



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

21-020

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS

- *4.9. Correspondence from Tim Corcoran, Vice President, Molok North America Ltd., respecting the revised Waste guidelines discussed at the November 1, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 2 of Public Works Committee Report 21-016.

- *4.10. Correspondence respecting GRIDS 2, the Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment:
- *4.10.a. Hamilton Needs Housing Petition containing 3431 signatures in support of a balanced approach (Option 1 - Ambitious Density)

*4.10.b. Hamilton Needs Housing Written Submissions:

Lyn Acke

Cameron Adams

Jim Addley

John Aitken

Lisa Allen

Malik Alsudani

Rhonda Armstrong

Emi Arrua

Gord Baker

Peter Bauce

Cordy Bello

Katherine Borthwick

Ken Boychuk

Theo Breimer

Anthony Byrne

Anthony Byrne

Adela Campello

Pasquale Caterini

Alex Cerelli

Brenda Chase

Laurie Chiasson

Lloyd Cormier

Mark Cunningham

Robert Daley

Sylvie Davies

Joan Dennie

Kelly Ducharme

Patrick Ducharme

Don Duggan
Allan Easson
Brian & Mary Ecker
Bruno Facchin
Carol Faries
Danielle Fenn
James Frenza
Sara Frenza
John Gaudet
Marlene Gibson
Sylvia Gratto
John Green
Maria Hall
Leslie Hansen
Rob Hines
Paul Hoang
D. Horwood
David Howe
Diana Hutton
Rizza Ignacio
David Ionico
Steve Kaczmarczyk
Kinnear Kathleen
Luccillie Kellar
Alexandra Kobylecky
Norine Kolaski
Joyce Kowalchuk
John Leuser
Linda Lewyckyj
Ellie Lindsay

Kevin Lochhead
Maria Lochner
Carlo J Lucci
Antonio Mandrique
Daniel Marcellini
Mino Mariella
Roxanne Martin
Birgit Mathieson
Eddy Mauro
Anna Maxwell
Jacqueline Mccann
Maureen Mcdougall
John Meneok
John Meneok
Karen Montesanto
Karen Moore
Dakota Moore
Tyler Moscatel
Steve Moscatel
Nadia Moscatel
Christina Muise
Bonnie Mustard
Jan Nagy
Joanne Neven
Chantal Newport
Claudia Noyes
Vaughn O'halloran
Vaughn O'halloran
Kevin O'toole
Mirella Parmigiani

Sherry Paterson
Michael Piersanti
Lisa Pogue
Kathy Reddicliffe
Marnie Roberts
Liliana Romaker
Camella Ross
Lynda Rudy
John Runino
Tyler Running
Peter Schultz
Linda Shelton
Les Sieminski
Joseph Soares
Rebecca Styres
Gail Sullivan
Kathleen Sullivan
Randy Taylor
Barbara Thomasson
Joseph Thomson
Annan Thow
John Vuckovic
Shirley Walker
Larry Williams
Shirley Wright

*4.10.c. Zoe Kazakos

- (d) Tom Ciancone
- (e) Jessie Cardarelli
- (f) Andra Zommers
- (g) Cc Benz
- (h) Elizabeth Kata
- (i) Norman Brown
- (j) Doris Clayton
- (k) Melissa Deutsch
- (l) Carole Docherty
- (m) Andrew and Nadine Smith
- (n) Heather Connell
- (o) Natasia Taylor
- (p) Kathy Garneau
- (q) Danielle Hitchcock
- (r) Richard Talbot
- (s) Kara Jongeling
- (t) Chris Pate
- (u) Doreen Stermann
- (v) Veronika Siwak
- (w) Gail Lorimer
- (x) Joanne Patak
- (y) Sheila McEwen
- (z) Pat Kozowyk and Ernst von der Kall
- (aa) Jenn Brasch
- (ab) David Wallis
- (ac) Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar
- (ad) Linda Ellis
- (ae) Carol Walrath

- (af) Marie Christine Nixon
- (ag) John Hannah and Barb McKean
- (ah) Linda Kajganic
- (ai) Sydney Davis
- (aj) Jane Glatt
- (ak) Lori Ciotti
- (al) Kathy Ferguson
- (am) Reuven Dukas
- (an) Peter Guahie
- (ao) Alex Gabaldo
- (ap) Rita Knapp
- (aq) Martin Hudson
- (ar) Karly Doehring
- (as) Geoff Wilson
- (at) Joanna Sargent
- (au) Jillian Vieira
- (av) Natasha Huyer
- (aw) Naomi Newton
- (ax) Nicole Tollenaar
- (ay) Catherine and Joe Raso
- (az) Naomi Neufeld
- (ba) Denise Duvall
- (bb) Lloyd Docherty
- (bc) Peter Hall
- (bd) Isabel Margetts
- (be) Mary Walihura
- (bf) Rowan Cotton
- (bg) Gerten Basom
- (bh) Mary-Jane McKitterick
- (bi) Terry Basom

(bj) Sheila Van Leusden
(bk) Alexander Szafarski
(bl) Joyce Muir
(bm) Judy McCollum
(bn) Justin Minett
(bo) K. Pingree
(bp) Karen Gordon
(bq) Kate Whalen
(br) Katherine King
(bs) Katie Rees
(bt) Kay Chornook
(bu) Kelly Brouwer
(bv) Kelly Ebers
(bw) Kelsey Worboys
(bx) Kim Dunlop
(by) Kim Newcombe
(bz) Krystyna Shoveller
(ca) Kyle Rozoski
(cb) Lauren Tindall
(cc) Laura Joldersma
(cd) Laurie Nielsen
(ce) Leif Peng
(cf) Leo Dragtoe
(cg) Linda Lannigan
(ch) Lindsay Greene
(ci) Jonathan Lopez
(cj) Brent Jukes
(ck) Margaret Juraj
(cl) Margaret Tremblay
(cm) Kate Winstanley & Family

(cn) Laura Cortiula
(co) Margo May Taylor
(cp) Margot Carnahan
(cq) Marilyn Marchesseau
(cr) Mark Cathcart
(cs) Mark Wozny
(ct) Mary Johnston
(cu) Megan Armstrong
(cv) Melissa Sant
(cw) Michelle den Hollander
(cx) Michelle Piano
(cy) Mike Fox
(cz) Monica Palkowski
(da) Pamela Robinson
(db) Pat Wilson
(dc) Patricia Banderado
(de) Paul Shaker
(df) Phil Van Impe
(dg) Robert Wakulat
(dh) Ryan Strang
(di) Sara Perks
(dj) Sasha Katz
(dk) Scott Downie
(dl) Shannon Webb
(dm) Sherrie Coulson
(dn) Stan Nowak
(do) Susan Frasson
(dp) Susan Tournidis
(dq) Susan Willis
(dr) Tania Turner

- (ds) Tanya Reid
- (dt) Tim O'Connot
- (du) Tom St. Michael
- (dv) Victoria Quirino
- (dw) Wendy Darby
- (dx) Zoe Green

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of General Issues Committee Report 21-023.

- *4.11. Correspondence from Jack Restivo of Jack Restivo Professional Corporation respecting Principles Integrity Report against Councillor Whitehead dated November 3, 2021.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 5.1.

- *4.12. Correspondence from Stan Capobianco, President, Associated Paving & Material Ltd. Respecting Associated Paving & Materials Ltd. ("Associated Paving") Contract C15-71-17 -

Prequalified Contractors for Permanent Restoration of Pavement Cuts in Asphalt and Concrete Pavements Recommendation Letter of City of Hamilton Manager of Procurement Dated October 19, 2021 Pertaining to Commercial Relationship with Associated Paving ("Recommendation Letter") --- City's Procurement Sub-Committee Meeting on October 29, 2021 ("Procurement Sub-Committee Meeting") -- Audit, Finance & Administration Committee ("AFAC") Meeting on November 4, 2021 ("AFAC Committee Meeting") – City Council Meeting on November 10, 2021.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 3 (a) of Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-019.

7. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- *7.1. Issuance of Demolition Permit for 27 Deerhurst Road, Stoney Creek
- *7.2. Review of the Powers Delegated to the Head of Council Under the Municipal Act 2001, As Amended

10. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- *10.2. A Matter respecting an Identifiable Individual (no copy)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or a local board employees.

November 4, 2021

Andrea Holland
City Clerk
Hamilton City Hall
2nd Floor – 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON
L8P 4Y5

4.9

Ms. Holland,

I am writing as a follow up to the Public Works meeting in which the revised Waste guidelines were discussed. We – Molok North America were given the opportunity to present, which we did. However, as the meeting unfolded there were a few areas that did not get addressed and I would like to take the opportunity to do so.

Before I start, however, I am not challenging the entire package nor promoting a singular company, but rather the industry – crane lifted and the idea of innovation which seems to be missing. Within the guidelines Earth Bin was named which seems to be a conflict – why were other suppliers – Molok®, Sutera, Ecoloxia - not named or included?

What I would like to address is some of the misinformation presented on Monday and provide some clarity on the benefits of allowing alternative waste containment - now and in the future.

The question was asked – “do other municipalities offer crane lifted service” the answer is **yes**.

- The Niagara Region added it to their most recent contract with both Millar Waste and GFL.
- Several municipalities in Quebec offer crane lifted service to their residence – Montreal Quebec City, Levi, Terrebonne to name a few.
- Toronto does not offer the service but there are several multi-residential examples where crane lifted has been implemented and benefited the residence.

Within Hamilton crane lifted service is offered by WM and Waste Connections to the following customers;

- Schools, commercial, Places of worship, condo’s and stacked town homes.
- There are over 150 crane lifted units in place
- There are examples of multi-residential customers – Valery Homes - converting from municipal service to private service – an issue not covered, but relevant.
- Molok North America has been operating for 22 years in North America and I know of no incidence of injury. The process is safe for all.

In Toronto, in conjunction with the City, we conducted a pilot project measuring the cost savings and diversion rates with a smaller condo that converted from conventional containment – dumpsters/carts to crane-lifted.

The results:

- Collections costs were reduced by 50% - more capacity, fewer service calls

- Diversion rates increased to over 60% - offer the right system and the residence do the right thing
- Residence and neighbours love the set up – no odour, no animals

We are asking the councillors to allow for more discussion with the industry regarding space and containment options. Most of the guidelines can be passed this year – chutes for taller buildings as an example. We would like to engage in more industry discussion over the next couple of months. Find solutions that benefit all participants. Then finalize the package in Q1 of 2022. I am confident the industry can meet that time frame.

Semi-underground crane-lifted containment is one option currently available and in use in over 60 countries. It has been available in North America for over 20 years with documented success, why not allow it in Hamilton?

Keep your great city and your partners open to future innovations.

Semi-underground crane lifted containment requires less space, encourages greater diversion which has been demonstrated throughout Europe and several areas throughout North America. In fact, within the Golden Horseshoe there are multiple crane lifted service options GFL, Waste Connections and Waste Management.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss the option and the benefits in an open and impartial manner with you and your colleagues.

I would respectfully ask that this globally accepted, environmentally responsible alternative be included in the guidelines as an option, similar to the way Earth Bin has been.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Hamilton Needs Housing Petition Report for GIC

3,431
Signatures
and counting...

When it comes to Hamilton's growth plans, **we support the balanced approach** (Option 1 - Ambitious Density). Hamilton needs housing and this option is a smart approach that will support supply and affordability for Hamilton residents while protecting 98% of farmland and 100% of the greenbelt.

November 8, 2021

A copy of the petition is available for viewing in the Office of the City Clerk



HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More young people and families find themselves unable to find the resources like a home to purchase or rent because of supply and demand. So Mom and Dad have to continue providing when it is time to slow down and give the young ones the privilege of doing and giving to show a grateful heart to parents. This lack of affordable house puts some families out of wack with the dream and opportunities we had as the older generation.

Lyn Acke



HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please look at the increasing number of homeless in our city. This is unacceptable.

We need more affordable housing options NOW!

Thank you.

Cameron Adams



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi. I have been in a 'city housing' for 11 years. I have been waiting for 10 yrs to upgrade from a bach. apt to a 1 bedroom apt. It has came to my attention, talking to neighbors, etc, that there is a serious backlog of people from all areas attempted to get into affordable housing. May I please request that more 'gear to income housing' be giving a top priority in your upcoming discussions. Thank you! (J.A.)

Jim Addley



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton does need housing now and it needs to be affordable. I do support a balanced approach because we do need to protect the greenbelt and farmland. There is a lot of land near where I live in Upper Stoney Creek that has been left empty for years. Is this a zoning issue? We need to make better use of the available land. My concern is that Council will listen to the supporters of the Stop the Sprawl movement who keep stating that they have a majority. Yes they had an overwhelming majority in a 18,000 people survey. However I and many of my neighbours never received this survey. Also I walk about 10 -15 kms a day up in my area and speak to many people and have yet to speak to a person who received this survey in the mail. My opinion would be that any results of the original survey are baseless.

John Aitken



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need more housing. We have a growing community and not enough housing is available for everyone that wants to live in this lovely community.

Lisa Allen



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing.

I support the expert plan

Malik Alsudani



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing now. Unless we build more homes of all kinds, as soon as possible, we will never be able to address housing affordability. Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities in North America for housing. Now is the time to do something about it. I just spent 9 months trying to find an affordable place for my disabled daughter and her two young children to live. At this rate my Grandchildren will never be able to afford to rent let a lone ever buy a home and that is wrong on so many levels especially here in Canada.

Rhonda Armstrong



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It is a disgrace that house prices can go so high and the city does nothing to avoid it while real estate agents get aaaaalllllll these bidding wars that should never happen. Also very Sad that young first time house Byers can't afford not a thing. Use all the spaces around the city, All the farmlands, all possible space to build and give access to potential buyers endlessly

Emi Arrua



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Not all land is Arible (suitable for Farming)

Additional land is absolutely REQUIRED to avoid Ghetto like Housing. The majority of people cannot afford housing now, let alone in the future. Prices will tumble in time.

Secure as much additional land as possible now, and plan for 2,500 sq Ft. homes, not the monster ones.

Gord Baker



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs more affordable housing

Peter Bauce



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am afraid that the continuous increase in house prices will end up creating a monoconomy in Hamilton. People will only work and pay mortgage and eat the basic. They will no longer have money for other things that drives an economy. That way other businesses will slowly die off. I hope we are looking at the big picture of what this no boundary expansion is capable of doing to our economy. Pls lift the band and let the economy strive.

Cordy Bello



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Our young people need hope that they will be able to find a home . Winter is coming. Housing is a basic need. We don't need more pumpkins and corn that rots in the fields . We need homes for families.

Katherine Borthwick



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Where will your children live? In a nice home with a back yard to play in and grow things. Distance between neighbors or in a cramped up apartment with no green space, nowhere to play except in hallways and no idea how things grow. Neighbors stacked on top of each other, not my ideal way of living. Look to the future, don't make another mistake like the LRT.

KEN BOYCHUK



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Thankyou for seeking our input on this important topic. I am concerned that the present trajectory is going to lead to unaffordable housing for our grandchildren and in order to counter this I am in favour of the urban boundary extension. I am also concerned about increased intensification which would alter the character of our Ancaster community if the boundary extension is denied. I believe the balanced approach recomended by expert city planners is the right way to go. Thankyou.

Theo Breimer



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the cost of buying a home being insurmountable for most people on their own, clearly more supply is an absolute must. Rural land awaiting zoning changes will help to remedy supply for housing issues.

Anthony Byrne



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton is a city on the grow. With Amazon employing hundreds of people and Garth St being extended straight through several fames fields, why would further residential development on Twenty Road not be allowed? More housing means more property taxes for the city.

Anthony Byrne



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been living in Hamilton since 1980. I have seen a great deal of change over the years. Hamilton has clearly transformed since then. We're no longer considered an undesirable living community. As a hot commodity for the 905 commuter, Hamilton is the destination for people who can't afford Toronto. As real estate prices soar to new unfathomable heights, many Hamiltonians have been left behind. Some have left Hamilton because it's not affordable. Others have been forced to buy homes at outrageous mortgage prices and they're now in debt that is not manageable. The pandemic has created a new housing crisis in our city as prices soar for both home buyers and renters, homelessness has hit disproportionate heights. All the while city council has sat on their laurels and allowed the vulnerable to be exploited and the dispossessed to be further marginalized. Closing down city housing units, selling others for profit and showing a general indifference to the suffering of its citizens. **HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING NOW!** Do your job and make controlling the housing and rental market a priority. Affordable housing is what we need. Greed has taken over our city. Don't you care about your constituents?

Adela Campello



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

One question I have is, the lands that were never included in the greenbelt ie: Mud St. east of Upper Centennial on the south side to 2nd. Rd. East on the south west side, are you now proposing that these are included in the push to curb the urban boundry expansion or are they still open for development? We need these new house builds to keep a balance of homes on the market and not create a shortage which will drive affordability through the roof. Not everyone may want to live in highrise multifloor units or town (row) houses, we should all have a choice. BUT by all means, land IN the greenbelt as proposed by our past governments when the lines were drawn way back when should remain. Thank you for the opportunity to have brought these thoughts to your attention.

Pasquale Caterini



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Voting against the urban boundary expansion is voting against a smart, balanced approach. The Province has set growth targets, and the City must meet them. The urban boundary expansion will benefit the long-term health of the City and its residents. You should support the plan that was developed by the City's expert planners.

Alex Cerelli



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With long waiting lists and a growing number of tents showing up, there is an urgency for more housing for Hamilton. Every citizen of Hamilton deserves to have shelter from the elements. Affordable housing is needed due to the low incomes of many citizens.

There has to be a solution to the situation. More housing would set the city on the right path to making sure every one has the opportunity to have access to a home. I implore city council to please find a way to bring more housing forward so every citizen can have a home to live in.

You don't want tent cities, so why not make sure more housing is available.

Brenda Chase



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am very concerned and disappointed that my young adult WORKING children cannot buy a home and have to pay extremely high rental costs. They cannot save to buy their own home because the rental costs are ridiculous! This has to stop now!

My one son moved to Welland because the rental was cheaper there. My other son is struggling to make ends meet paying rent and the way things are going he will never own a home of his own for his child and himself.

I'm sure there are a lot of young adults in the same situation, hard working parents and couples that need decent housing and opportunities to live in their own homes.

Laurie Chiasson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More single houses would be a plus compared to bedbug and roach breeding towers!

Lloyd Cormier



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need a balanced approach of new surveys and infill within the old city. Without new surveys new home buyers will simply go to other municipalities.

Mark Cunningham



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am on O.D.S.P. and I don't live well with others. I am currently paying \$843.15, which is rising to \$853.27 as of Jan. 1, 2022. Since my rent is raised more than 2x what my support increases each year, it's only a matter of time before my rent is too high to pay! Then what do I do?! I don't live well with others, so getting a roommate or room is NOT an option. Since rent for a 1br. is more than I get total each month, I can no longer afford to move anywhere! Build more rental properties!!!!

Robert Daley



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am on odsp and at the moment pay 1350.00/month on rent. I have to use my special diet just to pay on my rent. If I didn't have that extra money I would be on the street. Please help get those rent amounts lowered so people can afford rent.

Sylvie Davies



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

As a grandmother and a retired worker taking care of four of my grandchildren it would be nice if I could get a place to call home and affordable the rent here in Hamilton is very expensive and I know that there are many more family living here like me

Joan Dennie



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing now!

I have 2 children, one is 26 and ready to move out but he can't, there are no houses in his price range of 400,000 because of bidding wars and crazy mortgage rules that have led him to believe he will never be able to own a house on his own in his prime time for having a young family of his own. My daughter is 19, she also feels there is no hope for her based on what she sees her brother going through. Explain to my children why they can't have a normal life and have a family of their own in their own house!!!

WE NEED more housing options and an affordable future for all families in Hamilton. This is IMPORTANT for EVERYONES FUTURE !!! we need to stop giving our housing away to immigrants, love them to pieces but we need to take care of our own children FIRST !! Lets get people off the streets and out of poverty back to an affordable state of blue collar living.

Kelly Ducharme



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

A few weeks ago, as a last ditch effort after writing all other levels of government I chose to finally write the mayors office. Which sadly yet unsurprisingly garnered no response. This is that letter.

Good day to the mayor and/or office of the mayor,

I want to start this by saying I have lived in this city my whole life, I was born here and will likely be put to rest here one day, and everything in between. Like for example, owning my own home in my home town, which I cannot do.

I have at this point, reached out to federal and provincial governments asking, near begging for something to be done about affordable housing. Which has garnered no response. By this I don't mean a stack of housing equalling one bedroom apartments, I'm talking about good, family friendly affordable homes that people want to buy. Here is the underline issue in my eyes, to rent a house now in this city has become impossible, it cost around \$2300 to rent! You could mortgage up if your lucky for around \$1600 a month as long as things remain smooth. The problem is the price of a home in this city has now gone above and beyond the average income for this city.

The home I live in now which I rent with my wife from my father was purchased in 2008 for around 150,000. 13 years have passed and it could potentially sell for 700,000. Which on a straight inflation calculation is absurd. 150,000 from 2008 to now inflated should only be about \$181,906, which is approximately a 284 percent increase. Ridiculous when wages have gone up (in my trade, anyway) about ten dollars in the last 13 years, from roughly 30 dollars per hour to 40 dollars an hour on the high end if your lucky. The average is more like 37 dollars per hour earned. Which is not your take home. Speaking of which, taxes have also increased! Everywhere. Did you

see the price of gas this morning? When an entire barrel of crude costs about 60-70 dollars, i have a very hard time seeing why 1 litre of fuel is \$1.40. Higher in some places. But lets not get into that.

The point im trying to make, mr mayor, the office of the mayor, whoever may read this, is we cant live anymore. Your either house poor or you pay an even higher rent. You buy gas and have the luxury of a car, or you save and take the bus whenever its available. Take a walk down the street, stop in at a local pub or a convenience store, stop and smell the roses and dont forget to read between the lines.

Ask people what their dreams are, and remember what it might have been like for you the first time you bought a car, or shopped for a house with your wife looking to grow a family. I don't expect youl answer, no one ever does. But please, ask the right people the right questions. The right people. The right questions.

Patrick Ducharme



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Tall towers and centralized building is not what Hamilton needs .

Look at the industrial Parks - affordable housing needs to located in proximity to jobs.

Don

Don Duggan



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I grew up in Hamilton and moved out of the area for a few years to go to school for a specific program i wanted to do. Unfortunately due to rising cost of living in Hamilton, the price is too unaffordable in Hamilton. My fiancé and i make about 90,000 together gross pay but unfortunately anything under 100 000 your pretty much priced out of the market when homes are easily over 500 000. Most are over 600,000 and climbing. If you look at the average wages in Ontario only 11% of most people make over that. Most people got into the market way before the surge happened (before 2016). For the average person its unaffordable. I have a paramedic friend who makes about 100 000 a year himself and hes in his 40s and is on his own and cannot afford a home with his wages. He would have to move to the east coast or something where homes are much cheaper. This is not right. There are hard working people like him in Hamilton who should have the opportunity to own a little home even. Its just too much!! Something needs to give. My fiancé and i can afford about 400 000 ourself. The market is way beyond that.

Allan Easson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

HAMILTON DEFINITELY HAS TO GET A LOT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE 6 GRANDKIDS THAT WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BUY THEIR OWN HOUSE. THERE WERE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE PARK AROUND THJE CORNER & WHEN THEY WERE KICKED OUT THENEIGHBOURS BT THE PARK ALLOWED THEM TO PITCH THEIR TENT IN THEIR BACKYARD. THAT IS NICE BUT IT IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION !!!

BRIAN & MARY ECKER



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

This madness must stop. People Can't afford to live here anymore. Whether it be rental or housing. I understand that we want to mitigate loss of farmland. There is plenty of farmland and properties that already exist that should be razed and redeveloped.

Bruno Facchin



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I feel there should not be an obstruction to housing affordability. I am a senior and not able to come to meeting but wish to have my opinion heard. Hamilton needs housing, I support the ambitious plan. Thank you

Carol Faries



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am a single mother of 2 living in Waterdown. Currently I'm living in a rented townhome luckily . I am sitting on eggshells in fear that my landlord will sell. Everyone is cashing in on the crazy real estate market .

What would I do then ? I cannot afford a lot . My kids have gone to school here all of their lives and I would have to move out of town . Even then I cannot afford the rent .

We need more non-profit housing and affordable rentals . The current wait list in Waterdown is over 3 years for me .

I know several people in my situation. Do you know what kind of stress this adds to families.?

I have a decent job and always pay my bills but I could never afford 2500 plus in rent .

I hope you will listen and do something quickly for single moms and dads out there who won't have a place to live soon.

Danielle Fenn



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need Urban Expansion. We need housing. I want to know from Brad Clark what happened to 185000 survey that were supposedly sent out but we're not received by households . Did he target Glanbrook and Ancaster only. He knows the truth. 215000 survey that supposedly sent out and only 30000 received. Also council voted for the one billion dollar sewer and half a billion on water treatment, who is going to pay for it . This sewer under Hwy 20 was built for expansion. So why pretend end it does not exist . Stop playing games.

James Frenza



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi, My name is Sara Frenza and I am in support of a balanced approach and to expand the urban boundary so that there are more homes. I am really concerned that my children will not have an opportunity to live in a single home when they grow up. I do not want out city to turn into Toronto where we are all living in small condos.

My husband and I have purchased an investment property that we plan on keeping in case my children are not able to find affordable housing in 20 years from now. This is not what parents should be doing in order to give their children the possibility of living in home that is affordable and also has space.

If we do not do this, the next generation will have to drive until they qualify for a home that they want to live in. We need to provide them options and the same options that I have had living in the City of Hamilton all my life.

Sara Frenza



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

COMING FROM NB 20 years ago ...we fell on Love with the escatment,.It the farms..that country is so close that makes Hamilton so special.....ease vote for the people the future not for the construction giants

John Gaudet



HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Not everyone wants to live downtown. There are many pockets of land outside of the Urban Boundary that are not valuable farm land that would be ideal for new housing developments. Some of these vacant lands are surrounded by homes so why not fill in the donuts! Supply and demand has resulted in housing prices being outrageous, making the purchase unattainable for so many. Get your heads out of the sand “no sayers” and support progressive development, where people want to live.

Marlene Gibson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi I support Hamilton needs housing and I support the ambitious plan.

Toronto people are coming and buying up our houses that leaves us without.

We also need housing or more places for the Homeless people as winter is here and I've seen a terrible amount of people in tents with nowhere to go. Tearing their tents down isn't helping them place them in a warm place to live. You need to help before Hamilton has more people on the streets along side the Terrible amount of homeless people.

Thank you Sylvia Gratto

Sylvia Gratto



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been living in the same apartment for 8 years now. The average cost of a one bedroom apartment in Hamilton has more than doubled in that time period. Fortunately, I am protected by rent control. Unfortunately, I cannot afford to move anywhere else in Hamilton or surrounding areas, as the rent would be about double what I am paying now. I feel like a prisoner. Cities have to grow out before they can grow up. That is, suburban expansion allows for more growth than simply increasing population density. Increased population density will cause housing prices to rise even more. Also, there will be much more congested traffic. On top of this, we have more and more bike lanes which causes even more automobile congestion. An LRT may be coming but is years away and will only help a small fraction of city traffic. We do not have a city-wide subway. Buses do not ease congestion significantly and we don't have enough of those. It would be crazy to simply increase population density with the inadequate transportation system we have now and nothing is planned to improve that. Also, most importantly, we have many people on social who cannot afford to live anywhere. Outdoor tent living and temporary shelters are shameful. Yes, City council should be ASHAMED of themselves for not providing decent, affordable, clean places to live. If I could leave Hamilton to live somewhere I could afford to live while still having access to things I require, I would do so in a heartbeat!

John Green



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My children were born and raised in Hamilton and now they are being forced to move away because they cannot find affordable housing.

Let's consider the future of those who love the city and don't want to leave it. Let's consider those that are less fortunate than us and give them a roof over their heads

Maria Hall



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

While nobody (except developers) wants an endless sprawl of houses, we also don't want high density housing around our existing neighbourhoods. So as long as we are increasing our population via immigration and having children, we need more housing. And we need single detached houses - that is what young people want to raise their families, and it's what older people want to age in. So I absolutely agree with increasing the urban boundary to accommodate this. I do not want high rises and increased density ruining what makes Ancaster a nice place to live. Yes, I still want farmland/rural areas around, but unless we want to keep our population at the same number, we have no choice but to build out.

Leslie Hansen



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We are already overcrowded with homeless.

Help make Hamilton affordable again. Expand on all the open land surrounding Hamilton not in the core.

Rob Hines



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing, I support the ambitious plan.

Hamilton needs housing now.

Unless we build more homes of all kinds, as soon as possible, we will never be able to address housing affordability. Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities in North America for housing. Now is the time to do something about it.

Support a balanced approach. We can care for the environment, protect farms and the greenbelt, and also build new housing of all types. We do not have to choose one or the other. This is why we support the balanced approach recommended by expert city planners.

Please support these ambitious plan.

Paul.

Paul Hoang



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I support City staff, and the planning that has been underway for 25 years to ensure there is a sufficient amount of land ready to accommodate housing that we require.

D. Horwood



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the housing crisis we need to build more of all types of housing, yes build up and greatly density our current boundary, but also expand it. If we do not aggressively do both we will have even greater tent cities that will take up the entire city. The only way to get affordable housing is aggressive building of all kinds. I support boundary expansion.

David Howe



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs housing now. Unless we build more homes of all kinds, as soon as possible, we will never be able to address housing affordability. Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities in North America for housing. Now is the time to do something about it.

Diana Hutton



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We would like to have the opportunity to buy a house of our own.

Rizza Ignacio



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It would be irresponsible for Council to vote against urban boundary expansion in order to pander to a vocal minority that does not represent the varied interests of Hamiltonians and the City as a whole. Hamilton needs varied housing and therefore the urban boundary should be expanded.

David Ionico



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need housing .there is so much unfarmed land around us, just sitting there doing nothing, the people who appose sprawl live in houses where land was at one time.

Steve Kaczmarczyk



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need affordable housing.

I go to work every day and I see our city streets and parks with so many homeless people .Some choose to live that way and many have no choice . Its depressing to witness this every day . Condos are not the answer affordable housing is . These are Canadians we must take care of our own . Downtown will be very attractive with beautiful condos and sad homeless people sitting in front of them . What is important here is a roof over our fellow Hamiltonians heads . Its up to all of you .I hope you make the right choice !!!

Kinnear Kathleen



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I know several people who have been priced out of the housing market today. I have friends and family who can not longer afford to live were they have been for many many years in both rental and home ownership.

Why are the schools that are on the market not used for rent geared to income housing. Why build more and more new housing or allowing older affordable housing to be sold so that rich people can improve them and sell them to other rich people. This is disgraceful. Taxpayers who can hardly afford their own housing will be hit with even higher taxes so that services can be provided to to big new expensive housing for rich people. Luccillie Kellar

Luccillie Kellar



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the recent tearing down of encampments throughout the city, it is even more critical to act now and create affordable housing for those who need it. Basic housing is a human right and if we as a city have the power to make that possibility a reality and have the means to achieve it, what are we waiting for? Use your position to make positive real change in our city that will benefit everyone. Those who live here love this city. How amazing would it be to have more people love and live in this city without costing them their entire pay check?

Alexandra Kobylecky



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I support a balanced approach to Hamilton's housing needs. I have children who have been looking for a new house for a while but cannot even get their names on a pre-build list as the houses are sold so quickly. A balanced approach will give opportunity for people to choose from the kind of house and community they want to live in. This does not need to be an all or nothing approach, compromise is essential. And may I suggest that it does not even make sense to not support residential growth in the Twenty Rd West area because there are houses up to Twenty Rd and then more surveys around the airport which is essentially the next road south. So why leave a hole there ?

Most of that land is used for sod, not food.

Norine Kolaski



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My daughter is a single mother of 3 girls, 14 and under. She has a down payment for a house around \$350,000. With the high price of houses and the bidding wars of late, this puts her at a disadvantage. We need more homes at reasonable prices for Hamiltonians.

Joyce Kowalchuk



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It is the dream of most people to own a home. We need to also ensure there are various housing options for the public. For example buying a newly constructed detached home in newly developed areas should be permitted. Families, especially with young children, want to live in a detached home in the suburbs. Please do not adopt policies that will discourage that.

John Leuser



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I agree...Hamilton needs affordable housing urgently!! The only way to do that is by expanding our boundaries. We have three "20 something" daughters and I worry about how and where it will be possible for them to purchase their first homes.

Linda Lewyckyj



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton is already one of the most expensive cities already. My grandchildren and YOURS will have no where to live. My grandchildren are already there. Young family's like mine, who can't find suitable housing,

ellie Lindsay



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Yes we do need more affordable housing, but don't build condos that are 400-600 square feet and charge huge condo fees. Why can't we build affordable bungalows?? All homes sold in past 2 years are away over priced they are not worth those values, also the bidding wars have to stop, how are young people in there 20's able to afford a home. I am sick and tired of everything costing more because of co-vid... The only people that benefit are the rich CEO's of companies and Politicians, while the rest of us try to scrape by.

Kevin Lochhead



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

This city needs to find affordable housing but not by expanding into the country. This city should be looking at applying a tax on empty homes. Also other ways to use current empty building space and convert it to liveable and useable homes. Also you need to decrease the time it takes to allow for buildings to proceed and get completed. We have a bad reputation in this city of prolonging projects for no other reason than to make yourselves more money. Time is money!

Maria Lochner



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Finding a consensus that will meet all the requirements to accommodate Hamilton's future growth means supporting a balanced approach. Let's continue to grow our downtown while allowing a certain level of expansion by building new homes where land is ready to "go".

Sincerely,

Carlo J Lucci



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More people are coming to Hamilton, hence we need more new housing projects. This in-migration is a good indicator that they like what is going on in the City. Plus, economy will be booming once again, and the City Council must take this opportunity to prime up businesses, community events, people's status quo with positive environmental impact in mind.

Antonio Mandrique



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Over the last several years the cost of housing has gone ridiculously high. These increases apply to housing for single residences and, apartments as well I recently heard that one bedroom apartments are now reaching excess of \$1,500 a month. People are barely getting by even now and rents keep going up, and up, and up and we have people out on the streets or living in tents outside as the weather gets colder and colder we need housing that is affordable we need to put a stop on higher rents so people can afford. Many people are currently working 48 to 60 hours a week and still in spite of these increased hours and wages that are becoming a little better they cannot afford even a one bedroom apartment let alone be able to survive on such meeker incomes housing needs to be a priority especially around the colder months of our nation councilman Mr Mayor we do need to have affordable housing or at least a freeze on rents plus a reduction of said rents housing needs to be a priority we have many new buildings that are condominiums but still they're saying they start at \$300 to 400,000 this is out of the range of the majority of Hamiltonians. Some of the housing, as many of you are aware, have infestations of both cockroaches, and bed bugs and increasingly I'm finding mice coming into the older buildings. Imagine you're sitting in your home and just as you are relaxing after doing a busy day of running the city you see a little mouse scurrying by in your home or as you are getting into bed or just getting out of bed you have a little apple-seed sized monster, that feeds on your blood, crawling across your chest and infesting your bed plus other furniture that you've worked very hard for let alone cockroaches although they are not dangerous it's still upsetting to find something like this in your kitchen or elsewhere, these are the realities of low-income housing that is currently available and even then that's in housing that is considered cheap in the same building where people are paying \$879 a month you find apartments that are suddenly

being boosted just because they've been evacuated and repaired by the owners suddenly goes up to \$1,500. And yet, there are those who are living in two bedroom apartments who are on a program called ODSP who have emergency housing and are living in two bedroom apartments for \$250 we the taxpayers of Hamilton and of our province of Ontario are being forced to pay higher amounts of money to support a small group of people who either are unable to or unwilling to actually contribute to our society. We, the voting public, would like to have relief from increased rents and increase housing costs, we need additional housing whether high-rises or single dwelling homes to be brought down in price we need to have more choices and lower prices to pay so we can live a little better. I thank you for your time.

Daniel Marcellini



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I've been working in the industry for 30 years and it has provided a career for me and thousands of people .

Opening up more land for

development will ensure more jobs for years to come .

Mino Mariella



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Providing that it's the hamiltonians that see the housing and not the people coming from Toronto to buy up the houses like the house I'm renting was sold to a fella from Toronto who is turning it into a BNB so of course both tenants of the duplex got their notice to move...i have 2 big dogs so i need a house and there is nothing under \$2000 a month and most dont include utilities...the fellow that purchased the house did not move in like he said he was doing instead he furnished the upper apt for a bnb and is impatiently waiting for me to move so he can do the same...thats what is going on and its very disheartening to have no where to live because i cant afford the rent

Roxanne Martin



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been wondering why Hamilton don't try to utilize all the run down and empty properties in the central area of Hamilton instead of taking the easy way out and grab some more farmland. The whole area would benefit greatly from a nice urban development plan that could include mixed income dwellings as well as businesses.

Birgit Mathieson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With Hamilton growing, we need more homes in order to make it some what affordable to live here. I'm in support of a balanced approach.

Eddy Mauro



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am concerned for all of us especially the young families and single people starting out getting their first home on their own, whether it be buying or renting. Hamilton is now the fifth most expensive city to live in North America.

I have had first hand experience along with my son and husband trying to find a home in Hamilton. We can not afford to live together and commuting back and forth between homes when our car is on its last legs is expensive. Not to mention he was told abruptly not to come into work after we returned from a camping trip since he was not vaccinated. We are both on Odsp and support each other and take care of my son with high extreme social anxiety. My husband recently was evicted falsely from his home that is rented, the matter was thrown out of court as he won his case. It seemed that the landlord just wanted to profit on selling or raising the rent well above what it is at now because the market went up a lot in price during the pandemic.

We need a balanced approach to care for our local area of land along with the affordability of homes of all types. So, let our expert city planners move forward.

Anna Maxwell



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My family is desperate to find housing at an affordable price.

We have been making daily sacrifices and not having a car in order to cut down on expenses

We are working at minimum wage jobs in the service sector .

Our financial situation is very precarious. We have been sacrificing and trying to save money to be able to find housing in the rental market in Hamilton. There's almost nothing that is suitable for my family myself , my husband and my 2 adult one of whom has mental health issues and children and our dog. Our lease is coming up soon and we are desperate to find housing within our budget . There is virtually nothing that is within our budget just under 1900.

There needs to be some serious changes to the housing market in Hamilton to help people who are struggling to find more variety of types of housing to meet this desperate need .

Jacqueline McCann



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

The important issue of and relevant concerns about affordable housing has become a crisis in Hamilton.

It has been a crisis for some years.

As a 62 year old woman on a fixed income, I have been fortunate enough to have a comfortable apartment. The personal cost of this stability is at times crushing. Even with careful and mindful budgeting, I do not have anything left for clothing, for healthy food on a regular basis, or for some needed personal items. I live alone. As a senior alone, it is often recommended that we (seniors), have a companion animal to help with loneliness and/or anxiety and depression. For seniors like myself, this is not an option; it is completely unaffordable. My rent continues to climb. I worry about what will happen to me when I turn 65. I will not be able to stay where I am. Wait lists for senior apartments are years long.

Living in fear of what will be is no way for any person to live. Whether a senior, a person with disabilities or a young family.

My daughter, who is an epidemiologist with two masters degrees, has recently had her first child. Her husband is an architect. They are struggling with finding an affordable place and home in which to live. At her age, I had already owned two homes.

It is completely unacceptable for our city not to address the continuing and immense problem of affordable housing.

This council must choose to take bold and innovative action immediately.

This council must say no to corporate greed and choose instead to listen, engage and partner with its citizens.

We have a beautiful city. It could be a great city. One where young families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and

hard working people would be proud to call home. I am not proud of Hamilton any longer. Rather, I feel discouraged. I feel unheard. I feel little hope that things will change.

You, as my city council, have an opportunity to change that. You have the ability to create positive change. Change that will benefit your citizens; those that elected you. You have, by your very job, the responsibility to act in our best interest.

Take-charge, be enterprising, become driven and energetically find solutions for this massive issue.

M. McDougall

Maureen McDougall



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

It is absurd that we would not expand the urban boundary for more housing. The idea that home ownership should be beyond the reach of the anyone in a country of our size with our population is ridiculous. The argument that this expansion will in any way impact on farmland to any significant degree is fallacious. EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

John Meneok



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

WE need more housing for the younger generations and those looking to move into accommodations that are more age sensitive. Designate more land for expansion, but also limit building to a maximum 1000 square foot single story housing. This will provide affordable accommodate both to young families and the more mature who want to maintain their independent lifestyle.

John Meneok



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

enough with the expensive condos ... have you forgotten that this is a working class town so make living here affordable

Karen Montesanto



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need smaller more affordable housing, perhaps some tiny house areas. We can't keep building mega mansions. They hurt the environment, destroy farmland and are unaffordable for the average person, especially seniors and younger folks.

I would love a small home or Tiny home, but little exist, and I can't afford to leave my apartment as rents elsewhere are too high. I am a senior and caregiver in Dundas, so must stay in area. Average selling price 750,000 \$.

Karen Moore



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hi all: Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on the housing shortage. I am 85 years old, live by myself, and am fortunate enough to live in a very nice place. Most of us are seniors and no one seems to have any problems that I am aware of. The only problem, I have, is that it is a privately owned building and the owners are getting older and will probably be selling the building in the very near future. With that in mind I am always looking to see what is available for my income bracket and find that what would be even close to what I have now, would probably be about 500.00 a month more. I don't get anywhere near the extra that I would have to spend, if affordable housing is not in your budget. I know you can't look after everones needs, but I think this is an issue you should consider or you will have more and more people living in substandard conditions. Thank you for having the chance to respond to tthis issue.

Dakota Moore



HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

There's enough room for housing, agriculture and nature to live cohesively together in Hamilton. Please don't limit our affordable housing options by limiting what land our local developers are able to develop.

Tyler Moscatel



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I've been living in Hamilton for the past 5 years. 6 years ago, my family and I were living in Brampton. Feeling squeezed financially we looked southwest. We found a fantastic community here in Hamilton that was affordable and automatically felt like home. My family is thriving here Randy I always sing Hamilton's praises to my extended family and friends. I always say that Hamilton is Ontario's best kept secret.

I'd love to share our secret with others. We can only do that if we responsibly develop land in Hamilton into affordable housing. Limiting land use will only drive the cost of housing up, squeezing our most vulnerable residents out.

Let's be the place where people can afford a comfortable way of life without feeling the pinch of expensive housing. Let's allow responsible land development in Hamilton.

Steve Moscatel



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton needs affordable housing options. Limiting how much space in Hamilton gets developed will only serve to drive housing prices higher and at a faster pace.

Nadia Moscatel



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

i have lived in hamilton my whole 44 years and i would have never thought this city would ever become so scary to live in. rental increases and buying houses has become so ridiculous that its scary. wages have not moved up enough to afford to live and we do have many single parent homes so how did that figure into the rental expectations? it has become a place where survival is key and how can we be sane enough to do this? something needs to be done...its all about greed now in a place where it was nice to call home. we need proper housing where other cities dont get to come in and force the original people out of their safe space. we all have jobs here and have lived here by choice or otherwise. ..it is still home to us but for how long?

christina muise



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am in desperate need for housing, on CCP-D for 20 years, living in a town-house. I am trapped on the main floor, my disability has progressed. I cannot afford a single family home, needing a one floor plan. Looks like I may have to leave the community to somewhere more affordable.

Bonnie Mustard



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hope everyone is doing well. Wanted to send you a quick email regarding your upcoming virtual meeting on housing. I was fortunate to have moved to Hamilton in 2014 when housing was plentiful and affordable. My kids will not have this opportunity. Can our city build affordable housing by using older buildings currently not being utilized to rectify this? Can we retrofit, plan and build new space while protecting the greenbelt? Ask city partners for their ideas to make Hamilton once more affordable. Thanks for all the effort on behalf of all residents. J. Nagy

jan nagy



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

In our family (Dutch back ground, and church community we still have a high birth rate. Some of our children and grandchildren and even now (5 great grandchildren-born during Covid) would like to stay in or near Hamilton. Most of them are hard working and ambitious to own a home. A number of families have moved to Brantford which now also is seeing prices rise.

Please do the right thing and follow your Planning Committee's advice for both in filling and expansion. Thank you

Joanne Neven



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am completely shocked at how out of control the housing market has become. The people in charge have washed their hands of accountability and are oblivious to how much the rise in rent and ownership of property has affected all generations. Here is my story.

I have to have a boarder living with me to help pay my rent. Although the person is family it very much disrupts are way of life as we have to accomodate the person living in the basement who shares the kitchen and laundry. My rent is 1800.00 dollars plus utilities. And this is a bargain for my 3bedroom home considering an apartment is now 1495.00 or more on average.

No basement to have someone pay 500.00.. I dont know how a person with a single income survives in an apartment. At 985.00 every two weeks. After paying the bills.. there's just enough for meager groceries. If the person should own a car and insurance or life insurance, there is no possible way to make ends meet. This is very frustrating and very much a reality for most. When I moved into an apartment, I was told that I was paying the most rent in the building because my unit had been renovated. They put in a mirror in the bathroom and planks on the floors. Because the unit was "renovated" the were able to increase the rent by 300.00 dollars.

My friend was paying 890.00 dollars for apartment and moved in a year prior. A little more than 3% yearly increase. Beyond that, people are struggling to find affordable housing.. only 3 years ago, a townhouse was rented for 1295.00 dollars plus utilities.

I know I almost moved in..it was on Barton and Kenora. Not the prettiest unit too and now it's over 1600.00 dollars and most are no longer affordable to rent as they now are selling all of these units for 400K or more which people are over bidding purposely so they can

"renovate" and rent it out for 1800.00 plus utilities. There is no law that states you cant make money but there needs to be a cap for the size of the unit and what it offers when it comes to renting an home or apartment. Because this will never happen, we need more homes built for the community that can be protected under a government regulation.

Across the street, my son is paying less than 900.00 rent for a two bedroom townhouse because of an organization like Victoria Park Homes. Prior to that he was living in the tiniest apartment and paying over 1400.00 dollars plus utilities. Do we need to wonder why the housing list is a 5 year waiting period or longer? It is because geared to income makes sense. Landlords out there really don't want to hear your sob story.

They will wait for the family who cant afford to buy a nice house because they are sunk in debt from paying too much rent and cant save enough to come up with the downpayment. This family could be paying a mortgage of 1200.00 dollars and own their home. Instead they will settle for this mans offer where rent alone will be over 1800.00 dollars. It's just not possible for anyone with a single income and very hard for young families unless we do something about it. Not only do we need to support the existing housing organizations out there, we need to buy back those homes and make them affordable and build more. If my landlord decides to sell his home, I will be forced to either move out of town or rent a basement apartment for even more than the 1800.00 dollars I currently cant afford on my own. My sister in law is staying with me because she cant afford a 1 bedroom apartment.. PSW in nursing homes. Could not work at more than one due to pandemic regulations and the hours were cut down to part time. She struggles to afford the small sum I require to stay where I am.

I'm not a political science genius so I don't know how to fix this toxic mess we've found ourselves in but there is a room full of people who are designated by the people of Hamilton to make this right. Put their heads together and find ways to lessen the affects of greed and put an end to the pandemic that has been plagued our people. Greedy are those who are overcharging for their broken down shacks. Perhaps a penalty should be in place for their neglect and lack of responsibility. This money could be captured in a housing fund. Set a cap and make them aware that a city adjustor will come in make a valueassessment as

to how much they allow you to mark up the rent. Ministry regulates the 3% why not pull back on the reins when the landlords make a change. The agreements made are legal documents. I beleive the

city should look over such changes and need to approve them. Make owners take responsibility for the homes and if they cant.. make them sell it to an organization who can. "WE WILL BUY YOUR HOUSE" Let that be the city one day and let us all get together as a community to make Hamilton accountable and affordable. We have the knowledge and the people who want to make it happen, what is stopping us? Please take a moment to reflect on how this is really not going to improve but only worsen unless someone lets our voices be heard. Vote Yes to affordable housing and implementing changes in the system. The definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect different results. Are we all insane? Something has to change and now. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Chantal Newport



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Everyday I see and hear about people, families and friends that are suffering due to a lack of affordable housing. With the many buildings that are vacant and in need of renovations, the city should provide opportunities and support for builders to ensure housing is affordable to our most vulnerable people.

Claudia Noyes



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please we need more houses please please

Thank You

Vaughn O'HALLORAN



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please we in Hamilton need

More houses it would be good for Hamilton

Thank You.

Vaughn O'HALLORAN



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

housing is a hot issue. However I feel that the city is forgetting and neglecting renters. Seniors and low income earners face very high rents in the city, Landlords are showing their greed all the time. Hamilton needs to step up for these groups of people.

Kevin O'Toole



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I personally know people who were priced out as well as persons who moved from Hamilton due to the pricing market.

To live in Hamilton is very expensive, something needs to be done about this immediately before more Hamiltonians end up on the streets homeless.

Mirella Parmigiani



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I'm not too sure what's right but to whom it may concern if you would like to have more buildings to have for apartments for the low-income housing is ODSP and Welfare Welfare cannot afford it please help the low-income people thank you

Sherry Paterson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

More AFFORDABLE housing. What example are we setting for the next generations.

Michael Piersanti



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

As I am sure many of you are aware, the housing crisis is not only in this city but in most cities across the country. These are unprecedented times. The homes we have in the city are going for sky rocketing prices and while there is always the option to move to another city, that is not a viable option for everyone. As a family of 4 with two toddlers I want to work close to where we live and where my kids go to daycare. My husband I both have good jobs. In fact my husband works for the city and I work for the federal government and it still seems like purchasing a house in our life time is just continuously out of reach and while that breaks my heart for me and my family it also has me concerned how future generations will ever be home owners as the prices will never go down. As a young family we do not want to live in a condo or an apartment I want my boys to be able to play outside while I watch them from my kitchen window. Building up is an option for some but not everyone wants to live on top of eachother. We need to consider expanding our boundaries to keep young family closer to their workplaces but also close to their families. As a 9 to 5 employee I already miss out on so much time with my family but add an hour commute to that and my kids might as well raise themselves. As a community we need in investing in affordable housing to keep our communities strong and together.

Lisa Pogue



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been a member of the community for 42 years and seen the changes the city has made. I understand that we don't want this city to turn into a "Toronto" landscape, but I beg you to listen to the people in your city. We have spoken and want to use existing land space and not go into green space. There will be challenges and infrastructure concerns, but the long run results will be a positive one for the city. I'm a proud member of the central mountain community and am willing to assist in anyway possible to make this city great.

Kathy Reddicliffe



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have lived in Hamilton for 3 yrs. I am now due to the last 2 yrs going to be homeless. I am being evicted and i can no longer afford ANY apts in Hamilton or Burlington were i am from. I am 62 yrs old and homeless! The first time in my life having to say that and it HURTS! I work fulltime in Burlington and after 21 yrs make a fairly good wage but can not afford more than \$1000 a month in rent. There are no apts for rent in the core (where my bus to Burlington is) for that amount! If i move farther away then my commute time is more than 2 hrs and cost would put me back up into the over my budget cost! You as the Mayor and Council MUST DO SOMETHING! I am not the only one in this situation but you dont see us because we are not on the streets yet because we have friends to couch surf with. But that is not a permanent position to be in! We deserve safe reliable and AFFORDABLE housing!!

Marnie Roberts



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am a nurse working full-time hours with a husband working full-time hours at home depot. Our parents both were able to buy homes here and raise their families here. We have lived in Hamilton our whole lives and love this city. We are now faced with the cruel reality that we may not be able to raise our own family here because we simply cannot afford the housing markets. My parents 11 years ago bought a large home for 380k with a minimal down payment. Now we at looking at similar homes costing well over 1million requiring 20% down. With ever-increasing food and gas and rental prices you are forcing long-term Hamiltonians to abandon all hope in remaining in the city they love and grew up in. You are forcing out the children who grew up on these streets. You are forcing out the heart of Hamilton.

Liliana Romaker



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Please allow Lands for affordable housing, & please control bidding real estate wars, it should be first preferred offer to sellers /purchasers, Put Reasonably priced caps on size of properties,

Camella Ross



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

HAMILTON HAS NEEDED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR A LONG TIME. THE PROBLEM IS AT A CRITICAL POINT NOW. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE HAS BEEN SO MANY AFFORDABLE PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN BOARDED UP AND NOT REPAIRED. SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AND THEY COULD BE USED FOR UNITS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING ASKED TO VACATE THE PARKS. WHERE DO THEY GO??? I DO NOT AGREE WITH MOVING SO MUCH INTO SUBURBS AND RURAL AREAS, THERE IS A LOT OF AREAS IN THE CITY THAT ARE EMPTY LOTS. WHATEVER THE CITY DECIDES TO DO THEY NEED TO DO IT NOW!!!!

LYNDA RUDY



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

With the limited supply on hand and the unrealistic time lines it takes for city hall to approve development, I fear for future generations. Affordability is the issue and the laws of supply and demand is the reality the city planners are inflicting on my children to realize their dreams of home ownership. We have seen an exploding surge in growth because Hamilton was always an affordable place to live. Now that city staff and councillors are strangling expanding developable lands in the effort to appease those of us that don't want development because of selfishness , I would ask of them to place themselves in the shoe of a newly married couple who dreams of homeownership is a pipe dream unless the parent, who are at the pinnacle of their golden years , feel compelled to financially help them. Our future depends on increasing the supply for our younger population, which will increase tax revenues, and businesses throughout the Greater Hamilton region.

John Runino



HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am a 34 year old, born and raised East Mountain Hamiltonian who now lives in Binbrook. After getting married and looking to purchase our first home, my wife and I were faced with the reality that the home we wanted, did not exist in Hamilton in our price range.

The big discussion around boundary expansion seems to be about affordability, which of course is important, however the discussion about supply seems to have been forgotten.

My wife and I work extremely hard to be financially stable yet our combined income still isn't able to get us the home type we want. We could move to another city or small town to get this type of home but Hamilton is where we were raised and want to raise of future family.

I hope that the expansion is allowed so that the future homebuyers are given more options and the options that MOST want.

I find it frustrating that the decisions being made are being influenced by a loud group of people who, regardless of their beliefs, DO NOT speak for the city as a whole. I understand arguments and differences of opinion, but I really hope that the City isn't bullied into a decision over fear of backlash by, let's call a spade a spade, radical environmentalists.

Global warming is an alarming thing and 100% needs to be addressed. However, the discussion should be about how we make all vehicles electric and home eco-friendly, rather than destroying all cars and making an entire population live within several city blocks.

Thank you!

Tyler Running



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I live in east end Hamilton were there has been a steady increase in violent and gun related crimes. I believe that population density is a contributing factor and we should not allow for a greater concentration and allow the city to grow.

Peter Schultz



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We are so far behind in getting this necessity off the ground! I'm really concerned about the future of homelessness. I have been on the list for almost 11 years now and things have not changed.

The population is growing so fast and there is just nowhere for these people to go to.

I believe that we are letting too many immigrants in this city, and that's where our housing is being taken.

We need to use as much land as we can and get the housing project under way ASAP!

These home builders should be building more homes for the underprivileged people instead of thinking about putting money into their pockets!

I would like to see the seniors apartments built a little bigger.

The individual apartments are too small.

I for one would like to see a more spacious apartment for seniors.

Thank You

Linda Shelton



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton residential real estate market that is only accessible to the 10% cannot last. The other 90% attempt to keep up with prices by borrowing vast amounts, and the lenders accommodate them for a time, but that cannot work for long.

Young people born in Hamilton can not find affordable shelter that they could call home. They are force to drive out of the city till they find something. With people from Toronto moving to Hamilton and predicted grow by additional 240 000 people it is crazy to think we can squeezed everybody into city boundaries. The only way to grow with out expansion would be to build towers and change the city into Hong Kong looking. Single houses and townhouses would become so expensive that only rich people would effort it. Everybody us would be stuck in 500sgf to 1000sgf apartments that also would cost arm and leg. The housing in Hamilton is insane. The city is more expensive then LA California that is so crazy.

We can change zoning to allowed building few stories structures (missing middle) every where in the city but we can not lock the city in current boundaries.

Les Sieminski



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

To whom this get to , to be read . Hamilton is quickly loosing its look and becoming more like a mini Toronto with all these building going up . And don't get me started On all the lanes you close for all those imaginary bikes Don don't follow rules and pay nothing to be on roads . LEAVE HAMILTON AS HAMILTON with homes not apartment buildings . WE ARE NOT MINI TORONTO .

Joseph Soares



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am writing to ask that Hamilton city council make housing and rentals more affordable.

I myself have been having a hard time keeping up with my rent. Also when driving through Hamilton, I see many people asking for handouts, some seen living on the ground in some kind of coverings. Hamilton needs more affordable housing and lowered rents Now, as winter is coming and people are suffering enough already.

It shows that Hamilton city council is lost and cannot see the real problems.

Rebecca Styres



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am worried about the young people who are hunting for homes. We need more affordable housing which needs to be included in residential areas.

I support the city's expert plan.

Gail Sullivan



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

in fact, a majority of Hamiltonians in a recent poll said they preferred expanding the urban boundary to accommodate more housing options.

Kathleen Sullivan



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

You need to look at this immediately before it gets any worse and then we're going to be more housing on Park property

Randy Taylor



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

High density housing in the city boundaries with continued management and development of green and other recreation and leisure that is affordable and contributes to community.

Barbara Thomasson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

Hamilton is in crisis. Young people live in this city in a constant depressed state as they watch any future housing security become more and more unreachable. Rent is insane and those who have lived here for a long time with reasonable rent are pressured or manipulated or forced from their homes by landlords looking to make even more money. Hamilton is quickly becoming a place of immense inequality and the anxiety and anger that engenders in the have-nots will result in a mass exodus of creatives, young professionals and artists that contribute enormously to the quality of life and reputation that, up until now, have made Hamilton Hamilton.

Joseph Thomson



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

No Canadian must sleep on the streets and be begging at street lights; this reality is a failure on all of you. Those that need jobs ought to be found jobs; those that are mentally incapable need government care in house. Tired of all our taxes never solving this problem which it seems politicians don't really want to remedy. Who can afford a home these days in southern Ontario?; not the average Canada; unless the federal interest rate goes up and foreign investors are taxed at 50%! Instead of Federal Government hand outs being our tax dollars; demand them to raise mortgage rates to at least 5% like it was decades ago when Canadian and new immigrants actually had the opportunity to work to buy their own home instead of living in social housing. The Federal Government using lower interest rates to better borrow to maintain power; disgraceful as it will on the backs of future, more burdened generations.

AnnaN Thow



HAMILTON NEEDS HOUSING

November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

My name is John Vuckovic. I'm part of a family of second-generation farmers in the Hamilton area.

Over the years of farming, we've accumulated a number of acres of agricultural lands from west Lincoln to Hamilton. From our home operation, the approximate radius we travel is about 25 kilometres of these lands.

Like many farmers, we've endured some different obstacles over the years.

To help you understand the challenges we face, here's a look into our lives: say hypothetically a farmer farms for 40 years. Basically, that gives them have 40 chances to build their business, look after their children, and plan for retirement.

One year represents a growing season and one year of income. You invest your blood, sweat, and tears but you don't really know the reward you may receive until the end.

Due to other conditions such as commodity prices, bug infestations, and soil conditions, everything is variable.

We were asked to give our unbiased views on this situation. As a family farm farming some of these lands is in question for many years, we are on ground level for this debate.

As I mentioned before, we farm multiple acres and there are many types of soil conditions and drainage situations across the lands, all of which affect the final outcome. We have lands that are not too difficult to farm, and others that are very challenging to farm. We take the good with the bad, then our farm yield average is produced.

On that note, we have farmed the lands that in question for many years and I would say fifty percent of the time the lands in particular pull our farm yield downwards.

If I were to rate these lands as a farmer for soil structure, 1 being very difficult and 10 being very pleasant, it would be a 4.5 on that scale.

If I were to rate these lands in terms of erosion problems and nutrition problems – needing to add fertilizer, micronutrient problems – with 1 being a mildly intense challenge, 10 being a very intense challenge, as a farmer I would rate these lands as an 8.

Finally, in my experience these lands are not used to grow food that ends up on people's dinner tables in Ontario.

These are my experiences on these lands in question.

Farming is my life, and I'm here to provide you with my unbiased views. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

John Vuckovic



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I am 65 and retired. My 35 year old son on the autism spectrum, and my 30 year old daughter share my house.

Neither can afford to live on their own. I thought at my age, I would have the freedom to be on my own and enjoy my space.

The young cannot afford to have their own places. It is demeaning for them to live with their mother.

Please help with affordable housing, back yard tiny houses and more geared to income accommodation.

Shirley Walker



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been watching the news & how the city of Hamilton is removing the tents throughout the city. These are people of all ages calling this home. I've had to use the shelters in the past and believe me. No one wants to be there. Hamilton is part of the green belt. I have lived in the city of Hamilton all my life. The last thing we need is the to turn into another Toronto or any other large City with no green space. Yes I'm on fixed income. I'm won of the lucky 1's that have help if paying my rent. I would love to see city council live in the shelter system for a week or 2. Forget that you have been elected to office. Actually live like you don't have a job to go to. See what's it's like to be homeless. Try to find a stable and safe place to call home. Not having to worry about do I pay my rent this month and not pay my hydro, counting on food banks & the soup truck to have something to eat. Just to rent a room lately is over 600 dollars a month. Farmers feed the city & we do have farmers in the City of Hamilton. We don't have to harm the greenbelt to have affordable housing

Larry Williams



November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

High rises are no place to raise kids.

In our high rise which are 1 and 2 bedrooms, we have sometimes 4 or 5 kids cramed in the

tiny second bedroom and the living room.

Town houses with common play areas and fenced in yards will make it easier for parents with many children.

Shirley Wright

4.10 (c)

From: Zoe Kazakos
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: NO SPRAWL!

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a resident of the Crown Point neighbourhood in Hamilton. My name is Zoe Kazakos and I, along with many other Hamilton members strongly strongly disagree to the urban sprawl.

As I'm sure you know the land surrounding Hamilton and is prime agricultural land. And while importing food from other parts of the world may not seem like a big deal to you right now, it most certainly is and should be for all of us Canadians. As the world continues to deal with the environmental effects of our current way of life, and the financial repercussions of a harrowing pandemic - food security is of even more importance.

Having rich soil, and growing land in an area that produces exceptional produce should be PROTECTED! Dipping into nearby land for urban sprawl, for big buildings, for massive development projects puts such a massive strain on the natural environment and causes so many fallout problems to the water system, it affects and in many cases destroys the natural habitat for both the critters and the natural growth.

I could speak about this for days and days and months and hours, because it is so important to me and my family, my friends, my neighbours and my community. Hamilton continues to speak out against the sprawl with the loudest voice we have - in the hopes that our community leaders, our politicians and our councillors will listen and move forward accordingly.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Zoe Kazakos

4.10 (d)

From: Tom Ciancone

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:05 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban infrastructure and boundary expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long-time resident and native of Hamilton now living in Ward 11.

In recent weeks, I have been following the debate in the Hamilton Spectator about urban boundary expansion. After considering the various arguments, I have come to believe, for reasons concerning infrastructure and environment, that urban expansion is not necessary at this time. Using the existing properties within the city would be preferable.

Why expand urban boundaries at this time? Now that the LRT is going ahead, why not concentrate on building housing, businesses and improved infrastructure around it, making it viable and successful? Say, after a period of 20 years, re-evaluate where we are at and decide then if we need further expansion.

Let's give increasing density and improving transit a shot.

Thanks,

Tom Ciancone

4.10 (e)

From: Jessie Cardarelli

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:06 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Jessie and I have been a resident of Hamilton for 11 years. I fell in love with this city, my neighbourhood and love this community. However the city is constantly making poor and short sighted decision that do not benefit its residents. Urban sprawl is not good for anyone and the people who need housing are not moving to the suburbs. Go once I hope to see the city embrace an opportunity to redevelop the space we have and move forward with a long term vision of a better city for not just us but the next generations as well.

Thank you,

Jessie Cardarelli

4.10 (f)

From: Andra Zommers

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:17 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop sprawl in Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello my name is Andra Zommers and I live in Ward 2 in Hamilton, Ontario.

I am protesting urban sprawl in Hamilton because our city NEEDS affordable housing WITHIN ITS CORE, not further out in the suburbs. We need urban development that is targeted for households working within the city who may or may not have access to a vehicle and who (no doubt) cannot continue to afford gas prices as they climb - and you can't avoid driving and gasoline prices living in suburban developments. Unless there are robust plans for further public transit infrastructure and density planning for the long-term to go along with the suburban development, the truth is this is NOT a solution to the housing crisis now, nor the city's growth plans for the future.

Our housing crisis is in the city's CORE. The empty and under-utilized spaces that we have in abundance are found in the city's CORE. Our citizens have voiced their desire to protect our farmlands and our Mayor is in support of this position. The province needs to understand that housing and climate solutions will not be achieved by short-sighted strokes of basic suburban sprawl. Build better.

No urban sprawl, protect Hamilton's farmlands and farmers.

Sincerely,

Andra

4.10 (g)

From: Cc Benz

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:25 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]NO TO SPRAWL

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Cc and as one of thousands of low income households & many other hamiltonians, I am vehemently against urbanization of farmland and further expansion onto our native lands outside of Hamilton. Not only are you ruining existing nature, farmland and housing in your plan but you're encroaching on even more land that doesn't belong to you. This needs to be put to a stop.

Cc Benz

4.10 (h)

From: Elizabeth Kata

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:27 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Hamilton Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I have lived in Hamilton all my life. I currently live on Hamilton Mountain and work downtown. I see the homeless all around now - they are panhandling on Upper James and it seems like every intersection downtown.

There are many brownstones and schools that are not being used - please use these spaces to help the homeless. Have contractors and builders build affordable housing but maximum 5 stories everywhere.

Save our farmland- we cannot build more farmland for food production, and importation will cost us way too much. Encourage farmers and perhaps grow plots for city dwellers.

We should be building only on areas that is not suitable for farming - like a bit further north - build transportation to the city hubs, and encourage working from home.

Sprawling into food producing farmlands is not the answer. We will pay more in taxes to service these areas and will definately pay far more for food in the future.

Thank You

E. Kata

4.10 (i)

From: Norman Brown

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:29 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

The age of urban sprawl with its low density, residential subdivision has passed. Rural development is inefficient, costly and environmentally destructive; requires roads, hydro, sewers, water, schools etc. If you are genuinely concerned about the taxpayer stopping the spread is the obvious, best policy.

Norman L. Brown

From: Doris Clayton

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:29 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Say no to urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Paving farmland is a short sighted and unsustainable process. If the last 22 months has taught us anything it's that we need to be more self sufficient and not rely on other countries for food. Once farmland is gone, it's gone forever. Building homes outside the urban boundary won't help solve the housing crisis and will only benefit developers. If we don't consider alternatives now we are only kicking the can down the road. Farmland is a nonrenewable resource. What will the strategy be when it's gone?

Doris Clayton

4.10 (k)

From: Melissa Deutsch
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:32 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi,

My name is Melissa and I am a mother of two and a lifelong resident of Hamilton. My grandmother was born and raised by her mother, on a farm in Beamsville. I spent every weekend there as a child and watched the landscape change over the years. It's nearly unrecognizable to me now. What was once farmland tended by families over generations has turned into Mc and Mega mansions, with driveways big enough for several (dozen?) cars. I know that Hamilton needs more housing. That is without question. But large single-family homes on land that could be used to feed Hamilton families are not the answer. We need more urban homes, with easy access to transit and amenities. Walkable, liveable communities. That needs to come first, before expansion.

Please say no to expanding the urban boundary and prove to Hamiltonians that you are putting the needs of the people over the needs of developers and land speculators.

Sincerely,

Melissa Deutsch

4.10 (I)

From: Carole Docherty
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:38 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

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4.10 (m)

From: Andrew Smith

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:41 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: General Issues Committee / Council re: urban boundary expansion

Please kindly enter my email below onto the record regarding this issue which is to be discussed at committee tomorrow. Thanks, Andrew

Dear General Issues Committee Members and City Council Staff:

I have been a resident of Hamilton for 19 years since doing my studies here at McMaster University. My family and I love our City. It is our belief that we need to move ahead with a reasonable boundary expansion to accommodate growth coming to our City for the following reasons.

First:

I believe in the blessing of having extended families close by. Being near to aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents is an enormous benefit to children.

Families with small kids want a home with a backyard where their kids can play in a safe environment – I have three kids and I know this to be the case.

Without affordable units available for young families you are denying the next generation the benefit of living close to their family. I have three young kids.

I want to live in Hamilton long term and I want my kids to be able to afford a home in Hamilton when the time comes, but with the trajectory this City is on it is hard to see this as being possible.

Second:

I find it highly ironic to see signs in my neighbourhood in front of single-family houses which were built on farmland telling us how we ought to 'Save our Farmland'. People are happy to live on farms that were developed in the 1970s and 1980s but they would deny the next generation this opportunity. It is the height of privilege to enjoy a single-family home on a large lot yet deny that opportunity to others.

Third:

It is an error in reasoning to think that we can save farmland by denying an urban boundary expansion in Hamilton. New residents are coming to this province and if they don't come to Hamilton then another municipality will step up to accommodate them in the unit types that are in demand. These units will be built on farmland somewhere else in our province (no saving farmland) and Hamilton will lose the benefit of new families and new workers who will contribute to our great City.

Fourth:

How much money has the City already spent on:

1. Constructing infrastructure that was intended to service Elfrida i.e. the tunnel trunk sewer from the escarpment up Hwy 56 towards Binbrook.

4.10 (m)

2. The planning studies and sub-watershed study which were to support the development of Elfrida.

Based on my reading of the council reports pertaining to these items, infrastructure costs are in the 10s of millions, while the millions have already been spent on the studies. Will these become throw-away costs if the City chooses not to expand? Can taxpayers really consider this to be good management of our dollars? This is not to say we cannot change course, but you must have a VERY GOOD REASON to go against past council decisions to approve this funding and waste so many of our tax dollars in this way.

Fifth:

It is entirely foolish to throw away the recommendations of the City's expert staff in favour of surveys from Hamilton residents who do not understand the issues at hand.

It is amazing to me that the local development industry and City planning staff who are the most knowledgeable on these issues were in agreement as to the best way forward. This is rare but positive but this council seems to be intent on throwing away the positives and making poor decisions based on what appears immediately politically expedient.

Best Regards,

Andrew & Nadine Smith (Petra, Daniel & Fanny)

4.10 (n)

From: Heather Connell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:45 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Heather Connell and I live in ward 6 and I am against the urban expansion which will encroach on our farming lands. You simply must find another way to accommodate our growing population. We have little green and farmland left and it's disappointing that you are even considering this option. I will not vote for anyone who chooses this option.

Heather Connell

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4.10 (o)

From: Natasia Taylor

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:50 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]A vote for NO urban boundary expansion is a vote for Hamilton's youth

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there !

I'm a 20 year old female student & lifetime Hamiltonian. I think preserving farmland and green spaces is a critical part of maintaining a well balanced city. As someone who will have to live with the consequences of sprawl, I believe investing in a more dense, accessible city is key. I firsthand have seen the amount of empty plots and abandoned buildings throughout the city. Optimizing these plots should take priority over paving farmland and making more subdivisions. We have all the space we could need, we just need to use it correctly. Not to mention the extensive environmental impacts! We need to plan for our future- a future that WILL be disrupted by climate change.

Also- the cost of living in Hamilton is high enough, many of us can't afford for it to rise more as a result of sprawl. Staying in your hometown close to friends and family shouldn't be a luxury few can afford.

Thank you for your time,

Natasia Taylor

4.10 (p)

From: Kathy Garneau

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:55 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hamilton's ward 1 has been my home for more than 20 years. I have run a small theatre here and raised my children. I am writing to urge you to protect our farmland in the upcoming vote on Nov 9th. Please vote the most environmentally and fiscally choice - No Urban Boundary Expansion.

Building new homes on farmland takes away from our ability to grow food. It increases our carbon footprint because more people have to drive greater distances to work and shop.

Homes built on farms make quick money for speculators and developers, but the taxpayers will be on the hook for the rest of time.

As a politician you have a lot of say in the future of Hamiltonians for generations to come. By voting in favour of "No Urban Boundary Expansion" you can make our future greener and more prosperous.

Kathy Garneau

4.10 (q)

From: Danielle Hitchcock

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:03 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Danielle Hitchcock and I'm writing on behalf of myself, my husband, Willis Welsh and my children. We are residents of ward 14 in Hamilton.

The city needs to listen to the over 90% people in Hamilton who have voted NO I'm favour of more sprawl. It's time to protect our city and the future. We should not be bending to developers when there are so many areas of the city we could already revitalize.

Please, listen to Hamiltonians. Say no to sprawl.

Thanks for your time, Danielle and Willis

Danielle Hitchcock

4.10 (r)

From: Richard Talbot

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:26 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Get with it, think about it!

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Richard Talbot,

I live in ward one, please keep the boundaries intact, and No Sprawl.

Logically, Sprawl is not only expensive, it's irresponsible in terms of the future use of growing our food locally, it will add more vehicles on the road... and only serves a few "ambitious developers".

Don't feel bullied by Ford, stand up and be strong. Last time I checked we still live in a Democracy.

Sincerely,

Richard Talbot

4.10 (s)

From: Kara Jongeling

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:27 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi! I am a Ward 2 resident born and raised in Hamilton. I have lived on the mountain most of my life and seeing the farmland shrink since my childhood has become more and more alarming, especially as development continues even though we have so much vacant space throughout the city that is not being utilized. Farmland is precious and cannot be taken back once paved over. On top of that, your citizens do NOT want a boundary expansion because that means higher taxes.

Kara Jongeling

4.10 (t)

From: Chris Pate

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:04 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

Please stop urban sprawl! We only have so much farmland in Ontario and once it's gone we are dependant on others. Please build UP not OUT every farm taken away is food out of someone's mouth weather it's Hamilton or other region. It will hit low income the hardest!

Please please consider saving green space and farmland.

Chris Pate

4.10 (u)

From: Doreen Stermann

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No to urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello Council, Mr Mayor, Honourable Premier, MPPs,

As a resident of Ward 1 in Hamilton. I vehemently oppose any further expansion into our limited prime agricultural lands. Why?

1. We have a climate emergency. Expansion leads to more automobiles...more emissions.
2. Canada has only 5% prime arable land and we in Hamilton are blessed to have only a small remaining percentage of that.
3. Covid should have taught us that food security was at risk. Delivery of food from abroad was at risk. Why jeopardize our security by removing valuable farm land? Food INSECURITY leads to chaos in very short order.
4. I am tired of subsidizing urban expansion! We can't afford to maintain our current infrastructure so why put us further into debt.
5. Developers who purchased this land as speculation took a risk their investment would pay out. I am not paying taxes to bail out a land speculator. I don't see my council paying me for any losses risk I incurred in the stock market!
6. We have plenty of vacant, inefficiently used urban spaces already. Stop pandering to lazy developers that only want a quick easy return on their \$.
7. Missing middle housing, is what's needed. If you travel to European cities you notice how they built their cities... 6 stories with shops on the first floor and residential above, walkable neighbourhoods, with exceptional cycling and bus and lrt infrastructure.

As a taxpayer I'm sick and I'm tired of my council not putting principals of climate change and living 8-80 in practice. Is this just a motherhood statement meant to appease us taxpayers?

For those councillors who complain about calls from constituents about the amount of traffic they get in their ward ..one guess on why that's happening! Urban expansion!

Do not ignore the voices of taxpayers that sent in a resounding # of survey responses where 90% said keep the urban boundary as is.

We can't keep doing the same old same old and think we'll get different results.

Be bold. Be on the side of protecting our environment and mitigate the climate crisis we are in. Say no to urban expansion and keep our urban boundary as is.

4.10 (u)

Sincerely

Doreen Stermann

Ward 1

4.10 (v)

From: veronika siwak

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:15 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Against urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Maureen Wilson,

I am a new citizen of Hamilton. I moved here from Windsor and was immediately taken aback by the immense natural beauty of this city. A city like Windsor was bulldozed over and is now a drab community lifeless compared to Hamilton. Increasing urban development boundaries will only take away from long term Hamilton wealth. We do not have a lack of housing areas here. Just down my street I see a street of boarded up houses waiting to be renovated for student housing. I see multiple empty, abandoned buildings around me. We need less single family homes and more apartment buildings. Don't take away what Hamilton is known for. Don't take away what Canada is known for, for the sake of a quick buck.

Sincerely,

A concerned Hamiltonian

veronika siwak

4.10 (w)

From: Gail Lorimer

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:34 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No sprawl in Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

I am Gail Lorimer in Ward 1 of Hamilton.

I am against sprawl in Hamilton because:

- it will cover useful farmland
- that is bad for the climate
- Hamilton already has difficulties maintaining the infrastructure it has now, so adding to that is wrong
- intensification makes more sense, such as four-storey duplexes.
- intensification will renew and beautify disused urban spaces such as sites where big box stores with huge parking lots used to exist

Please vote against urban sprawl!

Best wishes

Gail Lorimer

4.10 (x)

From: Joanne Patak

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:35 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there. I moved to Hamilton in 2000 with my husband of the time. And even when I divorced that same year, I decided I could never leave this amazing city every again.

And what makes it so amazing is the incredible greenspace we have everywhere.

Please, do not allow Politics and/or new home builders to sway you from protecting these spaces. All of them! There is so much room for growth within the city. Let's be progressive and build homes for those who need it, right within our amazing city.

Thank you!

Joanne Patak

4.10 (y)

From: Sheila McEwen

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:38 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Please Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I'm Sheila McEwen and live in Dundas. I appreciate the luxury of having a single-detached home near protected green spaces and understand others' desire for their own green haven. I also understand that green space is more than a beautiful vista. Green space is wildlife habitat, arable land, stormwater buffer, oxygen production, noise suppression, air quality mitigation, a natural gymnasium, and a spiritual refuge. I've struggled to add my voice, feeling a hypocrite because I am surrounded by a green neighbourhood others can't afford. Still, I believe there are many viable solutions for appealing residential infilling within the built area of Hamilton. Like fellow boomers, in a few years I will move into a condo apartment and hope to find one closer to the inner city. I'd love my future home to be part of Environment Hamilton's infill vision.

Sheila McEwen

4.10 (z)

From: pat kozowyk

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:48 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: save farmland

Clerk City Clerk,

Our household wishes to let you know that we oppose urban sprawl.

Our award winning farm (Premier's regional award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence 2013), is firmly based in the importance of our healthy environment. Urban sprawl is damaging to our community on so many levels, including our shared environment.

We need creative solutions to housing and community spaces (within existing urban areas), not large homes on large lots in the place of farmland and the natural areas that provide buffers that help us cope with climate change.

I am sure you have already heard from residents re:creative solutions for our community. There are many examples, especially addressing affordability.

If you choose the same old path of urban sprawl, you are choosing food insecurity, flooding, higher temperatures, higher taxes, higher carbon emissions, and a death knell to biodiversity.

We cannot afford any of those consequences. Please advocate for no urban sprawl, as it benefits of all of us, especially the young, as it is their future that is in your hands.

Thank you

Pat Kozowyk

Ernst von der Kall

4.10 (aa)

From: Jennifer Brasch

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:51 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Vote No to urban boundary expansion of Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I grew up in North Burlington and have lived in Waterdown for almost 23 years. I have raised 4 kids here, and worked in Hamilton for over 23 years. I am writing to ensure you understand I do not want to see any expansion of the urban boundary for Hamilton. Use of quality farmland for free standing homes, or townhomes, is inefficient use of land, requires costly city services to support, and is environmentally unfriendly. Often it is ugly--the sprawl through Waterdown has left a community without a "town centre", crowded roads and houses that public transit cannot reach. One of the reasons I support LRT is because it will make it easier to get around Hamilton if you live close to the LRT line--it encourages housing density. I am very concerned that expanding the urban boundary will erode one of the best benefits of living in Hamilton--access to undeveloped areas, views of lush farmland, and knowing that it is possible to easily reach trails and conservation lands in rural areas. Adding to urban sprawl will diminish the community for all of us.

I urge you to vote against ANY expansion of the urban boundary for Hamilton.

Thank you.

--jenn brasch

4.10 (ab)

From: David Wallis

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:57 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Councilors & Members

As a resident of Ancaster it concerns me greatly of this decision to expand Hamilton's Urban Boundary.

We have plenty of land available within the current boundary that should be utilized first, before expanding on farmland or areas outside the city itself.

Building more homes on land that is farmland and needed for food, only benefits the developers that are clamoring to get their hands on it. Generally, people will not be able to afford these homes they are proposing to build anyway.

I am disappointed in Mr Fords approach to resourceful development and his counter part Mr Clark for interfering in what is clearly Hamilton's decision to make.

David Wallis

4.10 (ac)

From: Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:09 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Why i'm against any expansion of the urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

To the Mayor and Hamilton City Councillors, to my MPP and the other local MPP, to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, and to the Hamilton City Clerk,

I'm one of your constituents. My name is Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar. I live in Hamilton. I'm writing you to express my strong opposition to expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary. You represent the people of Hamilton, and should respect our wish that the current boundary be maintained, NOT expanded. We want to preserve our local farmland and open spaces, and increase density within the existing urban boundaries. There are plenty of parking lots, empty lots, and underutilized spaces suitable for densification within the existing boundaries.

Mr Premier, please respect Hamilton residents, planners, and our Mayor, and don't try to intimidate or bully us.

City Councillors, the overwhelming majority of city residents have expressed opposition to the boundary expansion option. Please respect our wishes, and don't kowtow to developers. You weren't voted into office by developers, but by ordinary residents.

Please support Option 2: No urban boundary expansion

Hamilton is already spread out geographically, and doesn't need to grow outward. It can grow within the present urban boundary. Please vote to freeze the urban boundary and save all 3300 acres of our precious farmland.

Thank you!

Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar

4.10 (ad)

From: Linda Ellis

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:15 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long time resident of Ward 1. The survey that went out weeks ago showed overwhelming response for NO sprawl so why are we continuing to fight for this? Was it not the answer Mr. Ford wanted to hear? Why is our City council so weak on making decisions when your constituents have spoken. Building these million dollar homes on farmland is only going to help Mr. Ford and his builder friends make a profit and will destroy much needed farmland. The earth is in SERIOUS trouble. There are many areas within our city that we can develop for housing. Did I not just read 8 schools are closing? We need to build within the city to promote more walking, cycling or public transportation not out where you can only get from A to B by using a car. Come on city council, finally do something right and STOP THE SPRAWL!

Linda Ellis

4.10 (ae)

From: Carol Walrath

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:05 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Totally against expanding urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello. I am a resident of beautiful Carlisle. I bought a house in this community because I treasure the rural nature of the area.

Please, please don't allow the urban sprawl to continue!!!! While it is estimated that we will be needing more housing to accommodate people moving into the region, exactly how long will such housing be required?

I am part of the Baby Boomer generation. As my cohort passed through the grades during the 60's, many schools built additions or new buildings to accommodate all the students. Well, it didn't last. Once the bubble passed through, all that school space was no longer needed. Now we are stuck with many surplus schools.

The huge bubble of Baby Boomers in our area will eventually be gone. Our population distribution currently is upside down. We have many more over the age of 65 than ever before. Once this bubble of seniors pass on, will we really need all that additional housing?

Don't dig up precious farmland to accommodate a housing bubble that might be only temporary in nature.

Please vote to stop the sprawl!!!!

Thank you.

Carol Walrath

4.10 (af)

From: Marie Christine Nixon

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:25 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban Sprawl, Hi my name is Christine and I am voicing my opinion on the topic of Urban Sprawl, which is not needed or wanted. There are so many areas in the downtown core that could be developed instead of using good farm land. We have a crisis going ...

Clerk City Clerk,

Tip: Introduce yourself and write in your own words why you don't want an urban boundary expansion [DELETE this Tip before sending]

Marie Christine Nixon

4.10 (ag)

From: Barbara McKean

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:28 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban boundary expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

As a long-time resident of Hamilton, who have raised our family here, we are shocked that in this day and age, knowing what we do about climate change and what the modelling shows for our food security in the future, that anyone who cares about their children and grandchildren could even ponder a move to build on some of what little remains of Canada's good arable land, especially in a community where sustainable development is quite possible given the large amount of our post-industrial legacy - brownfield land.

Building a case for lack of affordable housing seems like a smokescreen, when few developers choose to build homes that are small/affordable or built to last long and use minimal energy, and we know the long term costs associated with servicing farflung suburbs; this creates another financial burden for an already overburdened city with infrastructure that can't handle its current demands without, for example, spilling sewage into the eventual source of our drinking water all too regularly. Yet some folks obviously think we are ready to add thousands more homes and hard surfaces?

Look at the research and future projections for climate change, not just here in Hamilton, but in California and Florida, and the Prairies and the US midwest - all the source of much of the food that we currently eat. And we were told early in the pandemic, if the supply of food from across the border were to be shut off, we would quickly run out as there is less than a week of food stored here; grocery stores rely on just-in-time delivery rather than warehouses. Forest fires, deep drought and water shortages as glacial meltwater stops feeding major rivers, rising oceans and flooding; these areas we rely upon are all going to be disrupted, and we have the capacity locally to be able to grow and irrigate crops because we have good soil and proximity to the lake. An agricultural reserve is a much better use of the land to protect the topsoil and the watersheds that feed the lake. And considering our status as a biodiversity hotspot, it's a fitting complement to what we now steward locally.

Please show some vision and be creative in urban renewal that will change Hamilton from a post-industrial city to a model green community with a fully sustainable urban core that also protects productive land in its biodiverse, healthy watersheds - build a new kind of community rather than more same-old subdivisions and strip malls sitting on what used to be land capable of feeding a huge number of people. It's fitting that this vote will be taking place in the midst of the UN's Climate Change meetings. Stop this proposal to increase the urban boundary as a bold climate change action and show the world that Hamilton is serious about climate change action. We certainly aren't going to get other chances to create spaces that enhance food security as we head into the unstable, uncertain future. Failure to hold the urban boundary and keep these lands intact is just one more way of fanning the flames of a precarious future for your children and grandchildren, and ours.

John Hannah and Barb McKean

4.10 (ag)

4.10 (ah)

From: Linda Kajganic

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:39 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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4.10 (ai)

From: Sydney Davis

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:02 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: SAVE FARM LAND

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Sydney Davis and I am writing on behalf of my family and my neighbors. My grandparents, my uncle, my parents, my sister, and myself all live in Binbrook/ West Lincoln. We have chosen to live here because the country and rural way of life is important to us. Over the past little while we have heard the talk about the development of Elfrida and this has caused us great distress. We feel like our area, space, and way of live is being taken over. My parents and extended family have told me that if development was to encroach our neighborhood, they would move up north. This would effectively mean that my family is torn apart. I do not have the means to follow my parents, nor do I want to. Binbrook is my home...

All of us stand very firmly against any boundary extension. Farm land and green space is extremely important and should be preserved, not only for the sake of the people who have chosen to live here, but for the environment. These so-called "neighborhoods" that developers create are lifeless. I cannot think of anything more depressing than to live somewhere so jam-packed and cookie cutter. To some this may sound appealing, and I respect that, but the feelings and wishes of the people who have already settled into a rural way of life should be respected too...

If you opt for boundary expansion, this decision cannot be undone. It is my opinion that there are many other areas within Hamilton that can be used for housing and there is no need for boundary expansion at this point. Why not turn towards Barton Street or elsewhere within the city? After all we are getting the LRT, no? If the goal is affordable housing, it makes much more sense to first turn to the city where there is existing infrastructure and amenities close.

#SAVEFARMLAND

Sydney Davis

4.10 (aj)

From: Jane Glatt

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:10 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Freeze the urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

hi

My name is Jane Glatt and I am a Stoney Creek resident.

The farmland in this part of Ontario is some of the best in the world and must be preserved so we can feed ourselves.

As current supply chain issues are showing, we cannot always count on foreign goods. Where I live there are plenty of open areas that could be built on and intensified and it would reduce the costs of city services.

Do not expand the urban boundary just so developers can have it easy.

Climate change and our food production need farmland.

Regards

Jane Glatt

4.10 (ak)

From: Lori Ciotti
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:14 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Lori Ciotti. I live in Ward 11 in Binbrook. I grew up on a farm in Binbrook. There is not one single farm still actively farming within the community that I grew up in. There is also very few fruit farms left as well. I am very concerned about our food security and loss of farming resources. The housing is not affordable and Binbrook is so congested, our streets are so busy. Everyone has to have a car to live in the rural areas which again contributes to our climate issues. I realize we need homes but I think new solutions need to come forward and not using prime Agricultural land. I hope our elected council is really listening to our opinions. Urban sprawl really does need to stop!! Thank you, Lori Ciotti...very concerned
Resident

Lori Ciotti

4.10 (al)

From: Kathy Ferguson

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:15 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Please Vote No to Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kathy and I live in Dundas. I feel it is very important for our younger generation 's future and for those of us aging that we do not expand urban boundaries. We need to explore multi level housing that will accommodate young people and those aging that don't have the kind of resources required to purchase large homes that require car transportation to meet basic needs like medical appointments and food security.

Please use a lens of mental well- being to make decisions for everyone to have meaningful and healthy lives.

We need communities with diversity where we can be connected !!!

Thank you

Kathy

4.10 (am)

From: Reuven Dukas

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long time Dundas resident and both I and my family enjoy the surrounding green space and agricultural land. The city of Hamilton has plenty of space for adding numerous housing units within its current boundaries. All areas within a few blocks of the light rail corridor can accommodate tens of thousands of residents. Such intensification will save money and enhance the well being of Hamilton residents.

I and my family members strongly objects to the paving of any additional green space.

Reuven Dukas

4.10 (an)

From: peter Guahie
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:25 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop the Sprawl .

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there as a young man in early 1980s i used to take flying lessons out of Mount Hope and I noted while flying over Highway six the sprawl from Toronto had crept all the way to Highway six. It was like black and white the north side of six all paved over and with houses for miles, the other side of six was green beautiful pastors. I still fly Today and I now see the sprawl is bottlenecked on Centennial Parkway to Elfida. So 40 years later the sprawl has come to Centennial Parkway the east side of the parkway is some of the best land in our province and it must be protected! I ask you to vote sprawl down.

Peter

peter Guahie

4.10 (ao)

From: Alexandra Gabaldo
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:32 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl!

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Alex Gabalro of Ward 2 in Hamilton, ON. I am writing to you to urge you to vote no to expanding the urban boundary in Hamilton. There are plenty of vacant spaces for developers to build within the existing boundary that doesn't result in the loss of farmland.

This is also an expansion that Hamiltonians have largely expressed that they are against, that we do not want to expand as proven by the mailed survey.

Please consider doing what is right as our governments are supposed to represent the wants and needs of the people, not developers.

Thank you
Alex Gabaldo

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4.10 (ap)

From: Rita Knapp
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:45 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Hamilton Council;

This week you have the power to make very, very crucial decisions for the future of our city and surrounding area that will have long lasting impact for many children. Your own children and grandchildren expect you to make the right choices to protect their futures on this earth.

Like Greta Thunberg recently said at COP26, “ we’ve had enough “blah, blah blah”. It’s time for real transformative change”. I and many citizens of Hamilton and of Canada agree, time for change is now- no time to delay.

A few years ago, Hamilton declared a “climate emergency” to recognize the urgency of the climate change impact on our city. Many experts have written you to provide clear rationale to stop sprawl. They have provided statistics and data to clearly support their argument and have done so with more expertise than mine.

I don’t believe for one minute that developers are building homes for the future generations. The cost of housing, taxes, infrastructure and fuel have made it impossible for most people to buy new homes. A variety of affordable housing types within current city boundaries is imperative for most people to live in Hamilton. There are many open and available spaces to build such homes.

Furthermore, we must protect and improve our local and Canadian food security. Climate change is profoundly impacting fruits and vegetable production across Canada and in some USA states. Families have to deal with the increased costs of those healthy foods and make difficult choices for their children.

Leaders must respect the future of our children who do not have any control for decisions that current politicians are making for them. Leaders must honour and respect their well being and

4.10 (ap)

create a healthy environment for generations. It's not just about making the developers richer and richer. Leaders must set the tone- so please don't be tone deaf!!!

Stop Sprawl. Stop paving the farmland.

Build affordable housing within current city boundaries. Build homes, services and retail that will support a vibrant city that can use the LRT and other public transit options. It can be done but there has to be the will from decision makers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Knapp

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4.10 (aq)

From: Marin Hudson
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:20 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Boundary Expansion Isn't an Option

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Marin and I am a small business owner and resident of Ward 3.

I am emailing to express that urban boundary expansion simply isn't an option in Hamilton. It goes against the majority of resident wishes to protect our farms and green space while ignoring the ample space we have for growth within our urban boundary.

With countless vacant spaces in our urban core, it is a no brainer to utilize those spaces for urban intensification. We have space for homes, are desperately in need of accessible housing, and current and future residents deserve the improvement of existing infrastructure.

We must protect our farmland and green space if we want to be leaders in establishing a city fit for families. We are not looking to build a concrete metropolis — our residents and visitors love Hamilton for the balance of a city surrounded by trees and waterfalls. Let's not ruin what we have and instead invest in our urban spaces and grow within our existing boundary.

Marin Hudson

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4.10 (ar)

From: K Doehrin
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:24 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). Councillor Ferguson, there's no need to hesitate, we can't accept more sprawl like the disgusting big box sprawl on Wilson St. Density and planning for housing could have made that a beautiful area for people to live and shop within walking distance.

In order to protect what remains of our "white belt" farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton's 2050 climate obligations. Please reject plans for "phased" settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary. Build in and over big box stores and the sprawl we've seen through Ancaster. There's space.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as excessive Mansions over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused "Designated Greenfield Area" that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related "residential" neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free. The current Assessment plans for densities even lower than the 80 p/h legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

This summer, the City's approved process showed 90% of residents (16,636 of the total 18,387 who responded) want No Urban Boundary Expansion. The only way for Hamilton Council to respect this decision, or even to keep its future options open, is to formally adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (0 ha) on November 9th.

Climate change and our futures require this. Please make the hard decision to stop expansion.

Thank you,

Karly Doehring

4.10 (as)

From: Geoff Wilson

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:25 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello, my name is Geoff and my family has lived in Hamilton (ward 1) for a decade.

Do not extend the boundary. Instead, mandate that any home demolished is replaced by a minimum 2 family dwelling. Better yet, appropriate adjacent lots and build low rise city owned rentals.

Enough, keep our farmland. Stop giving it away to developers that take advantage of all of us.

Thank you for reading.

Geoff

Geoff Wilson

4.10 (at)

From: Joanna Sargent

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:01 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long-time resident of Hamilton, a home-owner on the West Mountain. I am very concerned about the possibility of more urban sprawl around Hamilton. I urge you to freeze the urban boundary immediately for many reasons. Planning for growth must consider climate implications, food security and sustainability. Expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary will have only negative effects with regards to climate change. Further expansion of Hamilton's boundaries is completely incompatible with council's declaration of a climate emergency. Freeze the urban boundary immediately and instead encourage higher density neighbourhoods within existing boundaries.

Low-density urban sprawl worsens the climate emergency in multiple ways. It increases car dependency. It replaces rural carbon sinks with urban carbon sources. It replaces vegetated areas with pavement and buildings. It overuses land, making the city more spread out and increasing distances travelled. It is impossible to efficiently service with transit. It increases the urban heat island effect. It increases stormwater runoff and consequent flooding. It requires millions of dollars in new roads, pipes and other infrastructure that consume already very scarce city finances. Of course it reduces food security by permanently eliminating more foodlands. Its car dependency excludes affordable housing and lower income residents thus further ghettoizing residents. It also degrades wildlife habitat and makes ecological restoration more difficult.

I applauded your good judgement when you recognized & declared the climate emergency. Now you have an opportunity to act on this declaration to stem this crisis.

Joanna Sargent

4.10 (au)

From: jillian vieira

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Say NO to urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there,

My name is Jillian Vieira, a resident of the Strathcona neighbourhood in Hamilton.

I am writing to urge you to say no to urban boundary expansion in Hamilton. As a newer resident of Hamilton, I am encouraged by all the land opportunities ripe for high-density housing already here in within the boundaries. There is absolutely no need to take over green farmland and create more sprawl. Also, as a mom, I want preserve these spaces for my child and all future generations. We only have one opportunity—THIS opportunity. Do what's right for forever, not for right now.

Looking forward to hearing back from you. Know that the residents of Hamilton—your constituents—are keeping their eyes peeled on this decision. Your reputation, your fate as a leader, is linked to how you respond in this situation. I do hope that you make the right choice for our children and all our futures.

Thank you,

Jillian

4.10 (av)

From: Natasha
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:29 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as “McMansions” over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused “Designated Greenfield Area” that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related “residential” neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free. The current Assessment plans for densities even lower than the 80 p/jh legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

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Ward 4 has a lot of opportunity for building new housing in all the vacant land and underused commercial areas. The Losani Homes site at the old Woodward Ave school is a great example of good use of land. I would love to see the City intensify density and make Hamilton a great place to live! I saw this happen while living in Toronto for 25 years - they decided to use existing land to build on and Toronto has become fantastic, whereas previously it was decaying from the middle. Hamiltonians really want the existing city to be improved upon and do not want to pay more for people to live far and wide. They deserve better!

Yours truly,
Natasha Huyer

4.10 (aw)

From: Naomi Newton

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:35 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Voting Against Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Naomi Newton and I am a nursing student at McMaster University. I live in ward 1. I also work as a clinical extern. I am writing to express my opinion against urban sprawl and expanding the urban boundary. As has been seen by an Ottawa report, sprawl and suburban development are unsustainable and more expensive than densification in urban centres. Creating more housing in the city in low density areas will be beneficial for everyone and allow for more livable, walkable, and bike and transit friendly areas. This is especially important for me and many of people living near me without access to cars to get to work. It would improve many areas to add missing middle housing instead of single family housing, to make it more affordable as well as providing density with keeping shared green space. This will also allow people to be able to live in city without a car, which is currently inconvenient and unwelcoming.

Thank you, and please vote no for expanding the urban boundary.

Naomi Newton

4.10 (ax)

From: Nicole Tollenaar
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:40 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban boundaries

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there.

I'm a resident in ward 2 and i highly urge you to vote against the boundary extension. The downtown core has so so much underutilized space and decrepit buildings that can be developed in a way that people are closer to their work, transportation, public services, ect. Also, the farmland surrounding hamilton is a beautiful and bountiful and definitely is part of the charm of living here. That and arable land/good soil is something we need to protect and celebrate as the rich resources they are.

Nicole Tollenaar

4.10 (ay)

From: Catherine Raso

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:59 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No to Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Our names are Catherine and Joe Raso and we have lived in Hamilton all of our lives. We love this City and we urge you to not allow urban boundary expansion to protect our green space and to find innovative ways to use existing space within our City's existing boundaries to accommodate the high demand for those who want to live affordably in this wonderful City! Please vote no to urban boundary expansion.

Thank you for your consideration

Catherine and Joe Raso

4.10 (az)

From: Naomi Neufeld
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:53 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Please Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a young adult living in Hamilton and I feel strongly about the need to conserve the precious farmland that surrounds our city. The fertile countryside of the Greenbelt is a resource that should be treasured, and it's preservation is essential for us to move forward towards a sustainable future. The environmental transformations caused by climate change will stimulate food shortages, and we will need this farmland to grow food for ourselves and our children. This is prime agricultural land that should not be destroyed in order to construct unnecessarily large homes when there are other beneficial means of solving issues surrounding housing in the city. The city of Hamilton would benefit far more by focusing on the revitalization of the downtown core, refurbishing buildings and houses in areas of the city that are run-down and dilapidated instead of developing beyond the city's borders. Please exploit the potential within the city itself rather than destroying a precious resource that will be necessary for our future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Naomi Neufeld

Naomi Neufeld

Hamilton , Ontario

4.10 (ba)

From: Denise Duvall

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:46 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

No to urban sprawl! The people voted! I support local farmers by buying their produce, local apples, pears, berries, corn, peppers, tomatoes, straw, honey, maple syrup, jams, fruit drinks, woolen goods from local alpacas (yes even woolen goods from local alpacas, great Christmas presents!) , eggs, meat, etc. It's amazing to see the variety of goods from our local farmers, who have supplied us for generations, contrary to what the survey by millionaire builders, not the concerned citizens as they claim, pushing for "housing geared to low income families", would have you believe. It's picked daily, is fresher and therefore, more nutritious. In these times of covid, I prefer to buy fresh local produce, since I know where and how it is grown and harvested. The carbon footprint is almost nil, unlike imported fruits and vegetables, which are picked green and shipped sometimes thousands of miles, by air even. I would rather pay the farmer, who has worked hard to grow it, than let all the middlemen get the profits.

Denise Duvall

4.10 (bb)

From: DOC - CANADA

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:52 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

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4.10 (bc)

From: Peter Hall
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:47 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop the sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Peter I've been in Hamilton for 16+ years. We cannot afford the sprawl and must preserve farmland as an utmost importance. Our earth and our farms must be saved and we do not require sprawl , our city is done and can manage as it is, other areas like Toronto, can build up. I do not support this sprawl and feel very strongly .

Peter Hall

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4.10 (bd)

From: Isabel Margetts
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:05 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Sprawl HamOn

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Isabel and I have recently returned to live and work in Hamilton after 5 years away. I grew up here in Westdale and currently live in the North End (Ward 2). Please reconsider creating further urban sprawl which requires higher cost resources and less affordable housing for young families and environmental impacts. Instead by focusing on infrastructure that is already in place this would provide lower carbon footprints and a more livable, affordable sustainable city.

Yours sincerely, a young professional who would like to be a homeowner in Hamilton one day,

Isabel

Isabel Margetts

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4.10 (be)

From: Mary Walihura

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:08 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I love Hamilton !!

I see so much land within the city that could be developed for housing.

Let us have the riches of green space and farming land to support our City of Hamilton.

Mary Walihura

4.10 (bf)

From: Rowan Cotton

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:20 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Rowan, I am living in the North End (Ward 2) while I finish my aviation diploma at Mohawk College. I plan on living and working in Hamilton after college and I would love to see my tax dollars be put to better use than urban sprawl. I would love to be able to afford a home in the near future in Hamilton, by investing in the current infrastructure that is dilapidated in and around the downtown core and leave the farmland and wilderness alone. We don't need more city taking away from the farmland and natural beauty that surrounds this area.

Kind Regards

Rowan Cotton

4.10 (bg)

From: Gerten Basom

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:32 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: NO Sprawl!

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Mayor Eisenberg and Councillors!

As a rural resident of Ancaster for the last 40 years, I see day to day in our farming community how precious farmland is. All farmers in our area, be it local dairy, beef, chicken, goat, vegetable, or soya bean, corn, winter wheat or hay, are feeling the pressure in seeking extra farmland to grow their goods. One farmer competes with another but can not compete with the loss of extra lands or the price of saleable acreage due to developers driving up costs. Developers are gobbling up Ontario's best and most productive farmland, our food belt and livelihoods!!! In my area we have 4th generation farmers! I implore you to keep these lands for farming communities and feeding our Canadian people. There is ample space as presented by SSHO and Environment Hamilton, to creatively build homes in urban centers of Hamilton, keeping down taxpayer's costs and utilizing existing infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Gerten Basom

4.10 (bh)

From: Mary-Jane McKitterick
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:11 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

My Name is Mary-Jane McKitterick and I am a homeowner aka 'taxpayer' in the Homeside neighbourhood of Hamilton. I moved here almost 5 years ago from Toronto so I was one of those people that the Ford government thinks will come to Hamilton and live in a mega mansion suburb, without amenities and drive to big box stores. I can tell you flat out I would never want to live like that and my many friends and colleagues in cities across Canada would not either.

I moved here in good faith because of the LRT and expansion of Go Service between Hamilton and Toronto. I moved here because I could see that Hamilton could be that dynamic liveable city that in many ways Toronto used to be. Affordable but prosperous. Places to live, work and play for EVERYONE. But I have to say I continue to be shocked at the level of empty boarded up buildings and unused parking lots across the lower city. Actually it's heartbreaking. There are acres and acres and acres of land and buildings fully supported by infrastructure (roads, sewers, electrical lines etc) sitting empty - waiting to be homes for many different community members! They could be single family homes, condos and missing middle housing, along with purpose built rentals and deeply affordable supportive housing. Alongside parks, bike paths, cafes, grocery, daycare and community centres.

Instead we are being asked to let them sit there while you develop our precious farmland in the midst of a climate and food crisis so that a few families can have McMansions requiring brand new infrastructure that we will pay for! As I write this my jaw is dropping!

With respect I ask you to please step back and think about what you are doing. Do not expand the urban boundary. Stop this "Mad Tea Party" and build on what we already have.

Mary-Jane McKitterick

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (bi)

From: Terry Basom

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:04 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]NO Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I have been a resident of rural Ancaster for over 40 years. I don't farm but I live in the middle of many farms. The farmers have such a hard time as it is, with available land, making a living. We have some of the richest soil in Canada. Don't pave it over! We need to be able to produce our own food, and it's imperative we save our resources.

There is not the need to spread the city out. It has been proven there is enough existing space set aside, and the builders have so much land they are sitting on already, wanting to make a huge buck. It's all about money for the builders, with no thought as to the results that our kids and grandkids have to face. DON'T DO IT! Please stop now and use what is already set aside for building..

Regards

Terry Basom

4.10 (bj)

From: Sheila Van Leusden

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:13 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban Boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello , my name is Sheila Van Leusden and I voted to keep the urban boundary where it currently exists.

There is room to grow within our current boundary, as shown in the yellow areas on the map of Hamilton as seen in the Hamilton Spectator in recent days. The costs of paying for new infrastructure for new developments are high. The costs of encouraging commuting during a climate crisis are even higher.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.I live in Ward 13, and care deeply about this issue.

Sheila Van Leusden

4.10 (bk)

From: Alexander Szlafarski

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:19 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: 3,300 Acres

Clerk City Clerk,

Elected officials,

I've spent a great deal of my life in Hamilton. Being born at McMaster Children's Hospital, being baby sat in the east end while my mom worked in the attic office at the old Youth Employment Building at Victoria and Main, my first hockey and football games, my first concerts (both in the audience and on the stage) to eventually opening a music studio downtown in 2014 and buying my first home on the mountain in 2016, has given me a perspective that is all too familiar to so many others like myself.

A city with incredible roots and potential, constantly pruned and twisted in ways that go against the core of what makes this city great - its people. The ones who you come to know by name at your local corner store, your crossing guard, the sweet old ladies at the passport office, the elderly couple making samosas in the back of a tiny grocery store.

All of this is dependent on affordable housing. And that means making use of the thousands of acres of currently vacant or decrepit space throughout the city's current urban boundary.

The prospect of growing the suburbs at the expense of crucial farmland may appear once again to be charming and lucrative, but it will be at the expense of the people who already live here, and the people we depend on to provide us with rich, local industry.

When I was 8 years old I met with Burlington Mayor Rob Mackenzie to discuss the decision to level acres of land at the old brick refinery south of the 403 near Hidden Valley (remember that place?). Unbeknownst to the city or developers, the area had become a Bastion for wildlife supporting the Cootes to Escarpment RBG ecosystem. Now that land is gone forever and exists only in the form of inefficient, enormous suburban homes and bottle necking traffic through a small side road (Unsworth) which was once a simple access road for the RBG. It is not a miniature highway carved right through the middle of one of Canada's most diverse ecosystems.

The City of Hamilton needs to listen to the people who are raising their voices. What the City is proposing is irreversible, and plays critical role in the global efforts against climate change, poverty and lack of housing.

I implore all of you to seek other lucrative avenues that would better suit the whole population of Hamilton, not just the developers who stand to line their pockets whichever way this goes.

Be on the right side of history.

Alexander Szlafarski

4.10 (bk)

4.10 (bl)

From: Joyce Muir
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:22 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop this ridiculous sprawl.

Clerk City Clerk,

I am Mrs. Joyce Muir. I am 85+ yrs. old. I have lived in Hamilton all my life. It's is extremely upsetting to see what has been happening to my city. Even though I have been removed from one beautiful building on Bay and Herkimer, because owner decided to turn it into condos, and moved on Bay St. near Main and was yet again being forced out so the rents could be raised beyond belief, I still cannot go along with developers wrecking our farmland. I have seen the horrible townhouses taking over my mountain. Boxes and more boxes being built. When will this stop? When will government (the PC'S) realize that the public does not approve. I wish the election was next week. Never again, will I vote for the Conservatives. I have another name for them. This just breaks my heart. I have lived in what I call the four corners of Hamilton. Born in a house on Gordon St., the east end, then east mountain. Moved to west mountain and then to a home in west Hamilton off Queen. I know Hamilton. Please, please think of what you are doing.

Joyce Muir

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bm)

From: Judy McCollum
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:28 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello

I am a resident of Dundas. I am hoping that you will vote against urban sprawl.

I work a a family operated farm market on the Dundas hill. We have so many people that come from Toronto, Mississauga, Milton and many other areas. They come for what they do not have. Rural life. Families bring picnics. Their children run in the grass. Everyone comes for a selfie with the sunflowers or the corn field.

Urban sprawl will take this away

Respectfully

Judy McCollum

Judy McCollum

Dundas , Ontario

4.10 (bn)

From: Justin Minett
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:17 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Hamilton Needs Densification not Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Justin and I am a resident of Hamilton.

Hamilton residents responded loud and clear that we do not want a boundary expansion. It is not right for our city and more importantly, it has IRREVERSIBLE effects. Once our farmland is lost, it cannot be regained. At the end of my street, there are several abandoned buildings and empty lots. You cannot drive through Hamilton without passing boarded up buildings that could be converted to infill housing.

If Doug Ford and his Ministers are really "for the people" then they will listen to the people of Hamilton instead of pandering to a handful of speculative developers.

If councillor ferguson is reading this, I can assure you it's not a bot or automated message, and that I am writing this myself. I have in the past used email templates to send my thoughts on this matter because (shockingly) most of us have day jobs and don't have the time to email government reminding them to listen to their constituents.

Hamilton city councillors, if you make the ill-informed decision to vote for sprawl (boundary expansion) tomorrow, know that Hamiltonians will remember you voted against their interests.

Conduct yourselves accordingly,

Justin Minett

Justin Minett

4.10 (bn)

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bo)

From: K Pingree
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:37 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No to "urban sprawl".

Clerk City Clerk,

As a Waterdown (Hamilton Ward 15) tax-payer of 20+ years I am writing to express my growing concern about directions being taken for development in Hamilton.

Waterdown has grown beyond the village we moved into, but we can (and do) still walk to all our activities: groceries, eateries, doctor, dentist, optometrist, library, YMCA, theatre, shopping etc.

That is the ideal you need to target - walkable cities.

We need to increase people spaces, not increase demand for parking spaces.

If we spread beyond the existing boundaries, how will that help existing businesses and spaces? Build a core that is welcoming and inclusive for pedestrians and provides public transit; look at housing over the sprawl of one-story malls; get developers to finish the projects in the core that they started (Get it Done or lose approval to develop. No variances); add green spaces.

Rural areas need to be safeguarded for farming and agriculture, not turned into more built up areas that will need even more roads and highways for cars and parking (that leads to increased infrastructure and maintenance costs for the city without ANY benefit to urban core).

I was happily surprised to see Hamilton showcased on 'Life Sized City'. A televised show that looks at cities around the globe and how the cities are working (or not) to be places which attract citizens and visitors by creating inviting, people-focused areas. There was Hamilton, Ontario right there with Paris, Copenhagen, Sao Paulo and Barcelona.

Consider a quote: "no one shops at 50 km per hour"; if we 'drive' people into far-flung areas where they need cars to visit the core of a city we aren't BUILDING anything to improve inclusion in the city. We will be compounding the decline of the core as a "drive through".

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Council needs to consider what will enhance Hamilton as The Best Place to Raise a Child and make a decision for the parents raising those children. This is not a decision for developers, and not for the province.

K Pingree

Waterdown,

4.10 (bp)

From: Karin Gordon

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:55 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: GIC Urban Boundary Expansion Written Delegation

To the members of the General Issues Committee Meeting,

I'm writing to you today about the future of our city's growth plans to express my support for the No Boundary Expansion option. I am a graduate of McMaster's Civil Engineering and Society program (meaning not only do I have my Bachelor of Engineering, but I spent an extra year studying sustainability and social responsibility). I've done many projects and done many extracurricular readings throughout my time in my undergrad on how we can build sustainable and happy cities.

As you probably know, not long after the invention of the private automobile, the way we built cities changed. They went from being compact and walkable to being spread out and mostly only accessible to those with their own motorised vehicle. The thing is that while having a more spacious suburban yard sounds like it would increase happiness, each homeowner a king in their own realm, that actually is not what usually happens. Human beings are social creatures and thrive in community. The thing is that when you live in the suburbs you tend to have cursory relationships with your neighbours and do all your shopping at big box stores. Seeing as you have to drive your car to those big impersonal stores and didn't get a chance to talk to anyone on the way there or back you have very few opportunities to build relationships with the people living in your neighbourhood. We think, thanks to the hedonic treadmill that our happiness will skyrocket when we are living in the suburbs but study after study has shown that it does not.

Not only that, but economically and environmentally it makes very little sense to continue to adhere to an urban sprawl method of growth. I understand that the Ambitious Density option suggests some improvements over the conventional sprawl, and I suppose that's something. Still, if we expand our suburbs into farmland we will be creating a further burden on our infrastructure, needing roads, sewer systems, powerlines and services. All of which need to be built and maintained on the city's dime. While the big houses you tend to see in suburbs do have big tax bills, they also require more kilometers of sewers, roads and powerlines.

4.10 (bp)

It seems to me that we can't afford to add more infrastructure to our maintenance list when the roads we have now are covered in potholes, and when our outdated sewer systems overflow into the lake during big storms. Adding more roads and roofs over existing farmland will only increase the amount of runoff that our sewers have to deal with.

I suggest instead that we focus on *truly* ambitious density. Density that builds thriving neighbourhoods out of existing sprawl and brownfields. Density that focuses on building compact city living, investing in community green spaces and multimodal transportation. Yes, it's easier to start fresh on virgin land, but just because something is easy doesn't mean it is right. Doug Ford put cities across the province in a difficult position of having to figure out where thousands of newcomers will live at the drop of a hat, but that doesn't mean that we have to do what is easy. We can rise to the occasion and build a more sustainable city that will inspire other North American cities to build in a way that is future friendly.

Thank you for your time,

Karin Gordon
Ward 3 Resident

4.10 (bq)

From: Kate Whalen
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kate Whalen, and I'm writing on behalf of my husband, Jamie Madden, and myself. We live in downtown Hamilton, Ward 1.

We want to keep our farmland. We want less car traffic. We want better air quality and a better environment. We want to grow old and age successfully here. We want our city to address the climate emergency, and we want this to include our elected officials voting against urban sprawl.

Please make the decision that will put you on the right side of history.

Thank you,

~Kate

Kate Whalen

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (br)

From: Katharine King
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:33 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi,

I hope you are well. Please please please, do not expand Hamilton's urban boundary. I am a young person living in Hamilton and am extremely worried about climate-related issues impacting people who live in heat islands like Hamilton (I think about it everyday). It is now, finally (!), lay knowledge that climate science is real. Firming our urban boundary is the most sustainable and humane option. We need a firm urban boundary to secure a future for our children that has substantially less suffering than it could. The IPCC report says that we have a decade to lower emissions before catastrophic events start to occur. Firming the urban boundary is the option that will result in the lowest carbon emissions. This is the right thing to do.

Thank you kindly,

Katharine King
Hamilton, Ontario
Ward 3

Katharine King

Ontario
Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (bs)

From: katie rees
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:09 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Gmail 2 <katierees@gmail.com>
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as “McMansions” over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused “Designated Greenfield Area” that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related “residential” neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Kind regards,

Katie Rees

4.10 (bt)

From: Kay Chornook
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:25 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Greetings from a Ward 2 constituent, Kay Chornook. I have been following the question of urban sprawl in Hamilton, which can also be called agricultural and green space destruction, or Why do Developers matter more than our future? We have plenty of brown spaces and underdeveloped spaces within the city. I understand that increasing affordable housing in the city will take actual creativity on behalf of our politicians, whereas selling out to the developers, contractors and speculators is both profitable and an easy way to go. Don't you think it is time that we get serious about saving what is left of farmland (which also means supporting farmers in economic ways if we are to support our local communities with food production); what is left of green space (no one needs to be told how badly we need our forests, waters and nature for our future, do they?) and focusing on improving inner city infrastructure as opposed to spreading out and creating a system that will need to be updated in a short few years. Come on folks, get real, get smart and get creative. Hamilton could be the coolest place in the country if the City Council and provincial and federal governments put their minds to it. And cool attracts entrepreneurs and creatives and that means cash too.

Thank you, Kay

Kay Chornook

Hamilton,

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4.10 (bu)

From: Kelly Brouwer
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:43 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl in Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Kelly Brouwer, I am 30 years old and living in the Stinson neighbourhood in Ward 3. I am passionate about Hamilton after living here for about a dozen years now. I urge leadership in Hamilton to keep city borders where they are and not expand into farmland. This land is becoming far more valuable environmentally and in regards to our relationship with indigenous communities. We cannot afford to give this over to developers. Please make the choice to develop downtown dead spaces. There is SO much unused space downtown. Please grow UP and not OUT.

Kelly Brouwer

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bv)

From: Kelly Ebers
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:46 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: No Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kelly Ebers. I moved to the Homeside neighbourhood (Ward 4) in June of 2019. I chose to buy in Hamilton as I could no longer afford Toronto. Hamilton drew me in for its urban feel, but its easy access to nature and trails, its wonderful bike lanes, and its potential for great city living at an affordable price.

I started seeing signs for "No Urban Boundary Expansion" and immediately looked into what that meant. I was disappointed to see that the City was considering expanding its boundaries to create more urban sprawl. I immediately pictured those ugly neighbourhoods built on farmland where every house looks the same and there are no trees. If I wanted to live near that, I would have moved to Milton, Maple, Vaughn or any other characterless region.

As I walk around Hamilton I can't help but notice tonnes greyfields; empty parking lots, cement everywhere, boarded up abandoned buildings. Hamilton is constantly referred to as Canada's 'Detroit'. Why hasn't the City of Hamilton considered using these underutilized lots? Why not buy the abandoned buildings and empty parking lots along Main Street, Queenston Rd. etc. to create affordable housing?

We are in a climate crisis. We are no longer approaching one. It feels as though you need to be reminded of that. Let's use what we have before we destroy more to create a bigger footprint. Isn't that saving the climate 101?

I'd also like to know how much Indigenous consultation there has been about this expansion. Surely you know Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation both have equal claim to the land in Elfrida. Can you put yourselves in their shoes for a moment? How much more pain can you create for these communities?

4.10 (bv)

To put it bluntly, this boundary expansion seems incredibly tone-deaf to Canada's climate crisis and Indigenous Reconciliation.

Kelly Ebers

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bw)

From: Kelsey Worboys

Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:26 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No boundary expansion for the City of Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

With experience first hand working in the land development sector, I have seen the needless sprawl of non-sensical contemporary housing communities that the City of Hamilton again and again allow to not only be developed, but do so with only the bare minimum assessments on environmental impact. A 300+ year old tree, whose value is innumerable to life on earth, was cut and chipped without regard on the newly developed sections of the Ancaster Businesses Park - a "park" now sitting with empty offices as the modern world moves to teleworking.

As the youth representative for Canada at the last Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, it is up to the municipalities and provincial governments of Canada to uphold our international commitments to safeguarding life on earth and an expansion of the City's urban boundary goes exactly against this commitment. Thank you for your time, as a proud born and raised Hamiltonian who looks forward to raising their family in a green city.

Kelsey Worboys

Kelsey Worboys

Hamilton, Ontario L8k1v3

4.10 (bx)

From: Kim Dunlop
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:04 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as “McMansions” over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused “Designated Greenfield Area” that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related “residential” neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free. The current Assessment plans for densities even lower than the 80 pjh legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

This summer, the City’s approved process showed 90% of residents (16,636 of the total 18,387 who responded) want No Urban Boundary Expansion. The only way for Hamilton Council to respect this decision, or even to keep its future options open, is to formally adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (0 ha) on November 9th.

Kim Dunlop
Hamilton, ON

4.10 (by)

From: Kim Newcombe

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:49 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Save Resources for Future Generations

Clerk City Clerk,

Good Morning! My name is Kim . I am a longtime resident of Hamilton- here for 34 years. I've lived in Westdale, Dundas and currently on a rural property that straddles Ancaster and Dundas.

Although being able to sell a Rural property for development would be an immediate and huge financial gain for the owner and developers it would be incredibly short sighted . Farm land is not renewable. It is expensive to develop , adequately service and not self - sustaining.

Resources used to create Sprawl would be better invested in intensification of already developed lands.By Adding to and amending current infrastructure and services.

Pick the greenest path forward. Future generations and current ones will not understand our backward looking planning - when we know that Climate Change is here! Pick the most Sustainable development plan. Imagine 10 years from now, 20 years ahead, 50 years in the future.

The way we have done things in the past will be judged - it's time to Change and look at a bigger less immediate picture.

Wishing you courage to do the right thing,

Kim

Kim Newcombe

4.10 (bz)

From: Krystyna Shoveller
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:44 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Krystyna Shoveller and I live in an adult community on the boundary of farmland which currently sits vacant . Most of these properties have already been purchased by developers. We are not forward looking if we think we should pave farmland for housing. There are many costs associated with developing this land for infrastructure while the lower city's infrastructure is crumbling. Why not take this opportunity to infill properties with high density where all services are in place. Driving down Barton Street is only one example of properties that could be infilled. Living here has made me realize that everything I need is a car ride away and that just increases my carbon footprint. We don't need more shopping malls but we do need our agriculture outlets where we can support local farmers that are trying to feed us good food. Building more housing out here is counter productive and harming our environment. Destroying watersheds in sensitive areas will cause issues in the near future and only the developers will be served by expansion. The price of housing will not be impacted by urban sprawl because of the cost of development alone. Let's not be a puppet of the Ford governments mission to make rich people richer. Let's be forward looking to where will our food come from in the future. Let's make it local!

Krystyna Shoveller

Mount Hope, Ontario

4.10 (ca)

From: Kyle Rozoski
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 4:13 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: No to Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Good day,

Thank you your your attention. I am entirely opposed to any further development, that would pave over farmland. There should be a development boundary of Wilson St, Rymal Road, and Centennial. There is so much infill that could be accomplished within those Hamilton interior borders. I would be in favour of middle density, and high density, as this wouldn't increase sprawl, and therefore taxes to service that sprawl. Thank you again, for your time and consideration.

Yours in Hamilton,
Kyle Rozoski

Kyle Rozoski

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (cb)

From: L Tindall
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:17 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Sprawl. NO THANKS

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long time resident of Ward 2 in Hamilton. I lived on the 'Mountain' when the city ended at Mohawk Road. I've seen a lot of spread in the city and it's time to stop. I am saying NO to Hamilton Urban Boundary Expansion. I support a zero urban boundary expansion for Hamilton. I support intensification within the present boundaries.

We cannot pave farmland while also maintaining and supporting local farms, local food supply and reducing food transportation costs. Farmland once lost never comes back.

The more the city spreads out the more the life is sucked out of the lower city. Adding density to existing neighbourhoods in the city will encourage business development and jobs in areas that need it, such as the city core. Surely an important issue for a Ward 2 representative.

Urban sprawl increases the distance from the cultural centre of the city. Citizens tired after a day at work will be unenthusiastic about driving 40 minutes to Theatre Aquarius, to see the Bulldogs or Tiger Cats or attend a concert.

Those same people will not likely drive that same distance to take the GO train but see it as easier to just drive the QEW so add to greenhouse gas admissions.

New subdivisions will add to my tax bill without providing me with additional value for money. I won't drive on those suburban streets, use those suburban parks or attend the suburban schools but I will help pay for them all.

More subdivisions does not ensure affordable housing. Homes in new subdivisions are out of reach for most homeowners. Middle density housing options are more affordable which brings new families to the city to stay.

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Urban population growth through middle density dwellings inside the current urban boundary will increase the usage of public transportation making it more cost effective. Instead of building additional police stations, fire stations and libraries, city funds can go into expanding and improving those present services thus benefiting long time residents as well as new arrivals.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I am following the debate on the issue closely.

This is an election issue for me.

Sincerely,

Lauren Tindall

Citizen of Hamilton for 46 years.

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Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (cc)

From: Laura Joldersma
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:20 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop urban sprawl in Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Laura Joldersma. I'm a lifelong Hamiltonian and a longtime downtown resident.

I think it's important we make best use of our urban space to fill the need for more housing, especially the urgent need for affordable housing, and avoid ruining the farmland and green spaces of Hamilton.

There is so much opportunity in vacant and underdeveloped properties in the downtown area to maximize this space for housing and to create efficient, liveable neighbourhoods, alongside keeping parks and green spaces available for everyone.

Please stop the sprawl and make better use of our urban space in planning for the current needs and the future growth of Hamilton.

Laura Joldersma

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (cd)

From: Laurie Nielsen

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:39 AM

To: Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; 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>

Subject: RE: GRIDS 2, the Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment

Dear Councillors,

I was reminded last week that the city passed a motion to declare a climate emergency during the Board of Health meeting on November 19, 2019. It was then passed by Council eight days later along with a motion to form a task force. From the city's own website (<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/climate-change-action>) we have:

"... on March 27, 2019, Hamilton City Council declared a climate change emergency and directed staff to form a Corporate Climate Change Task Force (CCCTF)."

The City of Hamilton's Corporate Climate Change Goals (<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/climate-change-action>) includes goal 4, which refers to planning:

"To ensure a climate change lens is applied to all planning initiatives to encourage the use of best climate mitigation and adaptation practices."

Other goals also apply as Council makes a decision on whether to expand the boundary:

Goal 2: Active and Sustainable Travel (reduce single use occupancy vehicles)

Goal 6: Protect and Restore the Natural Environment (protect farmlands)

Goal 7: Climate Adaptation (which I translate to meaning avoiding more paving)

Goal 8: Diversity, Health and Inclusion (ensure adequate housing for all Hamiltonians)

We are now in the midst of the UN Climate Change Conference where everyone is being asked to do their part to cut down on GHG emissions. To allow the expansion of the boundary would be slap in the face to all future generations who are counting on the adults in the room to make the right decision today. Please keep in mind the City's Corporate Climate Change Goals and give the majority weight to *Climate Change*, the first of the evaluation criteria for the GRIDS 2, the Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment. Once we lose farmland there is no going back!

Thank you.

Laurie Nielsen
Hamilton ON
(Ward 1 resident)

Please don't print this e-mail unless you really need to.

4.10 (cd)

4.10 (ce)

From: Leif Peng

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:27 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Regarding Hamilton's Urban Boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello;

My name is Leif Peng. I'm a home owner and resident of Ward 1 in Hamilton. I'm deeply opposed to the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary. We already have a shocking infrastructure maintenance deficit of over 3 BILLION dollars. Adding additional infrastructure by way of urban sprawl has been proven to only increase this deficit. Analysis in other communities, most recently in Ottawa, have proven repeatedly: sprawl will eventually lead to the bankrupting of communities. FACT: There is no example anywhere you can point to where sprawl has financially benefitted a community once all the real costs and expenses to the taxpayer have been tabulated. I urge you to do your research - study these facts closely - then do what is your number one priority as an elected official: safeguard the public purse by rejecting further boundary expansion.

Leif Peng

Leif Peng

, Hamilton

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (cf)

From: Leo Dragtoe
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:03 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: We Need to Stop the Sprawl!

Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing you as a Hamiltonian and resident of Ontario.

I love both my city and province very deeply and I am truly proud to call them home.

Recently, there have been efforts made by various special-interest groups and land development firms to justify the expansion our urban boundary. They argue that this approach is the best way to accommodate for a growing population. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

As you are no doubt aware, The City of Hamilton has numerous opportunities to provide adequate housing by building WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE EXISTING URBAN BOUNDARY.

Not only would this save taxpayers money, but it would also insure the integrity of our farmland and green space, which in turn, would allow the province to retain a safe, local food supply. In these times of uncertainty regarding supply chains throughout the globe, it is imperative that we freeze urban boundary expansion. We cannot allow economic interests of ill-advised land development to compromise the future well-being of the entire province.

The choice we are currently facing regarding the expansion of our urban boundary is a crucial one: it will have lasting effects not only here and now, but also for years and generations to come. I strongly urge you to act in the best interests of all Ontarians by taking steps to freeze urban boundary expansion. We must insure the safety and sustainability of this province. We must move forward together and create a viable, livable future.

We must Stop the Sprawl!!

Sincerely,
Leo Dragtoe

4.10 (cf)

Leo Dragtoe

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (cg)

From: Linda Lannigan
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:01 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Mayor Fred and City Councillors:

As a resident of Hamilton, I am writing to express how deeply concerned and opposed to the expansion of the urban boundary of Hamilton. It has come to my attention that the City of Hamilton is looking at expanding its urban boundary into prime agricultural lands!

I was present during the Climate Change Emergency meeting at City Hall and proud our Council made the declaration.

We need to stay focused and build a brilliant innovative City Plan that encompasses, restores and preserves all life.

I became a New Grand-ma March 3, 2019 of a precious little boy. He is now 2 1/2 years old and already speaks fluent English, knows the Planets in our Solar System, many Dinosaurs, has learned the Human Body Parts, Systems and how DNA makes us different. We go hiking and learn about the importance of the Sun, Trees, Land, Water and Air and how it affects all life on our Beautiful Mother Earth.

He now has a 5 month old little sister.

It is our responsibility to Restore and Protect our Planet for Future Generations!

Humans have already wiped hundreds of species and pushed many more to the brink of extinction through wildlife trade, pollution, habitat loss and the use of toxic substances.

The findings published in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) show that the rate at which species are dying out has accelerated in recent decades.

Gerardo Ceballos González, a professor of ecology at the National Autonomous University of

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Mexico and one of the authors of the study, said approximately 173 species went extinct between 2001 and 2014.

"173 species is 25 times more extinct species than you would expect under the normal, background, extinction rate," he told CNN in an email. He and his team found that in the past 100 years, more than 400 vertebrate species went extinct. In the normal course of evolution, such extinctions would have taken up to 10,000 years!

Environmental groups such as Environment Hamilton, 350 Hamilton, and others are bringing attention to the impact the urban expansion will have on transit, affordable housing, the environment, and vulnerable communities.

As your constituent, I am asking that you vote to FREEZE Hamilton's urban boundary. This action is essential if we have any hope of building a sustainable, climate-resilient, inclusive future for Hamilton!

Thank you for listening to me and the citizens of Hamilton on behalf of all living things and our future generations

Sincerely,

Linda Lannigan
Fix Our World Team

Linda Lannigan
Hamilton , Ontario

4.10 (ch)

From: Lindsay Greene

Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:54 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: NO URBAN SPRAWL...come on guys, have some long-term vision

Clerk City Clerk,

I've lived in Hamilton nearly my whole life - from Waterdown, to Carlisle, to Dundas, and recently to the Durand neighborhood.

I am 31 years old, so I still have a lot of my life ahead of me. I'd hope that as I'm nearing the end of it I won't have to look around sadly reminiscing about the days when I could see nature and farmlands in harmony, in balance with the infrastructure and downtown business around me, instead of paving over and taking over.

This land use decision is going to affect my generation and all the future ones that come after it. Paving over farmland for developers - seriously? How does this short-term money-focused choice play out in reality? We've seen this one before ladies and gentlemen.

The voice of the people must count.

No Urban Boundary Expansion!

Instead, let's be smart and use up vacant, underutilized land already within the boundaries of Hamilton. It's about time to do something logical and beneficial to the wellbeing of the collective human community that MAKES UP THIS CITY.

Lindsay Greene

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (ci)

From: Jonathan Lopez
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:34 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Delegation for Urban Boundary Expansion

Good morning,

I would like to delegate for the up coming urban boundry expansion discussion. My name is Jonathan, I live in Hamilton at

The following is what I would like to submit as my written delegation.

"Hello, I am part of Acorn. My name is Jonathan. I am againsturban expansion as first and foremostthe project is not a solutionas it will take years for completion and its big requirementsis a environmental displacement.

Over the last year its been increasingly obvious that our environment can'ttake any more hits. We need to stand and show every other municipality that our decisions now have the weight of our neighbours as well as ourselves.

I believe also that Hamilton has a large amount of unused property and places that could be repaired, retrofitted or developed that would not require such an aggressive and damaging expansion.

For example, we have the schools being auctionedoff, there already is a foundation and land that has been urbanized. Rather than auctionit as a school near me has, it can be reworked.

The point is, we need to be very consciousof what we consider growth and profit should definitely not be the first definitionto growth.

Thank you"

4.10 (cj)

From: Brent Jukes
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:09 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: STOP the Sprawl!!

Clerk City Clerk,

Lets keep farmland - farmland!!! we do NOT need a sub division on every corner to include a plaza - gas station - drug store etc etc - Hamilton is starting to look like a 3 ring circus!!!! - STOP the sprawl and keep your hands off of the Greenbelt!!!! Lyn G. Jukes

Brent Jukes

Stoney Creek, Ontario

4.10 (ck)

From: margaret juraj <
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:38 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Sprawl Kills Nature Forever

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Margaret Juraj, and I live just down from Hamilton City Hall. I grew up in sprawl, in Stoney Creek during the 80's. When my family moved into the DeWitt Road area in 1979 we were one in of the very first houses built in this region of newly cleared farmland and natural places. There was, to start, an apocalypse of wild life. One of my first memories as a 6 year old is of the twisted rainbow of a dead garter snake with her many dead babies crushed right out of her body by a passing car, on the newly paved Glen Ashton Road. This was how I learned that garter snakes bear live young as opposed to laying eggs. And how I would learn that sprawl kills.

As more and more houses were built, the land was carved and gouged. In many a puddle formed by industrial earth movers, I saw how frogs, displaced from ponds, laid eggs that turned into tadpoles who swam in the rain water puddles that soon dried up, destroying their chance at life. Every house represented the homes of nature's creatures, extinguished. Newly laid sod of monoculture turf was spread out like death carpet, and at the escarpment's edge, where the woods on the sloping hill met our subdivision, you could peel back the turf to see newts exploring the ever expanding boundary of human habitation. How many newts exist in the forest today?

And so the houses, from open pits like graves, to skeletal wood frames, to rather shoddily built single family homes, became a playground for kids like me. As I grew up I couldn't wait to get out of this hell-suburb of tiny trees and ugly houses, to get to downtown Hamilton where the interesting things happened. But to young tweens and teens, the bus never came on time for well over a decade, out in what were then the hinterlands of the city's never ending sprawl. People talk about how sprawl never pays for itself, with the infrastructure that seems to start degrading the minute it is built, but my heart aches for the loss of natural places and the creatures who have every right to life but can't defend themselves against the violent onslaught of developers. We end up paying for sprawl in ways we can't imagine.

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Today I live just down the road from Hamilton's City Hall. In my own way I am trying to undo that violence to the land by planting native plants on my small city property. Beautiful insects and birds have a home here, steps away from a five lane highway, but it is only a tiny island of nature. Around me condos are starting to pop up like mushrooms, and yet there are no plans for housing for not-so-rich people, as I see evidenced by the homeless tents that are popping up just as rapidly. There is more than enough vacant land within the city's existing boundaries for development for all kinds of people. When will we learn that sprawl kills nature, and the spirit of the future?

One final childhood memory encapsulates the horror of overdeveloping green space: I watched a turtle walking down a paved road. Her pond was gone forever. Where could she go? Even though her house was on her back, there was no place for her to go. The cost of developing green space is incalculably destructive to life. When green spaces are destroyed it is gone. Forever.

margaret juraj

hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (cl)

From: Margaret Tremblay
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:19 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Reasons for no urban boundary expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Premier, Provincial and Municipal leaders:

My name is Margaret Tremblay and I reside in Ward 13, Hamilton, ON.

Hamilton is facing a critical decision regarding expanding the urban boundary which will have lasting ramifications on our quality of life, the environment and the climate crisis.

I wish to thank Councilor VanderBeek and others who have stated their opposition to boundary expansion.

I would respectfully request that Premier Ford respect Hamilton's local democracy and planning.

I am asking that Hamilton Council take a deep look at how developing outside current boundaries will affect the climate crisis. Further, as tax paying Hamiltonians, we don't need to subsidize development outside current boundaries which will require more infrastructure, maintenance and transportation costs. It is imperative that we preserve good quality farmland to feed local populations with less reliance on imported food.

Numerous feasible ideas have been put forward to increase dignified, affordable and mixed housing on already existing land in Hamilton. The proposed LRT will also allow development of new housing along its corridor.

We need bold, creative and fearless decision making/planning to further build and enhance a healthy community within current boundaries. The city needs to work in collaboration with developers to encourage their participation in increasing the number of suitable housing stock without expanding boundaries. Again, there are numerous ideas expressed by others that

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would help accomplish this. Please make use of the knowledge and expertise of those who have expressed these ideas.

It can be done!!

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Margaret Tremblay

It can be done!!!

Margaret Tremblay

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (cm)

From: Kate Winstanley

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:29 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No More Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

To All Concerned...

Please do not expand our urban boundaries and save our farmland. My family has been in Hamilton for years. My grandfathers family homestead was destroyed when the Red Hill Parkway was built. We have lost enough to sprawl.

Hamilton has plenty of land that can be repurposed or used smarter. Let's use some of our cities best and brightest minds and come up with a better solution that destroying precious farmland.

Please - for my children and grandchildren.

Regards,

Kate Winstanley & Family (Wards 1 & 2)

Kate Winstanley

4.10 (cn)

From: Laura Cortiula
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:38 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Good Morning

I am Laura Cortiula, a lifetime resident of the Winona area. Over the past 5 decades I have witnessed the loss of precious farmland to urban sprawl. We are at a point where critical decisions have to be made that take into consideration the effects these choices have on the environment and our food chain and not the pockets of the developers. We need to identify the underutilized areas within the urban boundary and make certain they are developed for affordable housing.

It has to be understood that the environment should be of the utmost concern at this point in time. We need to protect farm land because once it is developed it will never be recovered.

Laura Cortiula

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4.10 (co)

From: margo may taylor
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:05 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: our future

Clerk City Clerk,

my name is margo may taylor... i returned to hamilton just short of 25 years ago .

i have lived in ancaster for all these years thus it is like living with the best of 2 worlds yet it is also a wake-up call to reality .

oh the webs we weave as a humanity as we choose not to face the reality of homelessness & those who are trying to survive on so little . it is interesting that the premiere of ontario & those supporting & expanding our borders seem so quick to choose sprawl over our environment when it comes to our future as a people in reality . their are so many empty homes & factories yet so few housing options for those that truly need homes that are affordable & will allow people to exist in housing that yes allows one to keep their pet their friend their companion . housing that does not alarm one who is trying so desperately hard to escape the realities of drug addiction . thanks to this pandemic many who had jobs have lost that job that future that once may have been a positive turned into a negative .

in the inner city we have lane-ways that can produce tiny housing if given the chance . building up is 1 thing needing a 32 story condominium on top of a former hotel does not seem to be the answer .

for years those in the housing industry have purchased farmland rented back that land to farmers with the pipe dream of bigger better more costly housing for tar-mac for the cost of additional fossil fuel that 1 will need to travel into the city at the expense of our air quality & the simple thought of adding housing for low income people is in its self a pipe-dream that is simply an insult to those who have been left behind by the mayors & councilors that that would rather hide & eliminate tents than face the reality if we cannot take care of what we have how can we take care of more . our environment is precious... needing farm land to grow crops is important simply because having to ship our food from various countries is incredibly expensive let alone the fact these are treaty lands . urban sprawl is not the answer doing better with what we have that is more humane speaks more to the people that live in hamilton was it not to be a nicer kinder more inclusive city... the hammer was hamilton what we now see is a sad attempt to compete with toronto while we welcome those who just

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wanted a home a community that cared a city that was kinder & gentler & more inclusive . no urban sprawl will not be the answer . doing better with what we have is the answer .
if i rambled i am sorry but i truly believe we can do better as a city... pass on urban sprawl .

margo may taylor

ancaster, Ontario

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4.10 (cp)

From: Margot Carnahan
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:37 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop the Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

As a 30 year resident of Hamilton, my request for elected and appointed representatives is to hold or, at least, indefinitely postpone expanding the current city boundary.

In keeping with the City's Climate State of Emergency, farmland and green space must be preserved.

Intensification within the city boundaries, by making use of existing housing opportunities, as suggested by many, to utilize existing infrastructure and support public transit seems obvious. Building more single family homes on the outskirts does not satisfy any community needs, and does not address affordability directly (increased supply can be addressed within city boundaries).

Margot Carnahan

Dundas, Ontario

4.10 (cq)

From: Marilyn Marchesseau
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:24 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Climate catastrophe in the making

Clerk City Clerk,

We urge you to make the decisions to stop further development of any farmland and green spaces in Hamilton. To do otherwise will definitely have permanent unwanted repercussions immediately and in the future. Those making bad decisions now will be named and not forgotten. For the sake of your own children and grandchildren and those of all the people in Ontario, do the right thing now!

Respectfully,

Peter and Marilyn Marchesseau

Marilyn Marchesseau

Ancaster, Ontario

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4.10 (cr)

From: Mark Cathcart

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:37 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop the urban boundary expansion over Hamilton's prime agricultural lands now!

Clerk City Clerk,

Good morning. I am a very concerned retired resident of this great country we call Canada and the way our elected government seems to do whatever is in the best interest for them and not the general public. In three days we will remember our fallen soldiers who fought for our freedom. This being the 100 years of our poppy is a very special year. Do you want to be remembered as the elected city council that voted to eliminate forever the 3.300 acres of prime agricultural farmland in Hamilton? You can't eat shingles or asphalt!

City planners, expand where you are building the LRT please.

Mark Cathcart

Hannon, Ontario

4.10 (cs)

From: Mark Wozny
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:48 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Halting Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello from Mark Wozny,

I am a resident of Old Stoney Creek and highly familiar with most of the Greater Hamilton area.

Urban boundary expansion creates a great waste of resources, particularly of our tax dollars and a marked unwarranted destruction of prime farmland.

The current health crisis has seen a huge increase in work-from-home employees. This is especially germane where the 'New Model of Work' is concerned.

This should in itself, cause reason to pause and review planning framework and outmoded frames of reference.

It is time to say NO to Urban Expansion as it serves to the great detriment of the average citizen/rate payer while being of enormous benefit to the speculators, developers, money launderers and sundry organized crime.

Land transfer remains one of the choice forms of money laundering, which by necessity goes hand-in-hand with rezoning.

The legacy of the Dal Zoto family of Tridel fame bears out a history of legal action that many believe to one of self-incrimination. This happened some years ago but still remains critical to many in forming an honest opinion regarding development.

It is high time that the main stream media and politicians stopped catering to 'developers' and provide better service to Joe and Jane Citizen.

Mark Wozny

Stoney Creek,

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From: Mary Johnston

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:21 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Please vote 'No' to expanding Hamilton's urban boundaries

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a senior citizen and life-long resident of the Hamilton area, currently living in Dundas. Citizens have spoken out clearly against urban sprawl. City Council needs to follow their wishes rather than bow to pressure from developers and directives from Queens Park.

Councillor Nann from Ward 3 gets it. I hope that others on Hamilton Council show similar insight and vote 'No' to expanding urban boundaries.

Mary Johnston

Mary Johnston

Dundas, Ontario

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4.10 (cu)

From: megan armstrong
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:29 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop the Sprawl--Save farmland and end urban poverty

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello, I am a professor at McMaster and i have lived in the Durand area (Jason Farr is our councillor) since 2005. I have written before about this matter, I also voted in the referendum for Intensification. I know the vote in the council is tomorrow, and I am extremely concerned that the council might follow the recommendations of the city staff and province over the best interests of the people of Hamilton. Especially after the opinion pieces in the last few weeks in the Spectator, it is extremely clear that those promoting expansion either have a vested interest in those housing projects and/or are unaware that our farmland is a finite space in Canada. Only 5% of Canadian farmland is arable, and moving to self-sustainability is critical to the longterm stability and prosperity and health of Canada not to mention aids in the fight against climate change. Much of Hamilton remains empty parking lots, poorly used spaces that could easily be turned into complex housing projects. Doing so not only will increase the urban tax base but also promote healthy neighbourhoods, increase local businesses and make it more affordable to have public transportation systems. It will help control and ideally long term reduce our carbon footprint, something that is absolutely essential for Canada and the planet to survive. There simply is NO reasonable justification for expanding into the greenbelt at this time, and it would be irresponsible for our councilors to vote in favour of it. Building more track housing out in suburban like models is also simply outdated and will do nothing to help address the housing needs of the urban poor let alone give them access to crucial resources (medical, governmental, workplace, grocery stores) that living downtown in an urban setting can more easily provide.

I am happy to expand on my opinions. My husband also shares my views. We love Hamilton, please vote to develop Hamilton responsibly and not just to help the developers and elite.

Yours Sincerely, Megan Armstrong

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megan armstrong

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (cv)

From: Melissa Sant
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:11 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello

As a resident and homeowner of Ward 5, I would like to voice my concern about proposed urban boundaries being expanded. I believe that this would be detrimental to our city for several reasons. Selling off farmland that provides our communities of food and not to mention the environmental impact of all the construction when there is already land within the current boundaries that could be used for housing. We must save these natural free spaces for the generations to come.

Thank you.

Melissa Sant

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (cw)

From: Michelle den Hollander
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:05 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: NO Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I'm a Hamilton resident in Ward 2, and I'm writing to urge you not to open up the urban boundary for more sprawl. There is no benefit to expanding the boundaries except to land developers who only care about making more money. Downtown Hamilton is EMPTY, there are empty lots, empty parking lots, boarded-up buildings that I see every day in residential neighbourhoods. Increasing density in the city makes sense -- it will produce a more vibrant city, allow for all types of housing such as condos, mid-rise buildings and townhouses. It will add value to the city. In contrast, expanding the boundary into agricultural land and other natural areas makes no sense, right now we are in a climate emergency, and have precious little prime agricultural land. As the population increases, we will need more agricultural land and more ways to mitigate climate change. I can't understand why you would even consider allowing development in these areas at this time. We need long-range plans for the increased population that center our health and the environment. Paving over our agricultural land, reducing green space, and increasing fossil fuel use will ultimately make all our lives worse -- we are in the middle of a climate emergency. I beg you to think about the future generations, and how they will be living on a planet that is covered with concrete. I realize developers put pressure on politicians for their own short-term financial gains. Please don't allow this short-term, capitalist greed to sway you from the morally correct decision. Please put our collective futures first, and make decisions today that will benefit the next generation and the environment. Every decision we make now will have a lasting impact and we cannot undo these decisions and unpave nature. I will be watching this closely and needless to say your decisions will strongly impact my future support and voting choices.

Please, please do the right thing and don't allow expensive and environmentally irresponsible urban boundary expansion.

Sincerely,

4.10 (cw)

Michelle den Hollander

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (cx)

From: Michelle Piano
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:11 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Say 'no' to sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I am writing to you today to advocate for the freezing of Hamilton's urban boundary. I am a resident of the Durand neighbourhood. There are various reasons to vote for the freezing the urban boundary. Governments benefit from cost savings on public services (fewer roads and streetlights, less distance for water/wastewater infrastructure to support, easier to institute public transit) --- one only needs to research the impacts of urban boundaries in Atlanta, Georgia, USA vs. Barcelona, Spain (similar population but Barcelona has a much smaller footprint). Denser-populated cities are more livable with thriving communities. Freezing the urban boundary also helps ensure farm land remains close to Hamilton residents so local, fresh produce remains accessible. Importantly, there are huge environmental benefits from the Hamilton population continuing to grow and evolve within its existing boundaries. We need to protect wetland, forest and prairie ecosystems before it's too late. For any individuals still on the fence as to which direction Hamilton should take, I highly encourage you to read *Walking Home* by Canadian urban planner Ken Greenberg.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter and give it careful consideration.

Take care,
Michelle Piano
#oskeewee

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Michelle Piano
Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (cy)

From: Mike Fox
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:07 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello all,

I am writing to you to cast my vote on stopping urban sprawl in Hamilton. This city has plenty of un-utilized grey spaces in which we could build sustainable, affordable housing to support our core. We are investing in a light rail system, for the very purpose of supporting a regeneration of a downtown core. Stop urban sprawl. We need the farm land. Of city council decides to approve sprawl, you expect a measured push-back from your city.

Mike Fox

Dundas, Ontario

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4.10 (cz)

From: Monica Palkowski
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:45 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]NO SPRAWL

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Monica Palkowski and I have lived in Hamilton all of my life. I am writing to you today to express my deep concern over the potential loss of some of the best, most fertile agricultural land in Canada. There are better, more innovative ways to create affordable, livable homes for Hamiltonians within our urban boundary. We are at a tipping point in the climate crisis, and we know that sprawl negatively contributes to a number of climate and environmental issues. On top of this, a number of studies have proven that sprawl does not create a positive economic benefit to municipalities - in fact, it costs taxpayers more. In terms of the irreversible environmental and economic impacts, we just cannot afford sprawl.

As a lifetime citizen of this community, and one who cares deeply about its health and wellbeing, I DO NOT support sprawl. Please listen to the voices of your constituents and not those of developers, who hold profits above the wellbeing of communities.

Best,

Monica Palkowski

Monica Palkowski

Dundas, Ontario

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4.10 (da)

From: Pamela Robinson

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:08 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop the Sprawl, my 5th ato all of the reasons for no sprawl not the money grabbing
sustainablesteeltown@ssho.ca

Clerk City Clerk,

Tip: Introduce yourself and write in your own words why you don't want an urban boundary expansion [DELETE this Tip before sending]

Pamela Robinson

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (db)

From: PAT WILSON

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:07 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban sprawl.

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello. My name is Pat Wilson and I am a long time resident of Ward Two. In the thirty years I have lived here we have welcomed a diverse and ever growing population to our neighborhoods.

Growth brings challenges but also opportunities for governments who are forward looking enough to embrace it. Rather than trading some short term inconveniences while density is being increased we must look beyond that to the benefits we will all enjoy. More people in walkable neighborhoods served by improved transfer. Repairs and upgrades to our existing infrastructure rather than stretching our dollars to purchase and pave over important and scarce LOCAL farmland. Development dollars do not cover the entire cost of servicing suburban expansion. Nor does the increased tax base cover the ongoing costs of servicing the areas.

Lets fill our neighborhoods with children and seniors and everyone in between. There is always time down the road to look at expanding the urban boundaries, WHEN we fill in our existing areas. It is not a bold idea to ask our developers to fill in the spaces we have. They have already picked all the low hanging fruit, lets fill in the problem areas for the greater good.

Vote NO to urban expansion.

PAT WILSON

HAMILTON, Ontario

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4.10 (dc)

From: Patricia Banderado
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:44 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Boundary Expansion.

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Patricia and I am a mother of 3 living on the Hamilton Mountain. I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the upcoming vote to extend the urban boundary. I wanted to let you know that as a member of your constituency I am against any extension. I would love to know how you plan to vote on this issue.

We are in a state of emergency environmentally. The residents and future generations do not need more housing built on farmland.

Patricia Banderado

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (de)

From: Paul Shaker
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:34 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Endorse No Urban Boundary Expansion

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to urge you to endorse the No Urban Boundary Expansion option as the preferred growth scenario for the City of Hamilton moving forward in this planning process.

We are at a critical juncture in this important debate. Council needs to provide clarity and direction to City staff on a growth scenario to present to residents at the upcoming public meetings in the new year.

You have two options for consideration: the preliminary scenario developed by staff ("Ambitious Density") and the No Urban Boundary Expansion option. These two choices were put out for public consultation and the results were clear. There is a strong preference for the No Urban Boundary Expansion option as witnessed by the results of the official City survey which showed over 90% of 18,000 respondents choosing this scenario. Further, there appears to be a consensus at Council that No Urban Boundary Expansion is the preferred scenario. It is encouraging to see agreement on this issue between Councillors whose wards abut the urban boundary and those whose wards encircle downtown.

Building on this public and political consensus, the next logical step is for Council to endorse No Urban Boundary Expansion as the preferred scenario, which would empower staff to focus on articulating the plan more fully. This would allow a number of important items to be explored:

1. The Peer Review of the Land Needs Assessment identified important information gaps

The peer review of the Land Needs Assessment identified important information that is missing in the current analysis. This includes the evaluation of building permit data to analyze actual shifts in housing to higher density forms, which could have an important impact on implementing the No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario.

The City of Hamilton should gather the missing information as identified in the peer review of the Land Needs Assessment.

2. LRT is the key to accommodating growth within our current urban boundary

Light Rail Transit is the largest infrastructure project in Hamilton's history and it is a game changer in how we will be able to accommodate our anticipated growth over the coming decades. Just the hint of LRT is already having an impact. Between

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2016 and 2021 the city handled 16 applications from developers hoping to build high rises of at least 20 storeys and most are on, or within close proximity, to the planned LRT line. This follows the pattern found in every other city that has decided to invest in this type of transit infrastructure. This is only the beginning.

The City of Hamilton should fully analyze what the impact of LRT will be on attracting more infill development and leverage this massive project to help achieve the No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario.

3. Urban sprawl costs money while infill development actually makes money

A recent study by [Hemson Consulting for the City of Ottawa](#) clearly showed that urban sprawl is a significant cost to the city, whereas infill development actually makes money. That study showed it costs each person in Ottawa \$465 each year to service new low-density homes built on undeveloped land, over and above what it receives from property taxes and water bills. In comparison, higher-density infill development pays for itself and leaves the city with an extra \$606 per person each year.

The City of Hamilton should enlist Hemson to conduct a similar analysis on the cost of sprawl in order to accurately understand the economic advantage of the No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario.

City planning at its best brings a community together to have an inspiring conversation about what the future can hold. The current vibrant discussion around Hamilton's growth over the next 30 years is evidence that this type of planning is possible in our community.

I urge you to endorse the No Urban Boundary Expansion option as the preferred growth scenario and let's keep this conversation moving forward.

Regards,

Paul Shaker, MCIP, RPP
Principal

4.10 (df)

From: Phil Van Impe
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop the Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello; my name is Phil Van Impe. I am a resident of Ward 3. Hopefully council is listening to the majority instead of the 1 % who tend to rule the media. It is time to do the right thing and stop taking our valuable farmland and as the song goes" paving over paradise".

LRT will be far more successful with a build up of the core and utilizing brown fields. Let's face it, developers are not going to build affordable housing in Binbrook and Flamborough.

Phil Van Impe

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (dg)

From: Robert Wakulat
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:37 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

As a resident of Hamilton with a young family interested in having clean, productive ecosystems and abundant access to local food, I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as “McMansions” over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused “Designated Greenfield Area” that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related “residential” neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free. The current Assessment plans for densities even lower than the 80 pjh legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

This summer, the City’s approved process showed 90% of residents (16,636 of the total 18,387 who responded) want No Urban Boundary Expansion. The only way for Hamilton Council to respect this decision, or even to keep its future options open, is to formally adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (0 ha) on November 9th.

Thank you,
Robert

4.10 (dh)

From: Ryan Strang
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Do the RIGHT thing tomorrow.

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi council,

Tomorrow is the day. Do the RIGHT thing. You have heard from an overwhelmingly number of citizens who don't want urban sprawl. Let's maximize the unused space in lower Hamilton before moving to farm lands.

If you care about climate, food security and budget, the right and smart thing to do is vote against urban sprawl.

Don't let developers and provincial government dictate how you properly serve the community.

Ryan

Ryan Strang

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (di)

From: Sara Perks
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:20 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

We must preserve the farmland and green areas around Hamilton. We need the farmland for food, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to preserve wildlife and Hamiltonians' well-being, and for our future generations.

We have many options for increasing housing within the city, which is already served by public transit, schools, libraries, etc.

Now is not the time to expand the urban boundary -- not even a little. To do so would be reckless and a dereliction of your duty as a councillor

Sara Perks

Hamilton , Ontario

4.10 (dj)

From: Sasha Katz
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:47 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>
Cc: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Re: Delegation - General Issues Committee Nov 9

I am writing today to add to the many voices of support of FREEZING Hamilton's existing urban boundary.

Long story short, there are far too many development and infill opportunities within the existing city limits to require the need for expanding outwards.

I have lived in different parts of Dundas and Hamilton in the last few decades and currently reside in Ward 2. I have watched this city transform over the years and it has been exciting to see the development and influx of people choosing to live in Hamilton, which has helped turn this underrated city into an exciting and beautiful place to be. Hamilton is such a special place in consideration of the many things it has to offer and its close proximity to beautiful green space.

As wonderful as Hamilton is, it could be so much better.

The epidemic of homelessness must be solved. The exorbitantly rising housing and rental market crises must be solved. The lack of affordable housing is a crisis that must be prioritized.

Why are we even considering sprawl when there is so much to fix and just as many reasonable solutions? There are so many vacant spaces, empty concrete lots, derelict buildings and shuttered schools that could be developed and many commercial properties that could house residential units on top. Sprawling outwards and building single family dwellings that will cost in the upwards of \$600-800k (or more!) will not help or fix any of our problems. Folks who can afford those prices are already able to move to rural areas and/or large homes if they wish. The existing boundaries have something for everyone (who can afford it).

We need AFFORDABLE housing close to the amenities of the city including transportation and employment. We need less cars on the road, not more. We need more folks downtown who can support all of the amazing small businesses and restaurants. We need to fix the existing infrastructure across the city. In what way will sprawl help anyone but those making profit off the new development?

Of course there are just as many environmental reasons to freeze our urban boundary. Local food should be a human right not to mention the importance of green spaces to aid in flooding and erosion. We are still letting raw sewage overflow into our beautiful bay! We saw so many large rain storms in the last year - it will only get worse. This city declared a climate emergency yet our council keeps making decisions without this factor in mind.

I have had the privilege of traveling to different cities around the world and seeing what makes a city great and worth visiting. To me, the best destinations are those with easily accessible amenities and activities and more fundamentally, happily living civilians.

Lets make our city the best it can be and save our glorious farmland and prime soil from development!! Paving over farmland is irreversible.

4.10 (dj)

Yours truly,
Sasha Katz

4.10 (dk)

From: Scott I.T. Downie
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:27 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion
Importance: High

Hello,

I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as “McMansions” over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused “Designated Greenfield Area” that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related “residential” neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free. The current Assessment plans for densities even lower than the 80 pjh legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

This summer, the City’s approved process showed 90% of residents (16,636 of the total 18,387 who responded) want No Urban Boundary Expansion. The only way for Hamilton Council to respect this decision, or even to keep its future options open, is to formally adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (0 ha) on November 9th.

Sincerely,
Scott

4.10 (dl)

From: Shannon Webb
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:13 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Farmland is precious, being less reliant on outside farms is amazing!

Build smarter in the existing borders!

No sprawl!

Shannon Webb

Hamilton,

4.10 (dm)

From: Sherrie Coulson
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:10 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Sherrie Coulson and urban boundary expansion is not what is needed in Hamilton. We need to build affordable housing but also we need to preserve the farmland that feeds us by Farmer Markets, local produce drop off etc. We do not need anymore 4000sq ft homes we need affordable homes for all people. I understand that this is a symptom of a greater more complex problem but doing what we have always done does not fit with our ever growing city.

Thank you

Sherrie Coulson

Sherrie Coulson

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (dn)

From: Stan Nowak

Date: November 8, 2021 at 4:00 AM

Dear City Clerk:

My name is Stan Nowak and I live in Dundas (Ward 13) and wish to respectfully submit this letter as my written designation against expanding our city's urban boundary for The Big Decision on November 9th.

On March 27, 2019, Hamilton City Council declared a climate change emergency and staff formed a Corporate Climate Change Task Force (CCCTF). The CCCTF has made some positive strides, but this decision will truly prove if the City is serious about dealing with climate change in an impactful manner. A recent *Hamilton Spectator* editorial (November 13, 2020, "Don't give free rein to Ontario's developers") suggests that "...the interests of the economy, development and money have to be balanced with the interests of our environment. And where they can't, the interests of the environment should prevail."

Expanding our urban boundary flies in the face of everything that the CCCTF is supposedly against: expanding our carbon footprint; the loss of irreplaceable prime agricultural land; sustainability - the environment is definitely not getting any top priority here!

Arguments have been stated on both sides of this issue, but economically and logistically, it just makes to make the best use of 'our own backyard' first; this is an "Eat your supper first, then get dessert later" mentality - and we are nowhere near finishing our metaphorical plate! For us, the municipal taxpayers, we simply cannot afford it! "Your taxes are going to rise exponentially the further out you spread because you have to provide the schools, the roads, the sewers, and the water lines." to quote Mayor Fred Eisenburger. Any substantial economic benefits will be reaped only by the developers. "But Ontario should, as the song says, be "a place to grow." But it should be a place to grow healthy environments, not just developers' bank accounts" (cited from the aforementioned *Spec* editorial).

As I wrote earlier, I am strongly against expanding our urban boundary right now, but acknowledge that we may have to expand eventually. But that option shouldn't even be on the table right now!

Sincerely and
Respectfully,
Stan Nowak

4.10 (do)

From: Susan Frasson
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:00 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban sprawl and expanding urban boundaries

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello I am writing to you as I live in Dundas , Hamilton.

Preserving our precious land and the decision that will be made soon , by Hamilton councillors , about expanding the urban borders into this precious land should not even be an option.

Please encourage these councillors to make the correct choice for our children and the future of Ontario. Parkland, farmland should NOT be for sale , not used for more housing.

Thanks you for your time

Susan Frasson

Susan Frasson

Dundas, Ontario

4.10 (dp)

From: susan tournidis
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:17 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Objection to Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Good day, I have been a lifelong resident of Hamilton and seen many changes in my lifetime. The loss of our countryside and farmland to developers over the years is not new to me. I do not support an urban boundary expansion as the loss of our precious natural greenspace and our infamous farmland is precious and should be protected from developers and others who have no concern to preserve the integrity of these lands. Although more housing is needed to accommodate the increase in population, urban sprawl is not the answer. Urban sprawl will not reduce the cost of needed affordable housing as the cost of housing will remain in the hands of developers. Concentration of providing housing should be in urban areas which would allow downtown growth and improvement as well as provide affordable housing for those in need without increasing our taxes. Urban housing would benefit our infrastructure as improvements are desperately needed. There are many urban sites and areas within the City of Hamilton that could be utilized by developers that would not be detrimental to our precious rural areas.

Essentially Urban Sprawl is a grave error on the part of all who support it. Please ensure our countryside and farmland is safe for future Hamiltonians to enjoy.

Sincerely
Susan Tournidis

susan tournidis

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hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (dq)

From: Susan Willis
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:44 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: I vote NO SPRAWL for Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

I live in Hamilton and am very concerned about the upcoming vote regarding the decision to expand our boundaries.

Historical data has shown that urban sprawl costs us more money in the long run. It creates more infrastructure that needs maintaining long-term, while not solving the problem of aging infrastructure in our downtown that could otherwise be addressed by choosing to revitalize available spaces in our downtown.

Traditional suburban housing developments are neither environmentally friendly and contribute to poorer health as people rely on cars for transportation. We need to think progressively. Suburbs are NOT a healthy long term solution. Just because this has been done historically does not make it ok to keep doing it this way. We need to evolve.

The area around Hamilton is prime farmland. Despite people saying that Canada is 'vast', farmland is NOT. It is foolish not to protect this land.

I am worried that politicians are being heavily influenced by developers who stand to profit immensely from these developments. The record of political contributions by developers, the tactics of misinformation and manipulation by expensive high profile advertising companies hired by these developers all make me very worried that our politicians are more interested in catering to their political contributors rather than making the choice that is best for the people in the long term.

It is our politicians' job to listen to their constituents, understand the historical research done on urban sprawl and make the choice to keep their communities healthier in the long term, NOT pander to the developers who stand to profit immensely from expanding the boundary.

4.10 (dq)

I do hope I our councillors make the right decisions to protect our community on November 9th.

Thank you, Susan Willis and Alasdair Williamson
Dudas, ON

Susan Willis

Dundas, ON, Ontario

4.10 (dr)

From: TANIA TURNER
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:59 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello. I am Tania Turner and I live in Dundas Ontario. I originally grew up in the small town of Lynden, where there has been some expansion but the population has stayed about the same. The lots are large so bigger homes have been built in some areas which has increased the taxes that can be collected but it still looks like a village. It was so nice to be able to take my children back to the family hobby farm and let them have the best of both worlds. They could be close to nature and observe wildlife but at the same time be close to amenities like school and shopping where I had moved in Dundas to be closer to work.

My children have grown up now and yes it is difficult for them to purchase homes but they agree with me and don't believe that building in the farm lands will help. They both would not like to live long distances from where they work. A long commute to and from work is lost time that can not be recovered. I have worked in downtown Hamilton in the Effort Square building for the past twelve years. There are a lot of boarded up buildings and empty lots that could be used for housing. It would make the downtown core more appealing to businesses and and people who want to purchase new homes if they didn't have to look at those eyesores.

At a time when we are talking about reducing our carbon footprint and cutting emission gases how can we even consider making longer commutes for people by expanding the urban boundaries.

Another issue is, If we destroy land that can feed the people locally and also reduce the costs of food by not having to transport it a long distance. Why would we even consider this. Once the land for farming is gone we can't get it back.

I could go on and on but my intension is only to let you know that myself and my family of six other individuals living under my roof are opposed to urban sprawl.

Than you

TANIA TURNER

Dundas, Ontario

4.10 (dr)

4.10 (ds)

From: Tanya Reid
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:39 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Tanya and I was born and raised on the Hamilton West Mountain/Ancaster area. I'm writing to plead for no sprawl. After university I moved around for post secondary education and work. Having lived in populous areas of the UK, Australia and the US (and let's throw Toronto in there), my husband and I returned home to raise a family because of the landscape, space and values. Urban sprawl will change all of that and not for the better.

Please do not do this.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tanya Reid

Tanya Reid

Ancaster, Ontario

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4.10 (dt)

From: Tim O'Connot
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:10 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Sustainability Is Essential

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Tim O'Connor, long time rural Ancaster resident. Our councillor is Mr. Lloyd Ferguson. I am writing on behalf of our family and my wife's family who are several generations of farmers from this area. We strongly oppose Urban Boundary expansion. This is a proposal that if agreed upon will take away these beautiful lands that provide food, employment and a way of life that creates community among the residents in the country. Our lands green provide well needed oxygen with our trees, fields and growing of foods. We need to preserve growing lands to support local food production and food security. At a time when fresh local food is becoming more and more scarce, we need to rally more than ever to preserve this vital asset to our community, Money and development should not out weight food security, generations of families continued commitment to working this beautiful land and overall well-being and health.

Stop the Sprawl

Tim O'Connot

Ancaster, Ontario

4.10 (du)

From: Tom St. Michael
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:48 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: NO URBAN SPRAWL

Clerk City Clerk,

We are Tom and Teresa St. Michael. We live at in Ancaster. We have been residents of Ancaster for our whole lives. We grew up with farms and surveys side by side. Ancaster was a nice town until developers bought up every piece of land they could to build Monster homes. That type of home did nothing to ease the housing shortage in Hamilton. Instead of using up our much needed farmland, we suggest Council look at a Revitalization Plan for downtown Hamilton. The infrastructure is there. It's just old and needs an overall to accommodate new construction which should include a mix of townhouses, condos and apartment buildings. It's a city that needs to offer new home buyers affordable housing in the downtown core. There are enough empty buildings that could be refurbished to attract young people to live there. Every other big city does everything it can to have a prosperous and vibrant city centre for people to live, work and be entertained. Why is Hamilton any different. Urban Sprawl of our outlying areas is not the answer to our housing problem. We are already seeing traffic congestion on Hwy 403, Wilson St and Garner Rd which is caused by nothing but increased volume brought on by the amount of cars on our roads. Downtown Revitalization Plan is what should be done to address the housing shortage.
NO URBAN SPRAWL

Respectfully,
Tom and Teresa St. Michael

Tom St. Michael

Ancaster (city of Hamilton), Ontario

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4.10 (dv)

From: Victoria Quirino
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:16 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Victoria Quirino. I live along Rymal Rd West in Ward 8. I and my family are opposed to urban expansion on farmlands. We are happy and content to live in Hamilton, since the primary food source, the farmlands, are just less than 10 kilometers away from where we live. Urban expansion can take place on existing developed areas. We believe that Mayor Eisenberg, all the Councillors, and Premier Doug Ford are hounourable and intelligent leaders who will do what is right for us and the future generations.

Victoria Quirino

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (dw)

From: Wendy Darby

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:25 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Protect Local Farmland and Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Wendy Darby and I have lived in the Hamilton area all my life. Expanding the boundaries around Hamilton cannot continue, for two reasons.

First, if the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we must be self-sufficient and not dependent on other countries for supplies, especially food. Continuing to develop on the remaining farmland is dangerous, in the face of another pandemic and climate change.

Second, Hamilton already pays high taxes and the city has an infrastructure deficit. Housing development within the city uses existing infrastructure. Please do not give in to developers, so they can make money, and leave the citizens of Hamilton to maintain the high cost of sprawl.

Thanks,

Wendy Darby

Wendy Darby

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (dx)

From: Zoe Green

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:46 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Fiscal responsibility means not expanding the urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

We have land within the existing boundary - some of it already approved for housing - that can be used for development. Use what we already have, fix what we have, and do not keep adding more costly infrastructure and burdening the tax base with even more infrastructure deficit.

The right decision for the future of Hamiltonians is No Urban Boundary Expansion. You know this is what the accounting and science is telling you. The choice is clear and you have the support of the people without question.

A decision now affects the next 30 years. You do not have to lock in now. Especially when the land use process in Ontario already provides a mechanism for municipalities to re-visit on a regular basis their land needs and growth strategies. Changes can be made, that's how the system was designed. Do not lock in now for 30 years.

Do not let bullies at the provincial level take our future. Hamilton knows the right path forward, your leadership will get us there.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this important issue.

Zoe Green

Dundas, Ontario

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November 5, 2021

Attention: City Clerk

The Mayor and Members of Council
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors of the City of Hamilton:

**Re: PRINCIPLES INTEGRITY REPORT AGAINST COUNCILLER WHITEHEAD DATED
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

Please be advised that I represent Councillor Whitehead and was initially retained for the purposes of reviewing the complaint made against him which is the subject of the report of Principles Integrity dated November 3, 2021 and which will be presented to you on November 10, 2021 for discussion and consideration.

On March 26, 2021, we submitted to the Integrity Commissioner, on behalf of Councillor Whitehead, a full defense to the complaint and set out the basis for our position that the manner in which the complaint was processed, from start to end, was inherently flawed and the ensuing investigation with unduly punitive recommendations should not have been pursued.

A full copy of the response to the Integrity Commissioner relating to the Preliminary Findings Report and dated March 26, 2021 is enclosed. We ask that you carefully review the Reply in detail and take into consideration the detailed reply of Councillor Whitehead to each and every component set out in the Preliminary Findings Report. Please note that a point by point reply to the matters raised in the Preliminary Report is outlined in the Reply.

It is our position that there was no authority to proceed with an investigation as the Complainant recognized by the Integrity Commissioner had no status to lodge a complaint under the relevant By-Law. In that regard, I draw your particular attention to paragraphs 35 and 36 of the Reply which confirm that the initial complaint lodged by Staff Member A was withdrawn and subsequently replaced with a new complaint from "The City of Hamilton Human Resources Department". The change in both identity and nature of the complainant recorded on November 12, 2020 was not brought to the attention of the Councillor and such a significant change should have been set out in the letter to him of November 18, 2020 or at the very least in a second letter which could have been sent over the 2 and ½ months between November 18, 2020 and the February 2, 2021 Preliminary Report. At paragraph 46 of the Reply (page 11), reference is made to the By-Law which states that a complaint must come from "a request by City Council, a Member of Council, a City employee, a City resident, or a person who has business, institutional or other premises in the City". **The ambiguous and non-identifiable "The City of Hamilton Human Resources Department" is clearly not a permitted complainant pursuant to City By-Law 16-288.**

One is left to wonder exactly what it is that this entity represents. Does it represent the Manager or Managers? Does it represent each and every member of that Department? Was a vote taken with regard to lodging the complaint as an entity and did 100% of members of the Department agree with advancing the unqualified complaint?

As “the City of Hamilton Human Resources Department” is not a Member of Council, a City employee, a City resident or a person who has business, institutional or other premises in the City” there is no jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation as the Complainant has no legal status pursuant to the provisions of City By-Law 16-288.

It is our position that in view of this legislative lack of standing on the part of the Complainant, Council should not and cannot proceed to move forward with review of the Final Report and its harsh, punitive recommendations. There exists no legal basis for the investigation.

Further, it is our position that the investigation itself is replete with conflict of interest to the extent that the investigation is irrevocably tainted. The investigation involved extensive interviews conducted by an Integrity Commissioner who is a former employee of the City of Hamilton and constitutes a clear and transparent conflict of interest. As noted in the Reply, the past associations of that Integrity Commissioner with Staff and presumably Members of the Human Resources Department render her participation suspect with the inevitable innuendo of inherent bias.

The essence of the Principles of Integrity dictate that she should have recused herself from taking part in any component of the investigation and having failed to do so, the investigation and its conclusions cannot be relied upon for implementation of the punitive recommendations.

With regard to the findings set out in the Recommendation Report of the Integrity Commissioner dated November 3, 2021, it is our position that those findings are unsupported by fact and that the conclusions outlined therein are representative of “opinion” and “conjecture”. By way of example, at paragraph 116 (page 14), the Report states “we find it more likely that he was intentionally attempting to plant the seed with his falsehood, to put in motion a process that would result in removal of Staff Member A, for the simple reason that he found the person resistant to complying with an acquiescing to the expectations and demands of the Councillor”. **I submit to Council that this represents mere speculation as nowhere in the investigative process is there an iota of fact to substantiate this finding. This “finding” is not only speculative, but it is malicious.**

Similarly, at paragraph 129 (page 16), “in the course of this investigation, it was made clear that there is no expectation among management staff that the Councillor will actually genuinely apologize for or even acknowledge problems with, his conduct and behaviour”. What exactly is the measure of “... actually genuinely apologize for...”? **The apology was made to Staff Member A and accepted by that Staff Member. There is no evidence whatsoever that the apology was not genuine, nor that it was accepted as anything other than genuine.** There is evidence however that when Staff Member A withdrew his complaint preventing the proposed investigation to proceed, a new Complainant “The City of Hamilton Human Resources Department” conveniently appeared to fill the gap. Such convenience and expedient replacement is suspect and unacceptable.

With regard to the recommendations set out in the Report, we have the following comments:

1. The recommendation to impose the sanction of suspension of the Councillor's remuneration for a period of 30 days commencing with the next pay period:

The Integrity Commissioner has previously set out what is deemed to be the Commissioner's unequivocal finding that the Councillor is incapable of reform, change of conduct or reconciliation. If that is indeed the case, then the proposed pay suspension serves no purpose whatsoever other than to deprive the Councillor of his livelihood for a period of 30 days and equally important, punish his family and those financially dependent upon him for his alleged offensive conduct. The imposition of such a penalty is unduly harsh, devoid of empathy and significantly harmful not only to the Councillor but to his immediate family. Depriving the Councillor's dependents of financial security for a period of 30 days is both unconscionable and unjustified.

Aside from the injustice which would result from the imposition of such a penalty, Council may wish to consider whether, at law, it has the authority to impose suspension of payment for any time whatsoever, as such suspension is not a "fine" which Council has the authority to levy, but rather, is essentially an award of damages exceeding the authority of Municipal Councils. Generally, only a Court of Law is allowed to award damages.

2. The imposition of restrictions in communications with City Staff as set out at paragraph 164 (page 20) of the Report:

This recommendation is, to say the least, absolutely shocking. It represents a direct attack on the democratic right of free speech accorded to every person in a democratic society. Where is the legal authority empowering a City Council to abrogate the right of free speech and dictate with whom an individual may or may not communicate?

Further, it seeks to "gag" the Councillor and prevent him from discharging his duties and obligations to those who have elected him.

Please consider that the imposition of this Gag/Restraining Order would abrogate not only the right of the Councillor to the legally protected exercise of free speech, but also the rights of all of those who have elected him and in fact, of all staff members who may wish to continue to communicate with him.

With respect, I again propose that there exists no legal authority or mandate authorizing a Municipal Council to impose a "Gag Order or Restraining Order" as jurisdiction for such Orders remains with the Courts.

This penalty is unacceptable in our democratic society. It is unenforceable, repugnant and cannot stand.

If Council does proceed with consideration of the Integrity Commissioner Report, notwithstanding our position that it should not do so, then for the reasons set out herein and in full detail in the reply, we submit that none of the imposed penalties be imposed as Councillor Whitehead has already endured more than sufficient hardship.

We urge you to end the prosecution of Councillor Whitehead here and now.

Please let common sense prevail and let the Councillor resume his duties to those who have elected him.

Thank you for permitting us to make the submissions for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

JACK RESTIVO PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

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DELIVERED BY EMAIL

November 9, 2021

Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, City of Hamilton
71 Main St. W., 1st Floor
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5
clerk@hamilton.ca

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Associated Paving & Materials Ltd. (“Associated Paving”)
Contract C15-71-17 - Prequalified Contractors for Permanent Restoration of Pavement
Cuts in Asphalt and Concrete Pavements
Recommendation Letter of City of Hamilton Manager of Procurement Dated October 19,
2021 Pertaining to Commercial Relationship with Associated Paving (“Recommendation
Letter”) --- City’s Procurement Sub-Committee Meeting on October 29, 2021 (“Procurement Sub-
Committee Meeting”) -- Audit, Finance & Administration Committee (“AFAC”) Meeting on November
4, 2021 (“AFAC Committee Meeting”) – City Council Meeting on November 10, 2021**

Your Worship & Members of City Council,

Associated Paving is a family business, started through my father’s hard work and dedication more than 50 years ago. I have worked in the business all of my adult life. My son, Marco, our General Manager, is third generation in that role. I am very proud of what we have accomplished and the reputation we have earned. Our long-term relationship with the City is very important to us.

We are writing to you regarding what we understand to be a City staff recommendation for an interim ban against us that would prevent us from bidding for and entering into road cut restoration contracts with the City.

We have been told by the Clerk’s department that we are not permitted to appear as a delegation before City Council. However, both Marco and I will be viewing the Council meeting on November 10th through Web-Ex and would be happy to answer questions from Councillors, if the technology permits.

We do not know the precise nature of the recommendation because the City’s staff, Procurement Sub-Committee and Audit, Finance and Administration Committee (“**AFAC**”) have conducted this process that will impact our business interests *in secret*. We have also not seen the secret report prepared by the City for these recommendations or the information relied upon - even though all of these documents are presumably about our company. In contrast, the City’s process requires all of our own submissions and letters to be made public.



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We respectfully refer you to the materials we submitted to the Procurement Sub-Committee and the AFAC, directly and through our lawyers:

- (i) letter from DLA Piper dated October 27, 2021;
- (ii) letter from DLA Piper dated October 28, 2021;
- (iii) letter from DLA Piper dated November 3, 2021;
- (iv) letter from our company dated November 3, 2021; and
- (v) PowerPoint presentation delivered by Marco Capobianco of our company on to the AFAC on November 4, 2021.

We assume all of these materials have been provided to you.

We have done many contracts for the City of Hamilton, over many years. One of the contracts we have been doing this year is the road cuts restoration contract. This is our 8th year doing that contract. We were first awarded it in 2014 and it was extended by the City each year to 2017. In 2017 we were again awarded the contract. It was extended by the City each year through this year.

There is a new road cuts restoration contract out for tender. Councillors may not know that the City just prequalified us to bid for that. An "Evaluation Team" of "City representatives and City consultants" evaluated us and our performance on contracts. The evaluation process took two months. Only 5 companies were prequalified. We were told on October 8th that we had been prequalified.

Three weeks ago today (October 19th), we received a letter telling us that "City staff" would be recommending that we be banned from bidding "for road cuts restoration work for a period to be determined by Procurement Sub-Committee". The letter said that it was the view of "City staff" that "the commercial relationship between the City and Associated Paving has been impaired" because of our performance on the road cuts restoration contract going back to November last year and before that. Are these different people from the "City representatives" who decided we should be prequalified? If we performed so badly, why were we prequalified only about 10 days before that? If we were so bad, why did the City extend us again in December 2020?

Council is considering a recommendation from Procurement Sub-Committee about us, made on October 29th. We don't know what the recommendation says. We have been told by the Clerk's department that we are not allowed to know, until after Council decides on the recommendation. We were told the same about what the AFAC decided.

A "confidential" City staff report we have **not** been allowed to see was presented to the Procurement Sub-Committee, who also heard from City staff in closed session on October 29th. This also happened as to the November 4th AFAC meeting.

We have asked to see the "confidential report" which lays out the case against us, so we know what it says and we can respond and defend ourselves. We have been told that we aren't allowed to know what City staff has said about us. The report supposedly contains some legal advice, but we doubt that the report is all legal advice. Is the report fair to us? We don't know, but we are thinking it tells only one side of the story.



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In the bullets below, we list some of what we are thinking might not have been mentioned in the staff report or might not have been presented fairly:

- The written commendations we have received from the City for our performance on the road cuts restoration contracts (in 2015, 2018 and 2020);
- The City having been sufficiently satisfied with our performance to extend our contracts six times, including last December;
- The City having doubled the amount of restoration work over what the contract provided for and insisting that we complete it all in the same time period (six weeks) regardless of COVID and the weather;
- The City has required us to change the sequencing of our work by doing “priority lists”, which have our crews hopping around the City and losing productivity and actually slowing progress on completion of restorations.
- The City directs that we devote our crews and equipment to emergency work, resulting in restoration work being delayed.
- We have reported to the City that we lost 38 days in 2020 due to the difficult circumstances arising from COVID and weather and that so far in 2021 we have lost 33 days due to COVID and weather. This does not count time spent on emergency work.
- The City having introduced in January 2020 a brand new system called “Cityworks”, which adds further steps in the work order “completion” and “invoicing” process and has led to lags in work orders being considered by the City to be “completed” --- meaning that reports generated from the Cityworks system may *inaccurately* indicate that we have *not completed* restorations which in some cases *we had actually completed weeks ago* (Marco explained an example of this in November 4th PowerPoint presentation to AFAC);
- The City having rated our performance in ***June of this year*** as ***“Satisfactory” in all categories***;

Were Council told about the prequalification process just completed and that the Evaluation Team had conducted a more rigorous process of evaluating us and our performance than is possible for Councillors to conduct? What reason has been given to Council for over-riding the decision of the Evaluation Team?

As mentioned, we and our lawyers have submitted letters to the Sub-Committee and to the AFAC and my son Marco also made a presentation to AFAC. But without being allowed to know what “City staff” has said about us in the “confidential report” it is not possible to challenge and correct whatever has been said in the “confidential report”. We believe we are entitled to a fair process, but the process has been ***secretive and unfair***.

We also understand that some Councillors might have received complaints from residents about how long it has taken us to complete restorations. When Councillors inquired of staff about the resident’s complaint, were they told that it was the contractor’s fault? It is easy to blame the contractor, but was that fair? Did the fault lie only with the contractor? We would say not.



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The current road cuts restoration Contract states that our obligation is “to supply sufficient crews and equipment to undertake the estimate square meters of pavement cut restoration in this Contract”. Like any construction company, we forecast needs for crews and equipment and then plan and allocate accordingly. The City has told us they have no control over and cannot forecast the volume of restorations required, so as a reference point we used the estimated quantities the Contract states we are obligated to provide sufficient resources to undertake. The actual quantities needed have far exceeded the estimated quantities. **We consider that to be the root cause of what has occurred.** For the current contract the City estimated far less than the actual restoration quantities done in 2016 and 2017. Why they did so, we do not know.

We have in good faith worked diligently and cooperatively with the City to complete restoration of the unanticipated volumes and also to accommodate the increased requirements of the City’s new *Cityworks* process. We have also been sensitive to the fact that residents sometimes complain to the City and to Councillors when restoration does not occur promptly and we have accommodated directions from the City to perform what the City advises is priority work. Further, we even offered to open our asphalt plant on Saturdays to address these issues. The City refused to pay for that.

In 2020 the actual quantities of restoration we completed were almost double the Contract’s estimated quantities, and 2021 already exceeds the Contract’s estimated quantities.

As a practical matter, sod can only be laid in the spring and the fall, especially considering the weather conditions experienced this past summer. Despite the weather conditions this year, we have laid significantly more sod than any previous year.

We have been planning to submit a competitive bid for the upcoming road cuts contract. We can do that because of our experience and modifications we made to our asphalt plant in Burlington and to our facilities at Lottridge Street --- a contaminated property we bought, cleaned up and modified to more effectively perform road cuts restorations. We have also shown that we have the ability to be responsive to emergency situations because of the proximity of our facilities and because we have one of the few asphalt plants in the Province which can produce asphalt in the winter months,

The City’s Evaluation Team has already determined that we are able to satisfactorily perform the upcoming road cuts restoration contract. We have in place the same project management team that the City has commended. The quantities estimated by the City for the upcoming contract are more consistent with historical actual quantities, which will assist in our planning and allocation of resources.

We understand that construction contractors have rarely been banned by the City. Imposing a ban, even a limited ban, will have *serious consequences for us*, especially damage to our reputation. If the City does not wish us to bid for the new road cuts restoration contract, why didn’t they disqualify us in the prequalification process? Disqualifying us would have been less damaging to us than imposing a ban on us will be.

For the City, banning us from bidding would mean the other prequalified companies would not have to compete with us --- the low bidder on the last two road cuts contracts.

We understand that the Councillors will be inclined to follow whatever “City staff” and the Procurement Sub-Committee (on a 2 to 1 vote) have recommended. But we ask that the Councillors consider all of the impact on us of being banned, our entitlement to a fair process and whether the process followed has been fair. We ask that Councillors put themselves in our shoes.



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We respectfully ask that we not be banned from bidding for the 2021 Road Cust Contract. Thank you for your consideration of this letter and our circumstances.

Sincerely,

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CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: November 10, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. PEARSON.....

Issuance of Demolition Permit for 27 Deerhurst Road, Stoney Creek

WHEREAS the owner of the above-mentioned property is in the process of completing his application for a Building Permit in order to build a home for his family including the registration on title guaranteeing the building will be completed within 2 years, submitted the grading plan and cheque as well as having all utilities disconnected and verified to the Plans Examiner. He only awaits the processing of all the paperwork and Demolition permit to remove the current building on the property; and

WHEREAS over the last several months the homeowner has experienced ongoing vandalism to the building which has created ongoing safety concerns for the property, surrounding neighbours and the owner. Most recently he has experienced break-ins by untoward residents seeking drug, drug paraphernalia and a place to address their habit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Chief Building Official be authorized to issue a demolition permit for 27 Deerhurst Road , 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: November 10, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Review of the Powers Delegated to the Head of Council Under the *Municipal Act 2001, As Amended*

WHEREAS, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Province of Ontario gives municipalities broad powers to pass bylaws and govern within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has outlined the level of authority for the Head of Council in Part 6: Practices and Procedures; Municipal Organization and Administration of the *Municipal Act 2001*, as amended;

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended limits the powers of the Head of Council;

WHEREAS, the Head of Council as the Chief Executive Officer, has no greater decision-making authority than that of any other Member of Council; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Hamilton believes that the Head of Council should be granted greater authority, not limited to but including veto powers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council for the City of Hamilton request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing undertake a review of the powers delegated to the Head of Council under the *Municipal Act 2001*, as amended and consider revising these powers to permit an increase in the level of authority; and
- (b) That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities in Ontario and Association of Municipalities of Ontario.