected by this are being given no voice and no tools to help themselves.

Taxpayer's dollars are being put into displacing people and I do not stand for this; I want my tax dollars paid to building affordable and accessible housing for all. Your decisions are creating more health problems for citizens that do not have the resources to access care; you are increasing expenses for city worker's salaries and in the healthcare sector without accountability.

Even though there are dollars set aside for housing solutions from the provincial and federal governments, those solutions are not ready to be enacted; furthermore, the money promised is not enough to fully support the population of people who need supportive housing. If there is an election before the 2022/2023 fiscal year, we will likely lose that money.

The pandemic has created situations where more and more people are facing evictions and homelessness; this is not a problem that is static but increasing. What are you going to do when displacement gets so out of hand that people are losing their lives at your doorstep?

If you are going to evict individuals from encampments, provide them with appropriate resources and access to housing instead of criminalizing them. It is important to me that you exercise compassion for the citizens of this city, regardless of their status or level of privilege. You are using your privilege to devalue and stigmatize people.

Your decisions are negatively impacting serious vulnerabilities that people are experiencing, such as addiction, housing insecurity, food insecurity, poverty, and violence. You have no plan to add into social services to strengthen our social safety net and improve citizen's chances of surviving your decisions. I do not stand with you or your council in making these decisions on my behalf. You do not have my support in the next election. I look forward to encouraging the voice of individuals who are going to fight for the dignity and worth of others, instead of using privilege to continue to displace vulnerable populations.

Sincerely enraged,

Amber C. Boyle

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: Olivia Watkin-McClurg

Sent: August 11, 2021 10:27 AM

To: Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

Hi,

My name is Olivia Watkin-McClurg and I am a resident of Hamilton currently living in Ward 1. I am disgusted by the cruelty that this city is showing to my homeless neighbours. Nobody wants to be homeless, and the housing crisis in Hamilton is due partially to policy choices made by the same municipal government constantly destroying the belongings and communities of the unhoused. If this city's representatives feel uncomfortable seeing the results of their own policy choices, then perhaps they should change these policies rather than trying to make the people they have failed disappear. Beyond the cruelty of the approach being taken, it is the logic of a small child to think that homeless people stop existing when you cannot see them. Fix the housing crisis, and until that has happened, leave unhoused people alone.

Olivia

Pilon, Janet

Subject: End Encampment Evictions

From: Sarah Bennett
Sent: August 11, 2021 10:29 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Hamilton Encampment Support Network <info@hesn.ca>
Subject: End Encampment Evictions

Hello,

I writing this email in support to demand an end to encampment evictions. The recent announcement by the City of Hamilton to return to a pre-pandemic enforcement of camping by-laws through a motion, made by Jason Farr (Ward 2 Councillor), to repeal the Bylaw Enforcement Protocol initiated in 2020, is inhumane.

I would like it noted on the record, that as a member of Ward 2, I am vehemently opposed to this decision and my Councillor's motion. I have signed the open letter by the Hamilton Encampment Support Network, and urge to read the letter and note the numerous and ever-growing list of signatures. The HESN has been CC'ed in this email, so please include them in any response.

The City can do better.

Sarah Bennett

Pilon, Janet

Subject: In Response to Your Decision about Encampments

From: Kathleen Moore

Sent: August 11, 2021 10:42 AM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>

Subject: In Response to Your Decision about Encampments

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Kathleen Moore

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Encampment Evictions

From: Kara Jongeling

Sent: August 11, 2021 1:22 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinde Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>

Cc: info@hesn.ca

Subject: Encampment Evictions

Hello Mayor, Clerk, and City Councillors,

I am writing to you today about my fellow neighbours. I am a Ward 2 resident who grew up in Ward 7 and has worked in many different wards in our city. Over the years I have seen the steady influx of our homeless population rise across the whole city, but vacant lots sit untouched, and affordable housing has grown few and far between being affordable or even accessible with a waitlist that is years long. I am disgusted (but not surprised) to hear that the city is trying to change encampment laws back to pre-pandemic times during a housing crisis AND while we are still in the pandemic.

We all know the city has been revitalized and with Toronto being unaffordable to most of its residents, Hamilton is a desirable but still not affordable alternative. It is no secret that our city has been doing well economically over the years, but when you go downtown and see the state of our population it does not always appear that way. The disparity between classes is visible and troubling. How is Hamilton the third most expensive city in all of North America (beating Los Angeles and San Jose)? It does not make sense that our downtown is booming amidst a housing crisis.

In terms of current encampment issues, I understand resident's concerns surrounding trash, fire safety, and just keeping public spaces such as parks safe in general. Sadly it does not seem to be common knowledge for residents to understand that many homeless people in our city suffer from mental health issues and addictions, and/or have been homeless for so long and so jaded that cleaning up after themselves is not a high priority (or even on their radar) because they are just trying to survive each day. They still deserve dignity and empathy. Shelters have been consistently full pre-pandemic times, and even if they weren't not every resident is comfortable there as theft of personal belongings is almost a sure thing.

The city urgently needs to prioritize housing for the homeless and ensuring the safety of its residents (this includes the homeless!!) NOW. Not be ready in a few years. Now. The townhouse lot near Bayfront has been sitting vacant since I was a teenager. I am almost 30 now and it has only recently been given the green light for future affordable housing. Only this year was Cathedral highschool decided it will be turned into a shelter to try and lessen the demand made even more urgent by the pandemic. I see what the city has been trying to do for it's homeless community, and I acknowledge that and the time it takes to get through all of the beauracy and red tape to make it happen. But we all know it is not happening quickly enough. Emergency measures need to be put in place.

I believe that you cannot and should not criminalize being homeless. Housing is a human right. At the very least you cannot be so openly for the demise of your own citizens, and not offer accessible options. Los Angeles took a parking lot and turned it into a government funded encampment with access to every day amenities and resources. This would most certainly be an alternative for park encampments and make concerned residents happy. that is a temporary measure though. There are multiple studies out there confirming that housing the homeless is cheaper than temporary housing such as shelters. The data and evidence is apparent. If you need examples of vacant lots or parking lots that go unused, I would be happy to list them.

To be blunt, by enforcing encampment evictions the city will likely end people's lives. Having to move around every two weeks makes it more difficult and sometimes impossible for healthcare providers and street outreach to find people and do their jobs, which is provide people with ongoing care - I have seen this firsthand. In late 2020 I alerted street outreach about a young man who has celiac disease and needed housing and (realized later on by outreach) medical attention due to the sores on his legs from his condition. Police evicted his small encampment the following day despite a street outreach member being onsite and asking officers to wait a few minutes so he could give the homeless man resources and ensure he would know where to find him, his partner, and their friend next. The officers called him a bleeding heart and told him to leave. As far as I know, outreach has still not located them.

There are more, harrowing and heartbreaking stories out there (for example the recent stabbing at missions services) but they all point to the same lack of empathy, concern, and sense of urgency for the homeless population from people in power and other residents. So many people do not realize that they are one or two bad financial events away from being homeless themselves and don't see the homeless population as people. They are our neighbours, and often former co-workers or classmates.

Thank you for reading and taking the time to review my concerns and advocacy. I can only urge you to use that energy tenfolds for the homeless population.

Sincerely,

Kara Jongeling

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Encampments

From: Mary-Elizabeth Gallacher
Sent: August 11, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>
Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Encampments

Good Afternoon Mr Farr,

I am writing to express my complete disappointment in council's emergency meeting to end the encampment protocol. I am a citizen of your ward and know that this greatly affects ward 2.

You make these decisions for the unhoused humans of our city, but what is the solution for where they can go? The Jamesville townhouses were neglected and deemed unsafe, but instead of building more affordable housing in that spot, the city sold the land to developers. That land has sat untouched for years. Think of all the humans of the city you could have helped by now. I understand funding for such programs is an issue for any government, but it is time to adjust the priorities of council and focus on affordable housing. Would you not want your legacy in council to include being compassionate towards all of your residents?

I am constantly disappointed by the decisions of council. Do better this time. Please remember these are human beings.

Thank you for your time,

Mary-Elizabeth Gallacher

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Growth Evaluation Framework Feedback

From: Alida Wilson

Sent: August 11, 2021 9:14 PM

To: GRIDS 2 and MCR <grids2-mcr@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Growth Evaluation Framework Feedback

Hello,

I live in Ward 1, I voted for no urban boundary expansion, and I'm writing to you about the evaluation framework being used to make the decision on our city's urban boundary expansion plan.

The 10 aspects of the framework that are listed (growth allocation, municipal finance, transportation systems, etc) are being presented as equally important to consider, however there is one aspect that carries significantly more weight than all the rest. The impact on Climate Change is the single most important factor that needs to be considered when we look at our plans for growth and densification.

The city councillors unanimously declared a climate emergency in March 2019 so we know the whole city recognizes the urgency and severity of the situation. Hamilton has a goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, and this decision is a make or break opportunity for that goal. If we were to expand the boundary, we would be increasing emissions from land use and taking a huge, irreversible step away from that goal.

Each remaining aspect of the framework needs to be viewed through a climate lens...how do the additional emissions of boundary expansion affect municipal finance? We end up spending more money, time and resources trying to offset the additional emissions of boundary expansion. How do the increased emissions of boundary expansion impact transportation systems? Instead of focusing on a more efficient, renewable energy powered transportation system within our existing boundaries, we would have to put our resources into expanding the reach of our system, sacrificing the efficiency that is already built into a denser city.

"Climate change" is not one factor to consider out of 10. Climate change is the lens through which every factor needs to be viewed. Every aspect of the framework has an impact on the climate emergency. Every aspect needs to be looked at as an opportunity to step towards or away from our 2050 goal.

I'd also be interested to know - how do you plan on using the results from the urban boundary expansion survey? Councillor Brad Clark revealed that he received only 4 votes for "ambitious density" to expand the boundary, but a whopping 8258 votes for "no urban boundary expansion". Clearly the residents of this city are strongly opposed to expanding the boundary. Will you listen to what the public is telling you? Will you recognize that we are concerned for our future and demand a positive step towards decreasing carbon emissions and combating climate change?

Thank you,
Alida Wilson

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Take our Climate Emergency and farmland protection seriously - Option 2

From: Alana

Sent: August 11, 2021 7:02 PM

To: GRIDS 2 and MCR <grids2-mcr@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Take our Climate Emergency and farmland protection seriously - Option 2

I cannot stress strongly enough that I want the city to undertake a rigorous evaluation of the 'No Boundary Expansion' VS the 'Ambitious Density Scenario' using a climate lens. There is no excuse for ignoring the dire warnings just released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - the panel of the world's leading climate scientists. We have been clearly warned that urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is required to avert ever-increasing climate disaster. Based on the IPCC's warnings, now is the worst possible time to be sprawling Hamilton out into rural farmland. Urban sprawl fuels climate change. We must protect farmland and greenspace.

The current evaluation framework city planning staff have proposed to assess the 'No Urban Boundary Expansion' option against the 'Ambitious Density Scenario' is far from rigorous. It puts the evaluation of climate crisis impacts on par with all other evaluation themes. Climate crisis impacts are inarguably the priority and should be in a stand-alone category. Climate should be the lens for all of the other 9! There needs to be a comparison of greenhouse gas emissions driving decisions. Emissions from land use will impact us for up to 1,000 years.

Sincerely,

A. Didur

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Problem Solving re. urban sprawl

From: Brian Cumming

Sent: August 11, 2021 6:40 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Problem Solving re. urban sprawl

When facing a dilemma there is usually one alternative that is irreversible and one that can be reconsidered later. If urban sprawl is approved, there is no going back. If future development is only allowed inside current boundaries, a future decision can be made expanding boundaries, if and when necessary. Good problem solving dictates rejecting urban expansion at this time. In ten years we will see if projections were accurate and there will be a ready solution.

Brian Cumming

I was a shop teacher and often students didn't know what size to drill a hole. They quickly learned that if they drilled a hole too small it could be easily remedied. If they drilled a hole too big it was unfixable. A good lesson for us all.

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Save our Farmland Vote for Option Two

From: Maxine Morris-Zecchini

Sent: August 11, 2021 6:28 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Save our Farmland Vote for Option Two

As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, resident of Ancaster, I urge you to stop urban residential sprawl from gobbling up precious farmland. Please vote for Option Two.

Maxine Morris-Zecchini

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 13, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. PEARSON.....

Issuance of a Demolition Permit for 582 and 584 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek

WHEREAS the owner/developer of the above-mentioned properties is in the process of bringing forward a development proposal to Planning Committee in due course; and

WHEREAS there have been ongoing issues with security of the two vacant homes creating ongoing safety and property standards concerns for the surrounding neighbours and owner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Chief Building Official be authorized to issue a demolition permit for 582 and 584 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek in accordance with By-law 09-208, as amended by By-law 13-185, pursuant to Section 33 of the Planning Act as amended, without having to comply with the conditions of 6(a), (b), and (c) of the Demolition Control By-law 09-208.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 13, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Amendment to Item 5 of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Report 19-004, respecting Report HSC19008(a) – Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy

WHEREAS at its meeting of May 8th and 9th, 2019 the Council of the City approved Item 10.1 of Emergency and Community Services Committee Report No. 19-004 thereby authorizing and directing the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities (“GM”), or his designate, to enter into and execute an Agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada to administer the Reaching Home Program as of April 1, 2019 and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

WHEREAS, an agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada Employment and Social Development Canada (the “Minister”) was signed by the General Manager on March 22, 2019 (the “Agreement”) which provided for \$29,462,653.00 to be used over the course of 5 years 2019 to 2024;

WHEREAS the Agreement was amended on June 13, 2019 to provide for an increase in funding of \$522,840.00;

WHEREAS the Minister has agreed to provide additional funding in the amount of \$4,242,360.00 to be used in the 2021 fiscal year subject to the Agreement being further amended to provide for the increased funding;

WHEREAS the amended Agreement would contain the same terms and conditions as the original agreement except for the additional funding and the requirement that it be used in the 2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the authority and direction to the General Manager provided by Council at its meeting of May 8th and 9th did not include the authority or direction for the GM to enter into and execute an amended Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Sub-section (a) to Item 5 of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Report 19-004, respecting Report HSC19008(a) – Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, be **amended**, to read as follows:
- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or **their** designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute **an amendment to the agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada, signed by the General Manager on March 22, 2019 and amended on June 13, 2019 (the "Agreement") to provide for additional funding in the amount of \$4,242,360.00 to be used in the 2021 fiscal year** to administer the Reaching Home Program as of April 1, 2019 in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That Sub-section (d) to Item 5 of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Report 19-004, respecting Report HSC19008(a) – Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, be included, to read as follows:
- (d) **That the General Manger be authorized and directed to enter into and execute any further amendments to the Agreement in order to obtain additional funding on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the GM and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.**

Main Motion, as Amended, to read as follows:

5. **Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**
- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or **their** designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute **an amendment to the agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada, signed by the General Manager on March 22, 2019 and amended on June 13, 2019 (the "Agreement") to provide for additional funding in the amount of \$4,242,360.00 to be used in the 2021 fiscal year** to administer the Reaching Home Program as of April 1, 2019 in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) The current temporary Social Policy Analyst position (1 FTE) be converted to a permanent position, to meet the additional Federal obligations, in the amount of \$97,178 funded through the Reaching Home administrative funding allocation, with no net levy impact, be approved; and,

- (c) That the current temporary Senior Project Manager position (1 FTE) be converted to a permanent position, to meet the additional Federal obligations, in the amount of \$115,180 funded through the Reaching Home administrative funding allocation, with no net levy impact, be approved.

- (d) ***That the General Manger be authorized and directed to enter into and execute any further amendments to the Agreement in order to obtain additional funding on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.***

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 13, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. VANDERBEEK.....

Residential Municipal Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding for the Heavy Rain Event of August 7 and 10, 2021 (Ward 13)

WHEREAS, the heavy rain event on August 7 and 10, 2021, caused basement flooding at properties within Ward 13 in the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That for the purpose of invoking the Residential Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding, City Council declare the heavy rain event of August 7 and 10, 2021, as a “Disaster” for all affected properties within Ward 13 in the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That payment of claims be based on compassionate grounds only and not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the City of Hamilton;
- (c) That the Eligibility Criteria for the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program as previously approved in report FCS06007 be applied;
- (d) That the costs associated with these claims be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve 108010; and,
- (e) That staff be authorized, if necessary, to retain an independent adjusting service for the administration of claims under the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program and that these administrative costs be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve 108010.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 13, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

Speed Cushion Traffic Calming Locations Ward 2

WHEREAS, as a direct result of resident engagement respecting safer roads for all road and sidewalk users, speed cushions have been requested.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Transportation Operations and Maintenance staff be authorized and directed to install traffic calming measures on the following roadways as part of the 2021 Traffic Calming Program (Fall 2021 Installation):
 - (i) Caroline Street North – two, between Barton and Central Park to the south.
 - (ii) Young Street (three cushions), between Ferguson Street South and Hughson Street South.
 - (iii) Duke Street, between Hess Street and Queen Street
 - (iv) Bold Street, between Hess Street and Queen Street
 - (v) Caroline Street North (two cushions), between Barton on Barton and Central Park
 - (vi) Liberty Street, between Grove Street and Grange Street
 - (vii) Park Street South, between Markland and Herkimer
- (b) That all costs associated with the installation of traffic calming measures at the identified locations throughout Ward 2 be funded from the ward 2 minor maintenance Account at a total cost not to exceed \$88,000 (including contingency); and,
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be Authorized and directed to execute any required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 13, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Encampment Response Strategy

WHEREAS on August 9, 2021 Hamilton City Council voted to repeal its Encampment Response Protocol that permitted unhoused individuals to shelter in public spaces for up to 14 days;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton will return to pre-pandemic enforcement levels that prevents anyone from sheltering on city property including public park areas effective Aug 30, 2021;

WHEREAS the city of Hamilton's pre-pandemic enforcement level resides within the domain of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement with support from the Hamilton Police Service;

WHEREAS the guiding principles and approach of the Encampment Response Protocol enabled an assessment of the individual health and social needs of those living in an encampment and an approach during the 14 day period that would provide supports including but not limited to the following:

- engagement that treats every individual from a rights-based approach, ensuring dignity and confidentiality is maintained;
- An assessment of health and social needs of individual with consent;
- Immediate work on a personalized housing plan with consent;
- Determine previous (if any) barriers affecting access into the system and attempt to resolve them;
- Informing individuals of the timeline for encampment removal taking into consideration location and individual health and social circumstances;
- Assist with the movement to shelter/housing including but not limited to transportation, financial assistance, and storage of possessions.
- Ensures abandoned belongings and litter are cleared and the site is cleaned.

WHEREAS there is no formal, publicly established approach to how the pre-pandemic enforcement level will operate and the role of the encampment response team (includes representatives from the City of Hamilton Housing Services Division and Street Outreach Team, Municipal Law Enforcement, Public Works and Hamilton Police Services Social Navigator Program) is undefined;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton recognizes the rise in unsheltered homelessness during COVID-19 continues to highlight ongoing systemic health, social and economic inequities and remains an ongoing concern for the City;

WHEREAS in its Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) the city of Hamilton committed to taking an individualized, person-centred approach to housing by connecting those experiencing homelessness with the available community resources and supports;

WHEREAS the Housing and Homelessness Action does not include an approach of responding homeless individuals living in encampments;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has formally acknowledged that all actions and decisions relating to housing and homelessness policy, programs and services must use a formalized equity, diversity and inclusion framework and Gender Based Analysis (GBA+) to ensure they are effectively meeting the specific needs of a diversity of individuals;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Board of Health has acknowledged that trauma-informed services must be designed and delivered in a way that will not cause further traumatization or retraumatization;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton through its Urban Indigenous Strategy (2019) committed to developing and strengthening its relationship with Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS action Item #24 in the city of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy Implementation Plan is to enable city staff to deliver city services in a culturally-appropriate way;

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples experience homelessness at a higher rate than the general population and that homelessness amongst Indigenous Peoples is a colonial legacy;

WHEREAS the city of Hamilton has stated that its homeless servicing system must account for systemic over-representation of Indigenous Persons experiencing homelessness and aim to design a system that not only responds to Indigenous homelessness but also respects, honours and promotes the strength and resiliency of Indigenous Peoples (Coming Together to End Homelessness, July 2019)

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has acknowledged that homelessness is a gendered experience, impacting single women, trans and non-binary individuals differently than single men or families;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton unanimously declared an opioid overdose emergency in November 2019 in recognition that Hamilton's opioid-related death rate was more than double the provincial rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report to Council the following:
 - (i) define encampment response strategy within the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan
 - (ii) define how encampment response strategy will be informed by an individualized, person-centred and Gender Based Analysis approach to ensure it effectively meets the specific needs of a diversity of individuals;
 - (iii) to respect, honour and promote the strength and resiliency of Indigenous Peoples experiencing homelessness
 - (iv) clarify the role and responsibility of the encampment response team following Council's termination of the Encampment Response Protocol
 - (v) identify the process to be followed once an encampment is identified

- (b) That staff consult with all necessary community and health organizations that currently serve homeless groups and individuals prior to.

Authority: Item 8, Planning Committee
Report: 21-011 (PED21125)
CM: July 9, 2021
Ward: 12

Bill No. 134

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Adopt:

**Official Plan Amendment No. 29 to the
Rural Hamilton Official Plan**

Respecting:

**822 and 914 Book Road West and 1276 Shaver Road
(Ancaster)**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 29 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan consisting of Schedule “1”, hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

Rural Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 29

The following text, together with:

Appendix "A"	Volume 1: Schedule D – Rural Land Use Designation
Appendix "B"	Volume 3: Appendix A – Site Specific Key Map

attached hereto, constitutes Official Plan Amendment No. 29 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan.

1.0 **Purpose and Effect:**

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to to change the designation of portions of the subject lands from the Open Space designation to the Agriculture designation and to establish a Rural Site Specific Area in order to permit a single detached dwelling on the subject lands.

2.0 **Location:**

The lands affected by this Amendment are known municipally as 914 Book Road West, 822 Book Road West and 1276 Shaver Road, in the former Town of Ancaster.

3.0 **Basis:**

The basis for permitting this Amendment is to facilitate the implementation of the conditions of Committee of Adjustment applications, AN/B-20:31 and AN/B-20:32 in order to permit a single detached dwelling on each of the severed properties.

4.0 **Actual Changes:**

4.1 **Volume 1 – Parent Plan**

Schedules and Appendices

4.1.2 Schedule

- a. That Volume 1: Schedule D – Rural Land Use Designations be amended by redesignating a portion of the subject lands from "Open Space" to "Agriculture", as shown on Appendix "A", attached to this Amendment.

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4.2 Volume 3 – Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policies, and Site Specific Areas

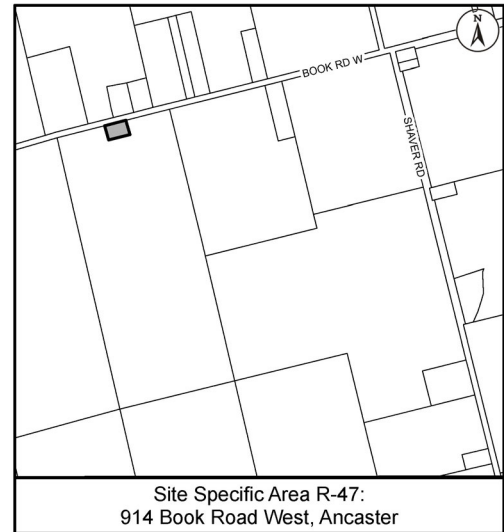
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4.2.1 Chapter B – Rural Site Specific Areas

- a. That Volume 3: Chapter B – Rural Site Specific Areas be amended by adding a new Site Specific Policy, as follows:

“R-47 Lands Located at 914 Book Road West, Ancaster

- 1.0 Notwithstanding Policy C.5.1.1c)iii) of Volume 1, the property known as 914 Book Road West shall not be less than 0.3 hectares (0.8 acres) in size. The maximum lot size shall be in accordance with policy F.1.14.2.1f).”



Schedules and Appendices

4.2.2 Appendix

- a. That Volume 3: Appendix A – Site Specific Key Map be amended by identifying the lands known municipally as 914 Book Road West, Ancaster as Site Specific Area R-47, as shown on Appendix “B”, attached to this Amendment.

5.0 Implementation:

An implementing Zoning By-Law Amendment will give effect to the intended uses on the subject lands.


This Official Plan Amendment is Schedule “1” to By-law No. 21-134 passed on the 13th of August, 2021.

**The
City of Hamilton**

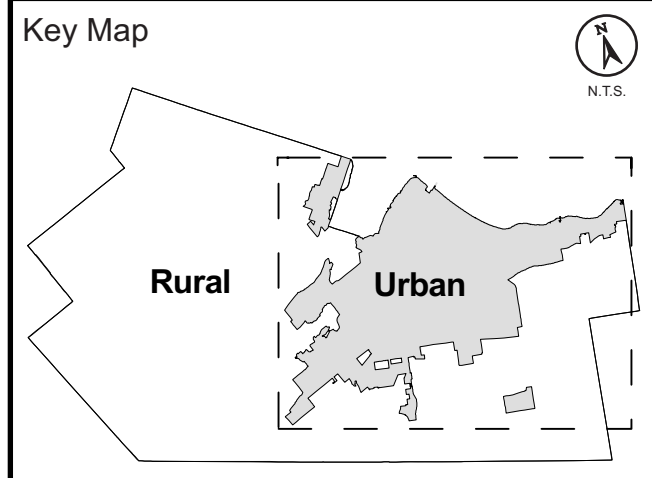
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Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

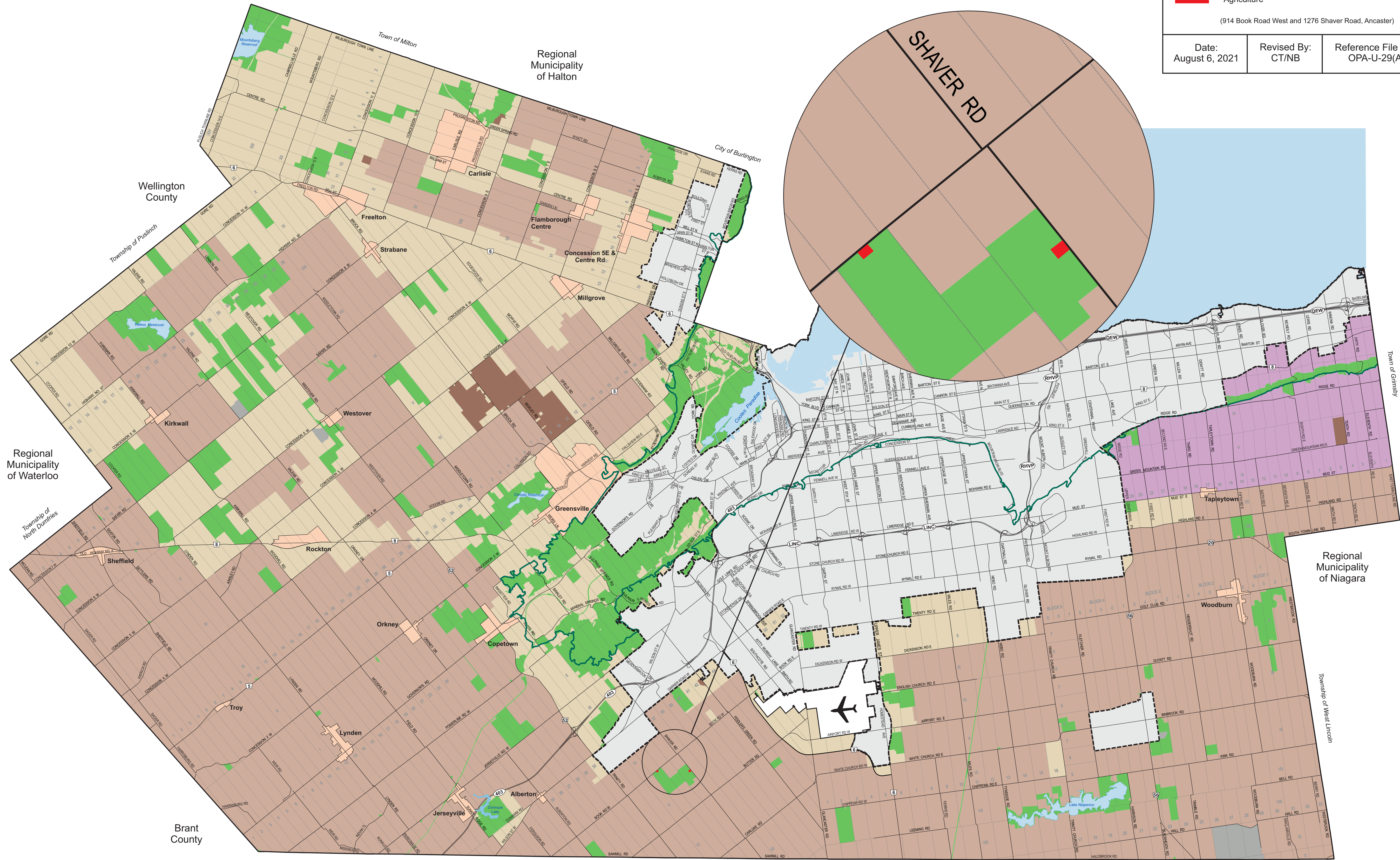
Appendix A
APPROVED Amendment No. 29
to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan

 Lands to be redesignated from "Open Space" to "Agriculture"
(914 Book Road West and 1276 Shaver Road, Ancaster)













Date: August 6, 2021	Revised By: CT/NB	Reference File No.: OPA-U-29(A)
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Note: For Urban Land Use Designations, refer to Schedule E-1 of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.



Legend


-  Rural Settlement Areas
- Rural Land Use Designations**
-  Agriculture
-  Specialty Crop
-  Rural
-  Mineral Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas
-  Open Space
-  Utility
- Other Features**
-  Urban Area
-  John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
-  Niagara Escarpment
-  Urban Boundary
-  Municipal Boundary

Council Adoption: September 27, 2006
Ministerial Approval: December 24, 2008
Effective Date: March 7, 2012

**Rural Hamilton Official Plan
Schedule D
Rural Land Use Designations**

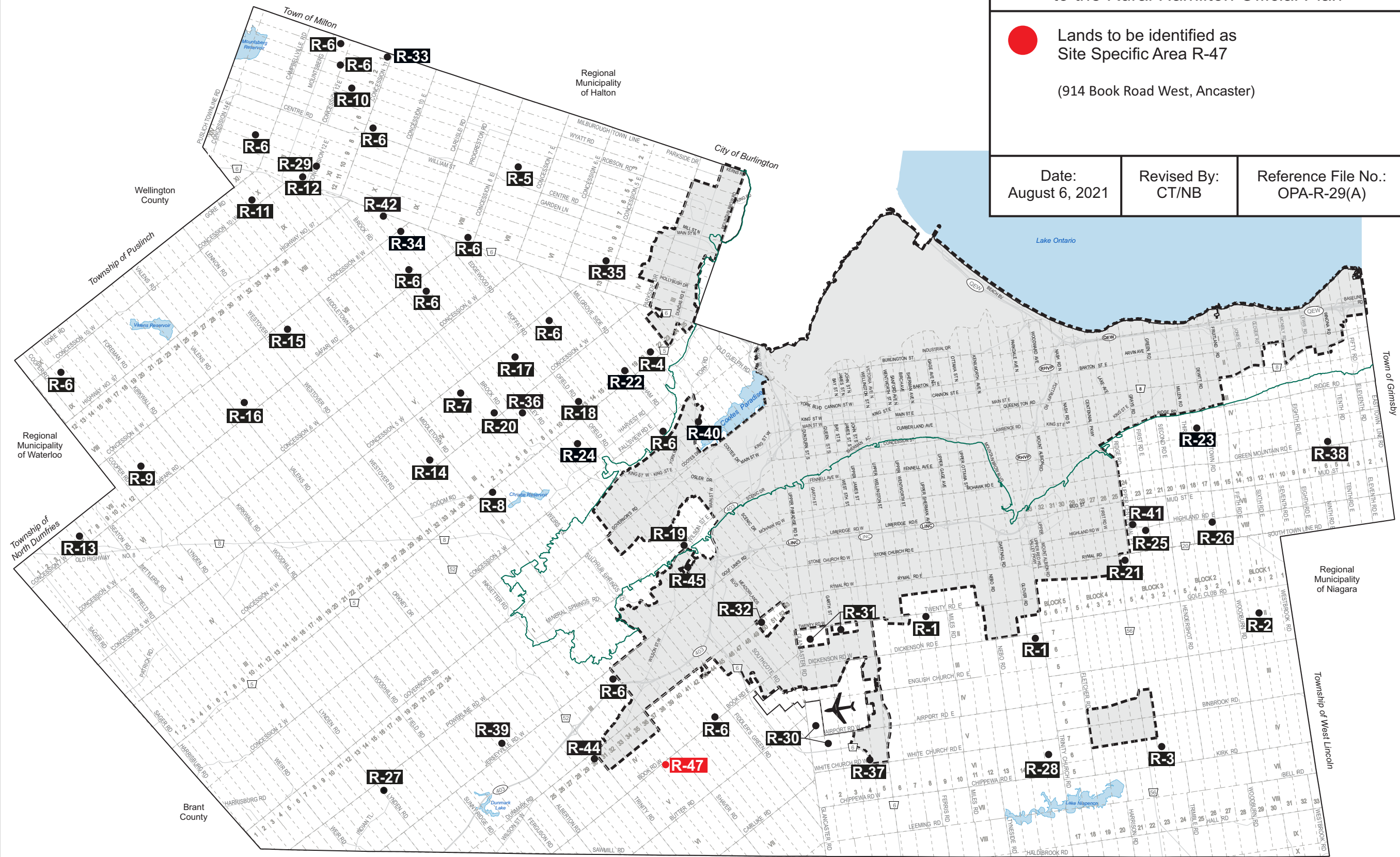






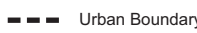

Appendix B APPROVED Amendment No. 29 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan

 Lands to be identified as
Site Specific Area R-47

(914 Book Road West, Ancaster)

Date: August 6, 2021	Revised By: CT/NB	Reference File No.: OPA-R-29(A)
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- Legend**
-  Site Specific Areas (SSA)
 - R-** Refers to Rural Site Specific Area #, Volume 3, Chapter B
- Other Features**
-  Urban Area
 -  John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
 -  Niagara Escarpment
 -  Urban Boundary
 -  Municipal Boundary

Council Adoption: September 27, 2006
Ministerial Approval: December 24, 2008
Effective Date: March 7, 2012

Rural Hamilton Official Plan Volume 3: Appendix A Site Specific Key Map

Not To Scale
Date: February 2021



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Haldimand County

Authority: Item 1, General Issues Committee
Report 19-019 (PW19083/FCS18048(a))
CM: October 9, 2019
Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 140

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Authorize the Execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario

WHEREAS on October 9, 2019, the Council of the City of Hamilton approved Item 1 of General Issues Committee Report 19-019 (PW19083/FCS18048(a)), as amended, and authorized the City of Hamilton to apply to receive funding for projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting on October 9, 2019, the Council of the City of Hamilton also authorized the signing of all necessary documentation, including the Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation, to receive funding for the approved projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Hamilton the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream ("Agreement") between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario, and the City of Hamilton in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and with content acceptable to the General Manager, Public Works.
2. The Director of Transit is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City any amendment(s) to the Agreement or ancillary document(s) necessary to fulfill the ICIP requirements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
3. This by-law shall come into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

Authority: Item 2, Planning Committee
Report 21-012 (PED21138)
CM: August 13, 2021
Ward: City Wide
Bill No. 141

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

**To Establish City of Hamilton Land
Described as Part 2 on Plan 62R-21169
as Part of Rachel Drive**

WHEREAS sections 8, 9 and 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorize the City of Hamilton to pass By-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, and in particular By-laws with respect to highways; and

WHEREAS section 31(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that land may only become a highway by virtue of a By-law establishing the highway.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The land, owned by and located in the City of Hamilton, described as Part 2 on Plan 62R-21169, is established as a public highway, forming part of Rachel Drive.
2. This By-law comes into force on the date of its registration in the Land Registry Office (No. 62).

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

Authority: Item 10, Planning Committee
Report 21-012 (PED21157)
CM: August 13, 2021
Ward: 13

Bill No. 142

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Extend the Time Period of the Interim Control By-laws respecting lands in the former Town of Dundas, generally in the area bounded by Patterson road to the north, Cootes Paradise to the south, Highway No. 6 to the east, and Valley Road/York road to the west (Pleasantview)

WHEREAS section 38 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c.P. 13, as amended, permits the council of a municipality to pass an interim control by-law where the council has directed that a review or study be undertaken in respect of land use planning policies within the municipality or in any defined area or areas;

AND WHEREAS on September 10, 2020, City Council passed Interim Control By-law 20-186 for the purposes of undertaking a land use study in respect of land use policies and future underlying zoning by-law regulations to ensure the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and underlying Zoning By-laws are in conformity with Provincial policies including the Niagara Escarpment Plan within Pleasantview area of the former Town of Dundas;

AND WHEREAS City Council wishes to amend the Interim Control By-laws to extend the time period for an additional year, in accordance with subsection 38(2) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended, to complete the land use study;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That Section 4 of By-law No. 20-186 be amended to extend the time period for an additional year to expire on September 10, 2022.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law, in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to an extension of the Temporary Use By-law for Outdoor Commercial Patios and an addition to and extension of the Temporary Use By-law for Temporary Tents

WHEREAS By-law No. 20-181 amended the outdoor commercial patio regulations in Zoning By-law No. 05-200 to provide temporary relief from the locational requirements and to permit entertainment on outdoor commercial patios for certain commercial zones within the City of Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 20-215 amended By-law No. 20-181 to provide additional temporary relief from the locational requirements for outdoor commercial patios in certain commercial zones and to extend the period of time the by-law was in effect;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 20-214 amended the temporary tent regulations in Zoning By-law No. 05-200 to allow tents for restaurants and certain institutional uses in certain commercial and institutional zones within the City of Hamilton to be erected for longer periods of time to accommodate physical distancing;

AND WHEREAS the temporary use permissions of By-law Nos. 20-214 and 20-215 expire on October 31, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 39(3) of the *Planning Act* provides that Council may by by-law grant further periods of time that the temporary use is in effect for a period not more than three years;

AND WHEREAS Step One of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen includes permissions for outdoor uses and to facilitate the reopening plan, businesses may seek to erect temporary tents but in doing so, may not be able to meet the temporary use by-law provisions for temporary tents in Zoning By-law No. 05-200;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate to amend the temporary tent regulations to allow tents on a temporary basis, to be erected for longer periods of time for an expanded range of uses in certain commercial zones, uses permitted in the Community Park (P2) Zone, the City Wide (P3) Zone, and certain commercial uses and accessory commercial uses permitted in certain industrial zones, to facilitate the Province's Roadmap to Reopen;

AND WHEREAS Council approved Item 6 of Report 21-012 of the Planning Committee, at the meeting held on August 13, 2021;

AND WHEREAS this By-law conforms to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE Council amends Zoning By-law No. 05-200 as follows:

1. That the period of time Temporary Use By-law No. 20-214 and Temporary Use By-law No. 20-181, as amended by Temporary Use By-law No. 20-215, are in effect shall be extended to December 31, 2021.
2. That Schedule “A” – Zoning Maps of Zoning By-law 05-200 is amended by adding the Temporary Use symbol to Maps 102, 118, 124, 142-143, 148, 172-173, 199-200, 310, 340, 380-381, 411, 413, 476, 523, 548, 611, 613, 642, 658-659, 739, 749-752, 776, 789-792, 817,821, 823-824, 828-833, 914-920, 959, 962, 991, 1002-1006, 1013, 1022, 1035, 1049, 1059, 1068, 1088, 1094-1096, 1098-1099, 1147-1148, 1159, 1201-1204, 1213, 1244, 1255-1257, 1296, 1309-1310, 1313, 1349, 1365, 1393, 1400-1401, 1404, 1439, 1441-1442, 1446, 1451, 1481, 1484-1493, 1495, 1525, 1528-1531, 1535-1542, 1545, 1548, 1570, 1573-1574, 1580-1581, 1584-1585, 1590, 1592, 1627-1629, 1634, 1637, 1671, 1676-78, 1717, 1784, 1883, 1908.
3. That Schedule “E” – Temporary Use Provisions is amended by deleting and replacing Temporary Use Provision T-8 as follows:
 - “8. Within the lands zoned Downtown Central Business District (D1) Zone, Downtown Mixed Use – Pedestrian Focus (D2) Zone, Downtown Mixed Use (D3) Zone, Community Park (P2) Zone, City Wide (P3) Zone, Neighbourhood Institutional (I1) Zone, Community Institutional (I2) Zone, Major Institutional (I3) Zone, Research and Development (M1) Zone, General Business Park (M2) Zone, Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone, Business Park Support (M4) Zone, General Industrial (M5) Zone, Light Industrial (M6) Zone, Airside Industrial (M7) Zone, Airport Related Business (M8) Zone, Airport Light Industrial (M10) Zone, Airport Prestige Business (M11) Zone, Shipping and Navigation (Port Lands) (M13) Zone, Shipping and Navigation (East Port) (M14) Zone, Neighbourhood Commercial (C2) Zone, Community Commercial (C3) Zone, Mixed Use High Density (C4) Zone, Mixed Use Medium Density (C5) Zone, Mixed Use Medium Density - Pedestrian Focus (C5a) Zone, District Commercial (C6) Zone, Arterial Commercial (C7) Zone, Transit Oriented Corridor Mixed Use Medium Density (TOC1) Zone, Transit Oriented Corridor Local Commercial (TOC2) Zone, Transit Oriented Corridor Mixed Use High Density – Pedestrian Focus (TOC4) Zone, the following provisions shall apply for the period running to December 31, 2021:
 - a) That notwithstanding Section 3, 4.18 d), and 5.1 c) the following provisions shall apply to temporary tents for uses permitted in the Downtown Central Business District (D1) Zone, Downtown Mixed Use – Pedestrian Focus (D2) Zone, Downtown Mixed Use (D3)

Zone, Community Park (P2) Zone, City Wide (P3) Zone, Neighbourhood Commercial (C2) Zone, Community Commercial (C3) Zone, Mixed Use High Density (C4) Zone, Mixed Use Medium Density (C5) Zone, Mixed Use Medium Density - Pedestrian Focus (C5a) Zone, District Commercial (C6) Zone, Arterial Commercial (C7) Zone, Transit Oriented Corridor Mixed Use Medium Density (TOC1) Zone, Transit Oriented Corridor Local Commercial (TOC2) Zone, Transit Oriented Corridor Mixed Use High Density – Pedestrian Focus (TOC4) Zone, for places of worship, hospitals, and educational establishments in the Neighbourhood Institutional (I1) Zone, Community Institutional (I2) Zone and Major Institutional (I3) Zone, and personal services, restaurants, and retail, and accessory commercial uses to a permitted use in the Research and Development (M1) Zone, General Business Park (M2) Zone, Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone, Business Park Support (M4) Zone, General Industrial (M5) Zone, Light Industrial (M6) Zone, Airside Industrial (M7) Zone, Airport Related Business (M8) Zone, Airport Light Industrial (M10) Zone, Airport Prestige Business (M11) Zone, Shipping and Navigation (Port Lands) (M13) Zone, Shipping and Navigation (East Port) (M14) Zone:

1. the temporary use by-law with respect to tents, shall not apply to the Residential Commercial (C1) Zone;
 2. the temporary tent shall not be in operation for more than 6 consecutive months;
 3. the temporary tent shall not be subject to any minimum or maximum yard setbacks or parking requirements of the zone;
 4. notwithstanding Clause 3. above, the temporary tent shall be setback a minimum of 5 metres from a Residential Zone;
 5. the temporary tent shall not occupy areas devoted to barrier-free parking space(s) or loading space(s);
 6. the temporary tent shall not be used for human habitation; and,
 7. for the purposes of this Temporary Use by-law, a temporary tent shall not be considered as an accessory building.”
4. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of passage of this By-law in accordance with the *Planning Act*.
 5. That this By-law comes into force in accordance with Sections 34 and 39 of the *Planning Act*.

To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to an extension of the
Temporary Use By-law for Outdoor Commercial Patios and an addition to and extension of the
Temporary Use By-law for Temporary Tents

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PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

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To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to an extension of the
Temporary Use By-law for Outdoor Commercial Patios and an addition to and extension of the
Temporary Use By-law for Temporary Tents

Authority: Item 8, Planning Committee
Report 21-012 (PED21049(a))
CM: August 13, 2021
Ward: City Wide
Bill No. 144

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Amend Property Standards By-law No. 10-221, as Amended, a By-law to Prescribe Standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of Property

WHEREAS; Council enacted a by-law to prescribe standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property, being City of Hamilton By-law No.10-221; and

WHEREAS Council wishes to amend By-law No. 10-221 to include standards to enhance the health and safety of rental houses and apartments within the City.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering and letter changes.
2. That Subsection 2(1) to By-law No. 10-221 be amended by adding the following definition:

“appliances” means, but is not limited to, a stove, refrigerator, clothes washer, clothes dryer, dishwasher, air conditioner or a hot water tank;
3. That Bylaw No. 10-221 is amended by retitling Section 9 to:

DOORS, WINDOWS, SECURITY SYSTEMS AND LOCKING ETC.

4. That Section 9 to Bylaw No. 10-221 is amended by adding the following subsection:

Intercoms and Security Locking

9(7) In multiple dwellings where a voice communications system between each dwelling unit and the front lobby and a security locking and release facilities for the entrance have been provided and are controlled from each dwelling unit, such facilities shall be maintained in good repair.
5. That Subsection 10(1) to By-law No. 10-221 is repealed and the following substituted:

10(1) Natural or mechanical ventilation of a room or space in a building shall be Building Code compliant, regularly cleaned, and maintained so as to properly perform its intended function.
6. That By-law No. 10-221 is amended by retitling Section 12 to:

STAIRWAYS, LANDINGS, BALCONIES, PORCHES, COMMON AREAS, ETC.

7. That Section 12 to By-law No. 10-221 is amended by adding the following subsections:

COMMON AREAS

12(5) All interior common areas and exterior common areas shall be kept clean and free of hazards.

12(6) For the purpose of subsection (5), “interior common areas” includes, but is not limited to, laundry rooms, garbage rooms, corridors, lobbies, vestibules, boiler rooms, parking garages, storage areas, stairways, mail collection areas, and recreation rooms.

8. That Subsection 13(5) to By-law No. 10-221 is repealed and the following substituted:

13(5) Where a floor has been covered with a sheet or vinyl floor covering or other flooring that has become worn or torn so that it retains dirt or may create an unsafe condition, the sheet or vinyl flooring or other floor covering shall be repaired or replaced comparable in design and colour with adjoining decorative finishing materials.

9. That Section 13 to By-law No. 10-221 is amended by adding the following subsection:

13(8) Any repair or replacement to a wall or ceiling shall have a similar finish to that of the original covering and comparable to the surrounding finishes.

10. That Subsection 15(1) to By-law No. 10-221 is amended by adding the following clause:

15(1)(e) every cupboard, kitchen fixture and fitting shall be maintained in a state of good repair and working order.

11. That By-law No. 10-221 is amended by adding the following Section:

APPLIANCES

15.1 Appliances supplied by the landlord of a rental unit shall be maintained in a good state of repair and in a safe operable condition.

12. That Subsection 24(1) to By-law No. 10-221 is repealed and the following substituted:

24(1) A waste storage area, including a waste chute, disposal rooms, containers and receptacles shall be washed down, disinfected and maintained as is necessary to be clean and odour free.

13. That in all other respects, By-law No. 10-221 is confirmed.

14. That the provisions of this by-law shall take full force and effect on its day of passing.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Amend By-law 17-225, a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties

WHEREAS; Council enacted a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties, being By-law No. 17-225; and

WHEREAS this By-law amends By-law No. 17-225.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering and lettering changes.
2. That Table 14 titled By-law 10-221 Property Standards to Schedule A of By-law No.17-225 is amended by adding the following items:

TABLE 14: BY-LAW 10-221 PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW				
ITEM	COLUMN 1 DESIGNATED BY- LAW & SECTION		COLUMN 2 SHORT FORM WORDING	COLUMN 3 SET PENALTY
158	10-221	9(7)	front lobby voice communication system not maintained in good repair	\$100.00
159	10-221	9(7)	front lobby security locks not maintained in good repair	\$100.00
160	10-221	10(1)	natural/mechanical ventilation not cleaned	\$100.00
161	10-221	12(5)	fail to keep common areas clean and free of hazards	\$100.00
162	10-221	15(1)(e)	cupboard not maintained in good repair or working order	\$100.00
163	10-221	15(1)(e)	kitchen fixture/fitting not maintained in good repair or working order	\$100.00
164	10-221	15.1	fail to maintain appliance (specify)	\$100.00

3. That in all other respects, By-law 17-225 is confirmed; and
4. That the provisions of this by-law shall become effective on the date approved by City Council.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Amend City of Hamilton By-law 09-190, Being a By-law Requiring the Supply of Vital Services and To Amend City of Hamilton By-law 17-225, being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties

WHEREAS Council has the authority under the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006 Chapter 17 (the "*Residential Tenancies Act*") and the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, to require the supply of vital services by landlords to tenants for the tenants' health and safety; and,

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to add "water" to the list of vital services and to add notice provisions so that tenants know when the landlord will be shutting off a vital service.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering and letter changes.
2. That the following definition be added to By-law 09-190:

"APS By-law" shall mean the City's Administrative Penalties By-law No. 17-225;

3. That subsection 3(4) of By-law 09-190 be repealed and replaced with the following:

This By-law only applies to vital services which are gas, fuel oil, electricity or water.

4. That subsection 4(1) of By-law 09-190 be amended by adding the following subsection:

4 (1) (a) The landlord or property managers of a building shall notify the tenants of that building if a vital service will be shut off for any period of time, in accordance with the requirements under this By-law.

(b) The notice from the landlord or property manager to the affected tenant (s) shall be in writing and shall be given to the tenant (s) at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the vital service being shut off, or as soon as practicable under the circumstances. Notices may be sent by e-

mail, mail, or a notice posted in a conspicuous place in the building where it is most likely to come to the attention of the tenants.

(c) The notice shall indicate the reason for the vital service being shut off and the expected time it will be turned back on.

5. That By-law 09-190 be amended by adding the following after clause 14:

14.1 Without limiting the above, every person who contravenes this by-law may also be liable, upon issuance of a penalty notice, to pay an administrative penalty in an amount specified in the APS By-law.

14.2 An administrative penalty imposed by the City on a person under section 434.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, constitutes a debt of the person to the municipality. If an administrative penalty is not paid within 15 days after the day that it becomes due and payable, the City may add the administrative penalty to the tax roll for any property in the city of Hamilton for which all of the owners are responsible for paying the administrative penalty and collect it in the same manner as municipal taxes

6. That Schedule A of By-law No.17-225 be amended by adding the following table:

TABLE 28: BY-LAW NO. 09-190 REQUIRING THE SUPPLY OF VITAL SERVICES				
ITEM	COLUMN 1 DESIGNATED BY-LAW & SECTION		COLUMN 2 SHORT FORM WORDING	COLUMN 3 SET PENALTY
1	09-190	4(1)	Fail to provide adequate and suitable vital services	\$500.00
2	09-190	4(1)(a)	Fail to provide proper notice re shut-off of vital service	\$300.00

7. That in all other respects, By-law 09-190 and 17-225 are confirmed; and,

8. That the provisions of this By-law shall become effective on the date approved by City Council.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

 F. Eisenberger
 Mayor

 A. Holland
 City Clerk

Authority: Item 3, Audit, Finance &
Administration Committee
August 12, 2021
CM: August 13, 2021
Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 147

CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 21-

A By-law to Authorize the Use of Optical Scanning Vote Tabulators and to Authorize Use of a Special Vote by Mail as an Alternative Voting Method and to repeal By-law 17-059 and By-law 03-200.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c32* provides that the Council of a local municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of an alternate voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

WHEREAS Section 42(5) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c32* provides when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, sections 43 (advance votes) and section 44 (voting proxies) apply only if the by-law so specifies;

WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, SO 1996, c 32* provides that the council of a local municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators;

WHEREAS Council recognizes the benefits of alternative voting methods to remove voting barriers for the electorate who are unable to attend voting in person;

WHEREAS research and practice has overwhelmingly shown that vote-by-mail is a safe and secure method of voting; and,

WHEREAS Council is committed to accessibility to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That this By-law be referred to as the Municipal Election Voting Methods and Tabulating By-law.
2. That the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in municipal elections is hereby authorized for municipal elections in accordance with Section 42(1)(a) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

3. That the use of a special vote-by-mail is hereby authorized for use in municipal elections as an alternative voting method in accordance with Section 42(1)(b) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
4. That Sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (voting proxies) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* shall not apply to special vote by mail authorized by this By-law.
5. That this By-law shall come into force on the date of its enactment.
6. That By-laws 03-200 and 17-059 are hereby repealed.

PASSED this 13th Day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

Andrea Holland
City Clerk

Authority: Item 2, Audit, Finance & Administration
Committee 21-012
CM: August 13, 2021
Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 148

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

To Amend By-law No. 21-021, the Council Procedural By-law

WHEREAS Council enacted a Council Procedural By-law being City of Hamilton By-law No. 21-021;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law 21-021.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 21-021, be amended to reflect the following amendments:

1.1 In this By-law,

“**ELE**” means Electronic meeting procedures and applies to Virtual and Hybrid meetings ~~during an emergency~~ and used only when the procedures for Electronic meetings differ from In-Person (INP) procedures.

“**Hybrid**” means a proceeding where some members participate virtually and some members participate in-person at Council and Committee meetings ~~during an emergency~~.

“**Virtual**” means a proceeding where members participate online or on a computer screen, rather than In-Person during Council and Committee meetings ~~during an emergency~~.

3.4 Special Meetings of Council

(7) *Notwithstanding subsection 3.4(3), on urgent and extraordinary occasions, with the consent of the majority of all the Members of Council, recorded in the Minutes, a special meeting of the Council may be called by the Mayor without notice to consider and deal with such urgent and extraordinary matters.*

3.7 Quorum

- (2) A majority of Members of Council is necessary to constitute a quorum of Council.

(2.1) A Member of Council participating in-person or virtually shall be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of Members is present at any point in time.

3.11 Order of Business

- (1) The Order of Business for scheduled IN-PERSON / VIRTUAL / HYBRID meetings of Council, unless amended by Council in the course of the meeting, shall be as follows:

- (a) Approval of Agenda
- (b) Declarations of Interest
- (c) Ceremonial Activities ~~(ELE--During a VIRTUAL/HYBRID meeting ceremonial activities shall only be permitted to take place Virtually)~~
- (d) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- (e) Communications
- (f) Committee Reports
- (g) Motions
- (h) Notice of Motions
- (i) Statement by Members (non-debatable)
- (j) Council Communication Updates
- (k) Private and Confidential
- (l) By-laws and Confirming By-law
- (m) Adjournment

- (2) All Ceremonial Activities at Council meetings will take place virtually, during an Emergency.**

5.4 Quorum

- (1) The quorum for all Committees shall be a half of the membership rounded up to the nearest whole number.

(1.1) A Member of a Committee participating in-person or virtually shall be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time.

5.11 Order of Business

- (1) The general Order of Business for the IN-PERSON / VIRTUAL / HYBRID scheduled meetings of Committees, unless amended by the Committee in the course of the meeting, shall be as follows:
 - (a) Ceremonial Activities ~~*(ELE--During a VIRTUAL/HYBRID meeting ceremonial activities shall only be permitted to take place Virtually)*~~
 - (b) Approval of Agenda
 - (c) Declarations of Interest
 - (d) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - (e) Communications
 - (f) Delegation Requests
 - (g) Consent Items
 - (h) Staff Presentations
 - (i) Public Hearings/ Delegations
 - (j) Discussion Items
 - (k) Motions
 - (l) Notice of Motions
 - (m) General Information/Other Business
 - (n) Private and Confidential
 - (o) Adjournment

- (3) ***All Ceremonial Activities at Committee meetings will take place virtually, during an Emergency.***

5.12 Delegations

- (1) **INP** Persons who wish to appear as a delegation at an IN-PERSON meeting will appear in-person ***or virtually*** to address a Committee

ELE Persons who wish to appear as a delegation at a VIRTUAL/ HYBRID meeting will appear virtually to address a Committee

- (c) ***Persons wishing to delegate with a pre-recorded video on a matter that is listed on the Committee agenda, shall make a request in writing to be listed as delegate to the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon two business days before the meeting. If the Committee is meeting on Monday, the deadline will be 12:00 noon on the Thursday before.***

- (d) All delegates (appearing VIRTUALLY or IN-PERSON) shall complete the "Request to Speak to a Committee of Council" form (available on the City's website at <https://www.hamilton.ca/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/request-speak-committee-council>).

- (5) An IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL delegation ***or a delegate with a pre-recorded video*** of one or more persons, shall be limited to an oral presentation of not more than five minutes.

8.5 No person except members of Council or a Committee, the Clerk, and officials authorized by the Clerk, shall:

- (a) be allowed on the floor while an IN-PERSON / ***HYBRID*** meeting is being held, namely where members of Council or Committee, the Clerk, and officials authorized by the Clerk are seated

and from which they speak;

- (b) before or during an IN-PERSON / **HYBRID** meeting of the Council or a Committee, place on the desks of members or otherwise distribute any material whatsoever unless such person is so acting with the approval of the Clerk.

9.5 A member of Council, of a Local Board or of a Committee of either of them can participate virtually in a meeting that is closed to the public.

~~**10.1 Virtual participation is prohibited at Council and/or Committee meetings, except where permitted during an Emergency as set out in subsection 10.2.**~~

10.1 Virtual participation, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* and/or any other applicable legislation, is permitted by members of Council at Council and/or Committee meetings ~~during an emergency~~ when attending in-person is not possible.

10.2 Virtual participation, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* and/or any other applicable legislation, is permitted by Citizen Committee members at Committee meetings ~~during an emergency~~ when attending in-person is not possible.

10.3 Virtual participation, that is consistent with the obligation to hold public meetings in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* and/or any other applicable legislation, or at a Standing Committee of Council is permitted by members of the public at Committee meetings.

10.4 Members of Council and Citizen Committee members who intend on participating at a meeting virtually should advise the Clerk at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

10.5 The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair or Vice Chair presiding at a Council or Committee meeting shall attend in-person at a HYBRID meeting.

**SECTION 11 – IN-PERSON / VIRTUAL / HYBRID
MEETINGS DURING AN EMERGENCY**

11.1 All VIRTUAL ~~/ HYBRID~~ Council and Committee meetings shall be streamed live.

11.2 ***All IN-PERSON / HYBRID Council and Committee meetings may be streamed live.***

11.3 Upon being apprised that an IN-PERSON / HYBRID meeting is interrupted and cannot proceed with its live feed, due to loss of connection, sound or video, the meeting will continue as long as quorum is maintained and the connection will be resumed as soon as possible.

11.4 Upon being apprised that a VIRTUAL meeting is interrupted and cannot proceed with its live feed, due to loss of connection, sound or video, the meeting will be recessed for up to 15 minutes.

11.5 If the live feed of a VIRTUAL meeting cannot be resumed within 15 minutes, the meeting will be considered adjourned with the names of the Council/Committee members present and any decisions of Council/Committee up to the point in time of the interruption shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The Council/Committee meeting will be rescheduled to another day or the next regularly scheduled meeting date.

2 This By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 13th day of August, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk