



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

21-005

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.35. Correspondence respecting Applications for Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for lands located at 804-816 King Street West, Hamilton (PED21025) (Ward 1):
- *4.35.c. Jinchuan Wang
Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 3 of Planning Committee Report 20-004.
- *4.41. Correspondence respecting GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Final Land Needs Assessment (PED17010(i)):
- *4.41.a. David Falletta, Bousfields Inc.
 - *4.41.b. Naomi Miller, MD
 - *4.41.c. Yuki Hayashi

- *4.41.d. Rev. Shawn Erb, Chair, Association of Dundas Churches
- *4.41.e. Candy Venning
- *4.41.f. Gerry Tchisler, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape Architecture
- *4.41.g. Dr. Haider Saeed
- *4.41.h. Jennifer Dawson
- *4.41.i. Krystyna DunnBlacklock
- *4.41.j. Alison Diamond
- *4.41.k. Marissa Bonilla Diamond
- *4.41.l. Lee-Ann Holloway
- *4.41.m. Linda Lannigan, Fix Our World Team
- *4.41.n. Rosemary Horsewood
- *4.41.o. Janet O'Sullivan and David Shea
- *4.41.p. Roman Caruk
- *4.41.q. Robyn Hansen
- *4.41.r. ArieKay King
- *4.41.s. Ricardo Bonilla Diamond
- *4.41.t. Jessica Gale
- *4.41.u. Dea Bozzo
- *4.41.v. Rochelle Butler
- *4.41.w. Mary Anne Peters
- *4.41.x. Joelle Bolton-South
- *4.41.y. Jen Rau
- *4.41.z. Ruth and Harold Greene

- *4.41.aa. Lisa Savard-Quong
- *4.41.ab. Martin Quarcoopome, Weston Consulting
- *4.41.ac. Darlene MacNeil
- *4.41.ad. Rebecca Rosart
- *4.41.ae. Mike Weber
- *4.41.af. Gerry Benson
- *4.41.ag. Maggie Mahoney
- *4.41.ah. Joel Geleynse
- *4.41.ai. Jan Keeton and Stephen McBride
- *4.41.aj. Kojo Dampsey
- *4.41.ak. Jaleen Grove
- *4.41.al. XR Hamilton Indigenous Affinity Group
- *4.41.am. M. Knott
- *4.41.an. Mervyn Russell

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 1 of Special General Issues Report 21-007.

- *4.42. Correspondence from Conservation Halton respecting the Proposed Planning Act Amendment Regarding Minister's Zoning Orders.

Recommendation: Be received.

- *4.43. Correspondence the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board providing an update on the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF).

Recommendation: Be received.

- *4.44. Correspondence from Debbie France respecting the Health Canada Cannabis Consultation Open for Comment until May 7/21.

recommendation: Be received.

11. BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMING BY-LAW

*11.16. 042

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Block 4, Registered Plan No. 62M-1255, municipally known as 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97 and 99 Beasley Grove, Ancaster

PLC-20-004

Ward: 12

*11.17. 043

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Blocks 90 and 91, Registered Plan No. 62M-1249 "Empire Caterini – Phase 1", municipally known as 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 339, 341 and 343 Pumpkin Pass

PLC-20-011

Ward: 11

*11.18. 044

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control, Lot 57 within Registered Plan No. 62M-1257 as well as Blocks 9, 10, 11, and Lots 1 and 2 within Registered Plan No. 1262, municipally known as 59, 63, 67, 71, 75 and 150 Cuesta Heights

PLC-20-007

Ward: 9

Pilon, Janet

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Hamilton Official Plan of Amendment (File No. UHOPA-19-004) and Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. ZAC-19-009)

From: JC Wang
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:34 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Urban Hamilton Official Plan of Amendment (File No. UHOPA-19-004) and Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. ZAC-19-009)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to Urban Hamilton Official Plan of Amendment (File No. UHOPA-19-004) and Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. ZAC-19-009). I would like my input to be part of the public record of the subject zoning amendment and included in the council meeting discussion.

Name: Jinchuan Wang. I am a resident of Ward 1. Postal Code: L8S 3S2

Reasons for opposition:

The proposed amendment to allow six storey development is too much of deviation from the existing zoning, and it does not fit the character of the neighborhood at all. The existing zoning bylaws allow development up to three storeys. The proposed development, if built, will overshadow the neighbouring houses and diminish the value of their properties. If six-storey building is fine, why not seven? How about you eight? Ten perhaps? Where do we draw the line? The line is the existing zoning: maximum three (3) storeys. Until consensus is reached among stake holders especially the nearby families, who are impacted most, the current zoning stay and it should NOT be amended. There are other areas in the neighborhood in much more need of development such as Main St W corridor, which can accommodate 6-storey building development much better.

I don't think it's in public interest to allow the proposed development as proposed. Therefore I object the amendment.

Sincerely,

Jinchuan Wang



Project No. 21P579

March 26, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Chair & Members of the General Issues Committee
c/o Stephanie Paparella (stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca)
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Chair & Members of the General Issues Committee,

**Re: 2633 Upper James Street, Hamilton
GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Final Land Needs
Assessment (PED17010(i))
Item 8.1 of the March 29, 2021 GIC Meeting**

We are the planning consultants to Movengo Corp., who have an ownership interest in the lands municipally known as 2633 Upper James Street (the “Subject Site”). In reviewing Staff Report PED17010(i) (the “Report”), which is scheduled for the March 29, 2021 General Issues Committee, we have issues with Recommendation (e) and respectfully request that the Committee not endorse this recommendation, especially as it applies to the Subject Site.

Recommendation (e) of the Report states:

“(e) That at the conclusion of GRIDS 2 / MCR and the final approval of the implementing Official Plan Amendments identifying the land need to accommodate growth to 2051, staff prepare a report for Council with respect to the necessary steps for recommending to the Province that any remaining Community Area whitebelt lands be added to the Greenbelt.”

The Subject Site falls within the whitebelt lands and is currently home to the Cameron Speedway & Amusements, which includes go-kart tracks, paintball fields, rock wall, laser tag arena, target range, bungee trampoline, rope course, bubble soccer, as well as accessory retail and restaurant facilities. The go-kart track and accessory uses have existed on the subject site since for over 40 years and are permitted as per the existing Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Zoning By-law No. 05-200.

In our opinion, adding the subject site to the Greenbelt will create a land use issue and restrict the expansion, addition, or modification to any of the existing uses. In addition, removing the subject site from the whitebelt will restrict the ability of the City to expand its urban boundary to accommodate future employment lands. Although the City's Land Needs Assessment (the "LNA") identifies that no additional lands are required to achieve the employment growth target to 2051, it does state:

"Further analysis will also be required from an employment perspective, especially in light of the conclusion that no additional lands are required. Rather than determining the preferred location of a new employment area, the strategic objective under these circumstances is to encourage the most efficient use of the existing land base. To encourage the most efficient use of the occupied supply, intensification must be facilitated especially in the developed central urban employment areas. To encourage an efficient use of the vacant land supply, higher intensity employment uses must be encouraged through a combination of land use planning permissions and incentives for new users to adopt high quality building standards. This objective will be a particular challenge to achieve in the AEGD, where demand is expected to be strong for relatively low-density goods movement and logistics facilities, along with some new manufacturing uses."

In this regard, the LNA does identify the need for additional analysis as it relates to the employment lands and how to best capitalize on existing vacant and underutilized land. This analysis may result in the need to reserve potential future capacity, if, for example, some of the vacant employment lands were used to accommodate land-extensive goods movement facilities. Furthermore, the subject site is near the Hamilton International Airport (HIA), which has seen significant growth and development recently. In our opinion, removing whitebelt lands and the potential to add future employment land near the HIA, a major structuring element of the City, is short-sited and would preclude the addition of the subject site to the urban boundary at future official plan reviews or beyond 2051, when a need for additional land may be identified.

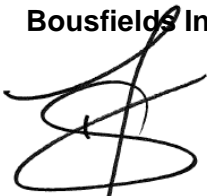
In our opinion, maintaining the subject site as whitebelt lands provides the City with flexibility to potentially add future urban areas as part of future mandated municipal comprehensive reviews and beyond 2051, especially as the City and Region continue to see unprecedented growth and increased targets with each new Provincial Growth Plan.

For these reasons and more, we respectfully request that the Committee not endorse recommendation (e) of the Report, especially as it relates to the subject site. We also request to be added to the notification list regarding the City's LNA and GRIDS 2 process.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information or clarification.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bousfields Inc.



David Falletta MCIP, RPP

/DF:jobs

cc. *Client*
H. Travis, City of Hamilton (via e-mail)

Pilon, Janet

From: Naomi Anne Miller

Sent: March 26, 2021 12:06 PM

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

Subject:

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing as a physician with family who live in Hamilton, and with several family members who went to University in Hamilton to urge you to freeze the urban boundary and direct new development and in particular new spending into the current urban boundary rather than allowing or encouraging urban sprawl. In my opinion this course of action is best for the health and wellbeing of citizens of Hamilton, would allow an improved quality of life for residents of Hamilton, and is the best course for the environment.

Lack of affordable housing, crumbling infrastructure, lack of basic services like sidewalk snow clearing, safe bike lanes for those who don't own a car, and reliable public transit are existing problems that are much more acute for those living in poverty. Building more subdivisions beyond the current City boundaries will direct new funding outside the city core rather than in the area where it is currently needed.

We are in a climate emergency. The prestigious medical journal The Lancet has stated that "climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century and tackling it could be our greatest health opportunity". In her 2017 Report on the State of Public Health in Canada³, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, says, "Our communities are changing and often expanding through urban sprawl rather than by building compact and complete communities."

Expanding urban boundaries with urban sprawl:

- moves people further from mass transit, requiring more use of cars and generating more greenhouse gas emissions and fine particulate air pollution, which we know kills over 8,000 Canadians annually.
- has been linked to sedentary lifestyles, easy access to unhealthy food, less physical activity and higher rates of obesity.

Dr Theresa Tam advocates for the "development of new communities located within urban containment boundaries that support active transportation and physical activity by including higher density and land use mix, a range of housing options and affordability, easy access to recreational facilities and parks and good links to frequent public transit." Similarly, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, recommends that municipal governments, community planners and developers work together to "establish urban containment policies to manage the outward growth of cities to promote increased development density and opportunities for active travel." The most popular forms of active travel include walking and cycling. We should be making planning decisions that reduce this number, not put more citizens at risk of illness and death from poor air quality.

This is an enormous opportunity to discourage urban sprawl. Doing so would be one of the best tools for fighting climate change and improving peoples' health and improve quality of life.

We should look to other countries and areas such as Europe for examples of walkable neighbourhoods.

Hamilton is a growing city. This is a very good time to direct the manner of future growth and development. Private industry and developers are the engine necessary to move the city forward. But private industry and developers must not be allowed to determine the type and manner of development. Such vital issues must be determined by municipal legislation and guidelines developed based on fiscal issues in concert with concerns for health and the environment.

I recognize that as a resident of Toronto I have absolutely no right to express a view on the development of Hamilton – except that of a resident of a city that is NOT doing the right thing. In Toronto we currently have unrestrained and totally uncoordinated growth driven by developers to the detriment of local citizens. I urge you not to follow our path.

I urge you to vote to freeze the urban boundary and direct new development and spending into the current urban boundary.

Respectfully submitted

Naomi Miller MD
Toronto M4R 1L7

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Preventing urban sprawl

From: Yuki Hayashi

Sent: March 26, 2021 12:53 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

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Subject: Preventing urban sprawl

Dear Council,

As a Ward 3 Constituent, I'd like you and fellow councillors to consider delaying the city's growth plan as Halton Region did recently in a unanimous vote on Feb. 17th, 2021.

With Covid restrictions, folks can't actually be consulted properly. Many residents in Hamilton lack internet access to participate or have issues with spotty service or rural connectivity.

We can't lock in sprawl for 30 years with Ford's "market driven" policy changes. Sprawl is the key lever in locking in greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, the CEEP consultant for Hamilton.

As well, Sprawl costs taxpayers more in the long run with added infrastructure as you know. Our agricultural land in the areas outside our present boundary is Class 1 and 2. We shouldn't risk losing these lands to large lots for expensive suburban tract housing.

Please consider making a motion to stand up against the Ford government's recent firehose of changes which allow more low density development and lessen our existing smart intensification plans. Hamilton Council should ask the Province to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement as well.

Thanks,
Yuki

March 25, 2021

To Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Councillors. I am writing to you on behalf of the Association of Dundas Churches to express our concerns over the proposed growth plan.

Climate Change

Notwithstanding nuclear war, our greatest existential threat is climate change. Given that the City has formally declared a Climate Emergency, we are deeply concerned that the urban growth plan will only facilitate sprawl, at a time when urban boundaries should be frozen to protect the Greenbelt, and development intensified within existing boundaries. This is in keeping with the City's stated principle of intensification. Sprawl perpetuates the car culture, increases greenhouse gases, pollution, the potential for flooding, and is unsustainable. Conversely, intensification will support efficient public transit and hasten the shift from private vehicles.

Development

Development should not be market driven, as it leads to inappropriate development and sprawl, with the loss of irreplaceable agricultural land. All possible avenues should be explored to contain development within existing urban boundaries.

Greenbelt/Whitebelt

It is imperative that we maintain current Greenbelt boundaries and incorporate, if at all possible, existing Whitebelt lands as these are often prime agricultural properties which act as a carbon sink and reduce run-off and flooding.

Infrastructure

Sprawl requires expensive new infrastructure. Instead, the priority should be to rehabilitate/replace the city's existing sewer infrastructure, especially as the aging storm/sanitary system is incapable of handling greater stormwater volumes as we experience more frequent "one hundred year" storms.

Timelines

We are puzzled by the Province's thirty year planning timeline and question the rationale for such a timeline. We ask that Hamilton Council approach the Province to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

Public Consultation

The public should have every opportunity to weigh in on the growth plan. Important as it is, any decision on growth should not be rushed. Given the current situation with COVID, WE ask that adoption of the proposed plan be delayed until the public has had sufficient time to provide input.

Respectfully,



Rev. Shawn Erb

Chair, Association of Dundas Churches

(Christ Church Flamborough, Christian Science Society, Dundas Baptist Church, Grace Valley Church, Knox Presbyterian Church, Life Community Church, Salvation Army Ellen Osler Home, St. James Anglican Church, St. Mark's United Church, St. Paul's United Church)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: No more Urban Sprawl

From: Candy Venning
Sent: March 26, 2021 2:59 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: No more Urban Sprawl

Sprawl costs us habitat for birds and other creatures
taxes that don't cover the cost of infrastructure and services
fields that could be food
Sprawl
it takes away from our downtown
it reduces our transit options
it increases our carbon footprint
Sprawl
it is outdated
it is inefficient
it is ungrateful
it benefits developers once while residents across the city pay in perpetuity
it reduces quality of life for the whole city
Sprawl

Just say no

Candy Venning
Ward 2 property owner, community advocate, landscape designer, City of Hamilton resident



March 26, 2021

Chair and Members of General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 4Y5

Via email: stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca
and clerk@hamilton.ca

Dear Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee:

**RE: GRIDS 2 & MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW – FINAL LAND NEEDS
ASSESSMENT (PED17010(i))
MHBC FILE: 1594A**

MacNaughton Hermsen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited (“MHBC”) is retained by Silvestri Investments Inc., 456941 Ontario Ltd., 1263339 Ontario Ltd. and Lea Silvestri (collectively, “Silvestri”) on land use planning matters. Silvestri owns several parcels of land within the City including parcels adjacent to the City’s current urban boundary at 700 Garner Road East, 832 Garner Road East and 7700 Twenty Road East.

We have reviewed report PED 17010(i), as well as previous documentation related to the GRIDS 2 / MCR project, and commend staff for the important work that has been done to date to advance the City’s growth management. However, we do have some concerns with respect to the recommendation to adopt the “Ambitious Density” scenario as the preferred Community Area land needs scenario at this time. The Ambitious Density scenario proposes a stepwise increase in the City’s intensification target over the next three decades starting at the Growth Plan minimum of 50% (2021-2031) and increasing to 60% (2031-2041) and 70% (2041-2051). These intensification targets represent a substantial deviation from the recent intensification trends experienced by the City for the previous decade which has shown approximately 35% of new growth within the existing built up areas of the City.

We believe that while it is important to continue to push for increased intensification, setting an intensification target that reflects market-based supply needs is also important to ensure that an appropriate mix of housing is provided to maintain choices and accommodate all household sizes while maintaining affordability as per the policies of the Growth Plan. The Residential Market Demand Analysis contained in Appendix B to report PED 17010(i) notes that achieving the Growth Plan minimum intensification target of 50% will require a dramatic shift in housing mix where a significant amount of family-oriented households would need to choose apartment living over more traditional ground-related forms. It concludes that, while a more balanced approach for Hamilton would be an intensification target

between 40% and 50%, the Growth Plan minimum 50% intensification target is still a good aspirational target and is recommended for current planning purposes.

We understand the City's approach is based on achieving a number of policy objectives. However, given the potential market and housing supply risk associated with selecting an imbalanced intensification target, we trust the City will take a careful approach and ensure that additional study, consultation and monitoring take place within the next decade before adopting a firm intensification target above 50% out to 2051. A policy approach that allows monitoring within the next growth period and an ability to adjust the target based on housing demand, supply and affordability data would represent a more pragmatic approach and, given the uncertainties with the market response to the pandemic, may be more appropriate.

As Council proceeds to evaluate growth options as part of the next phase of GRIDS 2 / MCR, we would also like to reiterate that the properties owned by Silvestri have been the subject of previous submissions and discussions regarding their inclusion within the urban boundary (832 Garner Road and 7700 Twenty Road) and conversion to residential land use (700 Garner Road). We would like to emphasize that these properties are located directly adjacent to the current urban boundary making them prime candidates to accommodate residential growth over the 2021-2031 period given their proximity to existing municipal services, parks, community facilities, transportation infrastructure and complementary land uses.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments at this stage and work with staff through the next steps in the process.

Sincerely,
MHBC



Gerry Tchisler, M.Pl., MCIP, RPP
Associate



Dana Anderson, MA, FCIP, RPP
Partner

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Urban sprawl in Hamilton

From: Haider Saeed

Sent: March 26, 2021 6:01 PM

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Subject: Urban sprawl in Hamilton

March 26th, 2021

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As a resident of Hamilton and a physician, I urge you to enshrine health into the GRIDS2 municipal comprehensive review. **The best course of action for the health and wellbeing of our citizens is for Hamilton to freeze the urban boundary and direct new development and spending into the current urban boundary.**

I am acutely aware of the health outcomes of people living in poverty in our inner city. Lack of affordable housing, crumbling infrastructure, lack of basic services like sidewalk snow clearing, safe bike lanes for those who don't own a car, and reliable public transit all further marginalize families already living in precarious circumstances. **Building more subdivisions beyond the current City boundaries will further gut the core of our City.**

We are in a climate emergency and sprawl would only make it worse. The prestigious medical journal The Lancet has stated that "climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century and tackling it could be our greatest health opportunity"¹ Expanding urban boundaries moves people further from mass transit, requiring more use of cars and generating more greenhouse gas emissions and fine particulate air pollution, which we know **kills over 8,000 Canadians annually**.² We should be making planning decisions that reduce this number, not put more citizens at risk of illness and death from poor air quality.

In her 2017 Report on the State of Public Health in Canada³, Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, says, "Our communities are changing and often expanding through urban sprawl rather than by building compact and 'complete communities'." **Urban sprawl has been linked to sedentary lifestyles, easy access to unhealthy food, less physical activity and higher rates of obesity.** She advocates for the "development of new communities located within urban containment boundaries that support active transportation and physical activity by including higher density and land use mix, a range of housing options and affordability, easy access to recreational facilities and parks and good links to frequent public transit."

Similarly, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, recommends that municipal governments, community planners and developers work together to "establish urban containment policies to manage the outward growth of cities to promote increased development density and opportunities for active travel."⁴ The most popular forms of active travel include walking and cycling.

In their "Planning Healthy Communities Fact Sheet Series"⁴, The Canadian Institute of Planners points out that the "lack of physical activity is considered a 'conveyor belt' to heart disease, stroke and other chronic

conditions, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes and various cancers.” They mention a study of Vancouver residents that found that the walkability index and its components related to land-use mix, residential density and street connectivity were significant predictors of body mass index, a key health indicator.

We have an enormous opportunity to discourage urban sprawl. Doing so would be one of our best tools for fighting climate change and improving peoples’ health. People who live in walkable neighbourhoods occupy less space, have a higher quality of life, a smaller carbon footprint, drive less and have better health. Urban planning guidelines that put people closer to each other create successful public transit systems, making our society more efficient and more equitable.

Sprawl threatens the health of our community today and generations into the future. I urge you to vote to freeze the urban boundary and direct new development and spending into the current urban boundary.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Haider Saeed

1. https://storage.googleapis.com/lancet-countdown/2019/11/Lancet-Countdown_Policy-brief-for-Canada_FINAL.pdf
2. <https://policybase.cma.ca/documents/PolicyPDF/PD21-01.pdf>
3. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/chief-public-health-officer-reports-state-public-health-canada/2017-designing-healthy-living.html>
4. <https://www.cip-icu.ca/Files/Resources/FACTSHEETS-ActiveTransportation-FINALenglish.aspx>
5. <https://www.heartandstroke.ca/-/media/pdf-files/canada/2017-position-statements/community-design-ps-eng.ashx?la=en>
6. <https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20201214-how-15-minute-cities-will-change-the-way-we-socialise>

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Letter against land use changes proposed in GRIDS2, for inclusion in discussion on Monday March 29, 2021

From: Jennifer Dawson

Sent: March 26, 2021 4:23 PM

To: Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>

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

Subject: Letter against land use changes proposed in GRIDS2, for inclusion in discussion on Monday March 29, 2021

Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Councillors,

I am a resident of Ward 1 and I am against any land use decisions that promote urban sprawl. Here's why.

- * Greenfield development is the most expensive, least efficient and least creative form of development. We cannot afford it and it makes us look bad.
- * Climate change is the most pressing health concern of the 21st century. Sprawl promotes GHG production.
- * We cannot live without food, and we cannot depend on others to provide it for us, particularly with global shortages a possibility. Local production is best, which means preserving our farmland.
- * Aggressive land use plans based on projections and modelling are irresponsible. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we live in uncertain times and should be prudent, not cavalier.
- * We should be aspiring to a "15-minute city" model of development, where everything citizens need is available within a 15-minute walk or bike ride, as being in keeping with the best place to raise a child and age in place.

Thank you for making a decision on land use that is responsible to citizens today and offers Hamiltonians hope for tomorrow.

Jennifer Dawson
Hamilton

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Land expansions

From: Krystyna DunnBlacklock

Sent: March 26, 2021 7:36 PM

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

Subject: Land expansions

I am against the land expansions!

NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION under the new Provincial planning methods and delay any further land needs planning until after public in-person consultations occur".

I am a Ward 6 constituent,

KM DunnBlacklock

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Pause decision-making of land use**Importance:** High**From:** Diamond, Alison**Sent:** March 26, 2021 7:58 PM**To:** Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>**Cc:** Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>**Subject:** Pause decision-making of land use**Importance:** High

Dear Councillor Wilson,

I am a nurse and a tax-paying resident in Ward 1.

I am writing to urge you to freeze the urban boundary and not make a hasty decision that would increase urban sprawl in Hamilton by opening up the White Belt.

I ask that the City Council pause the decision-making of land use until after COVID restriction lifts and we can have **proper in-person consultations**.

Many people are not able to use Zoom meetings and most of the people I know have no idea that the council is about to make land-use decisions which will have a huge impact on our city and our community for generations to come.

Choosing to go the route of urban sprawl will prove expensive for road infrastructure upkeep. It would be much ***more fiscally responsible to encourage development within existing urban boundaries where we can support a range of housing options and affordability, and easy access to recreational facilities and parks, and frequent public transit.***As a nurse, I am familiar with Dr. Theresa Tam's [Report on the State of Public Health in Canada](#), which links urban sprawl with sedentary lifestyles, less access to healthy food, less physical activity, and higher rates of obesity.Urban Sprawl is also environmentally unsustainable, erasing valuable farmland and creating homes and buildings where people will need to drive to. **This creates a need for more roads, and more cars leading to higher CO2 pollution. This is not the direction we should go in.** We need to set ambitious climate goals that will ensure that our children have a future in this city and on this planet.**I request that you not accept the motion to move forward with the GRIDS 2/MCR Report without further stakeholder, in-person consultations with Hamilton residents.**

Sincerely,

Alison Diamond RN, BScN, MSc

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Freeze the Sprawl

From: Marissa Diamond

Sent: March 27, 2021 11:08 AM

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

Subject: Freeze the Sprawl

Hello,

I am a student and resident in Ward 1 - Chedoke Ave, Hamilton.

I am writing to urge you to freeze the urban boundary and not make a hasty decision that would increase urban sprawl in Hamilton by opening up the White Belt.

I ask that the city council pause the decision-making of land use until after COVID restriction lifts and we can have proper in-person consultations.

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I request that you not accept the motion to move forward with the GRIDS 2/MCR Report without further stakeholder, in-person consultations with Hamilton residents.

Sincerely,

Marissa Bonilla Diamond

Pilon, Janet

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

From: Lee-Ann Holloway

Sent: March 27, 2021 11:29 AM

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Please stop the urban sprawl in the Hamilton region. Hamilton has sufficient commercial and residential space within its existing boundaries.

Freeze the urban boundary and protect our farmland and green space.

Postpone making any land use decisions until after Covid to allow for in person consultation.

I am a Ward 13 constituent.

Lee-Ann Holloway
Dundas, Ontario

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Urban Boundary

From: Fix Our World
Sent: March 27, 2021 1:34 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Boundary

Dear Mayor Fred and City Councillors:

As a resident of Hamilton, I am writing to urge councillors to delay a decision on the urban boundary until after COVID restrictions on in-person public meetings end! Especially when our Citizens need to participate in major decisions like Urban Boundaries that affect all of us for the next 30 Years!

I am concerned about 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 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 will have a little sister in May 2021.

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. But 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 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

March 26, 2021

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To Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Councillors. I am writing to you to express my concerns over the proposed growth plan.

Climate Change

Notwithstanding nuclear war, our greatest existential threat is climate change. Given that the City has formally declared a Climate Emergency, we are deeply concerned that the urban growth plan will only facilitate sprawl, at a time when urban boundaries should be frozen to protect the Greenbelt, and development intensified within existing boundaries. This is in keeping with the City's stated principle of intensification. Sprawl perpetuates the car culture, increases greenhouse gases, pollution, the potential for flooding, and is unsustainable. Conversely, intensification will support efficient public transit and hasten the shift from private vehicles.

Development

Development should not be market driven, as it leads to inappropriate development and sprawl, with the loss of irreplaceable agricultural land. All possible avenues should be explored to contain development within existing urban boundaries.

Greenbelt/Whitebelt

It is imperative that we maintain current Greenbelt boundaries and incorporate, if at all possible, existing Whitebelt lands as these are often prime agricultural properties which act as a carbon sink and reduce run-off and flooding.

Infrastructure

Sprawl requires expensive new infrastructure. Instead, the priority should be to rehabilitate/replace the city's existing sewer infrastructure, especially as the aging storm/sanitary system is incapable of handling greater stormwater volumes as we experience more frequent "one hundred year" storms.

Timelines

We are puzzled by the Province's thirty-year planning timeline and question the rationale for such a timeline. We ask that Hamilton Council approach the Province to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

Public Consultation

The public should have every opportunity to weigh in on the growth plan. Important as it is, any decision on growth should not be rushed. Given the current situation with COVID, WE ask that adoption of the proposed plan be delayed until the public has had sufficient time to provide input.

Respectfully,

Rosemary Horsewood,

A concerned resident living in the city of Hamilton

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Freeze the Urban Boundary

From: Janet

Sent: March 27, 2021 5:49 PM

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

Subject: Freeze the Urban Boundary

Greetings,

My name is Janet OSullivan. My husband, David Shea and I are residents of Ward 1.

The Province of Ontario's Amendment #1 to the Places to Grow Act has awakened in us an urgent need to take action. We have not been politically active in our city in the past, but we are sure going to be active on this issue!

We are writing in advance of the March 29 Council Meeting with a simple message:

FREEZE the URBAN BOUNDARY in the City of Hamilton

We need a liveable city and that is achieved through density and good planning, not sprawl.

Reject the Doug Ford government's development at any cost agenda; protect farmland, protect our climate and focus on sustainable growth within the current City of Hamilton boundary.

FREEZE the URBAN BOUNDARY in the City of Hamilton.

We'll be watching via Zoom on Monday @ 9:30 am; do the right thing!

Janet OSullivan & David Shea

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Land use plan

From: Roman Caruk

Sent: March 27, 2021 5:52 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Land use plan

On March 29 city council will be receiving a report on land use and a plan projected till 2051. Reading the proposal I am shocked that city staff is presenting a plan based on the very restricted guidelines of the government.

A long term plan covering 30 years is nonsense. Circumstances can change within 10 years let alone 30 years. The fact that city staff and council are not allowed to consider factors such as climate change, the need for farmland and an environment assessment makes this process flawed and not sustainable.

It is clear that this government only wants to ensure that developers have time to buy up parcels of land so they can continue to make their millions.

As it stands the current farmland within Hamilton boundaries is not sufficient to feed us. We are so dependent on food imports that once imports are reduced we will have a serious food shortage. I believe that will happen within 10 years. I ask that city council delay any discussion of the proposed plan and request more time for a complete and informed study that includes all factors. I do hope that our council will not be swayed by the powerful lobby groups that have been putting pressure on you.

The time has come for all municipalities to stand up against a very undemocratic government that is gutting your powers and consider the needs of all Hamiltonians and not just the developers.

Roman Caruk HAMILTON

Pilon, Janet

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

From: Robyn Hansen

Sent: March 28, 2021 7:24 PM

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

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

TLDR: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION under the new Provincial planning methods and delay any further land needs planning until after public in-person consultations occur

Good evening,

In recent days, I have learned that the councillors of the City of Hamilton are deciding on March 29, 2021, if Hamilton should expand its urban boundary by developing the Greenbelt under the new provincial planning methods. As a Hamilton citizen I am hopeful that the councillors will advocate against boundary expansion. With global warming on the rise, it critical that we preserve what is left of our beautiful and resourceful natural land. We need to maintain the lots that are currently zoned for agricultural use as we need to ensure that local-grown food is available for generations to come. We have learned in this pandemic how important having access to local-grown food is, as we cannot always rely on other countries to provide this safely and timely. We need to make sure we keep natural areas, like forests, healthy so that the trees can work to diminish the carbon dioxide levels in the environment. The provincial government is trying to make it seem that Hamilton will have an enormous demand for single-family dwellings in the near future – however the demand RIGHT NOW is for action against climate change! Destroying farmland and land that has not yet been developed will not be helpful to any Ontarians in the long run. We cannot enjoy life if the environment is in shambles. If people are looking to move to Hamilton for new job opportunities, that is great, but the development needs to be where those jobs are located. Developers need to create residences that are close to these jobs so that commuting is reduced/eliminated. Destroying the Greenbelt is not the answer to this! I hope that you support the futures of your constituents and the future of the environment by voting against the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary expansion. At the very least, please delay any land needs planning until public in-person consultations can occur safely.

Sincerely,

Robyn Hansen

I am a Ward 15 constituent.

Pilon, Janet

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

From: Ariekay King

Sent: March 28, 2021 6:20 PM

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

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Dear Councilor Wilson,

I am writing to you asking that you do your part in securing a clean and sustainable future for not us but for our future generations. My name is Ariekay and I have only lived in ward 1 for just over a year however Hamilton's green space has become dear to not just myself but to thousands of other hamiltonians

Dr. Theresa Tam's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada, links urban sprawl with sedentary lifestyles, less access to healthy food, less physical activity, and higher rates of obesity.

Urban Sprawl is also environmentally unsustainable, erasing valuable farmland and creating redundant and inefficient infrastructure, further requiring more routes of transportation. Specifically this will encourage more personal vehicle use furthering our CO2 footprint while at the same time reducing our natural resources of CO2 mitigation. These are not ambitious climate goals but measured ones that preserve what green space and arable land that we have in order to ensure that our children have a future in this city and on this planet.

I hope this message finds you well and that you take them into consideration

All the best to you and yours

Ariekay King

HAMILTON

Pilon, Janet

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

From: rico bonilla

Sent: March 28, 2021 6:15 PM

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

Subject: NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Dear Councilor Wilson,

I am writing to you asking that you do your part in securing a clean and sustainable future for not us but for our future generations. My name is Ricardo and I have grown up in ward 1 and Hamilton's green space is dear to not just myself but to thousands of other hamiltonians

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I hope this message finds you well and that you take them into consideration

All the best to you and yours

Ricardo Bonilla Diamond

HAMILTON

Pilon, Janet

From: Jessica Gale

Sent: March 28, 2021 5:50 PM

To: Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>

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Subject:

Dear Councillor Wilson,

I am your constituent in Ward 1. I am writing to you again on the eve of the city's vote to approve the draft Land Needs Plans.

In light of the recent Provincial changes affecting urban planning methods I am writing to express my support for a pause to any boundary expansion planning until after proper in-person meetings and workshops are once again permitted after Covid. Citizens must be properly included in the decisions of how our city grows.

I support a move to set a firm urban boundary because in addition to being a homeowner in Ward 1, I am also a farmer, leasing land in Dundas. Myself and my co-farmers grow plants for seeds and medicinal herbs along with growing food, much of which we donated in 2020 in support of our community. Surrounding our city are unique agricultural and ecological communities rare in Canada. Not only do we host greenbelt and escarpment lands, but also prime, high quality agricultural lands that feed our citizens and the province.

Last March, when the pandemic began, my co-farmer and I turned to one another and said, "we have to grow more food, as much as we can" because at that time, we had no idea whether the typical mechanisms of our food system would continue to function. Being reliant on imports, in particular from the US, and foreign agricultural workers to help grow our food supply, we felt last year we could be uniquely vulnerable. We were lucky that things were not disrupted more than they were. However, the threat of long term food security for Canada's citizens is still very real and the very land that is best suited for growing is being used for sprawl.

I challenge you and all of your fellow Councilors to think when voting tomorrow whether you will wait for proper study and community input that could make Hamilton a city that supports food sovereignty or one that supports endless growth?

Sincerely,

Your constituent, a farmer, and a member of the National Farmers Union

Jessica Gale

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Concern for our Beloved City.

From: Dea Bozzo

Sent: March 28, 2021 4:50 PM

To: Dea Bozzo

Subject: Concern for our Beloved City.

I'm writing with my concerns of the suburban sprawl extending into the white belt area. Please reconsider development in that area. The food belt around our city is one of the reasons why I live here! I love knowing that I can take a short drive and buy or pick my food locally. There are so many benefits to that, including a greener environment and a sense of connection to our community and where our food comes from.

Please consider a core revitalization for the neighbourhoods that are struggling, that can open up potential, beauty and energize our downtown core!

Thanks for listening.

Warmly,
Dea

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Stop the Sprawl !

From: R Butler

Sent: March 28, 2021 10:33 AM

To: Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop the Sprawl !

Good day all,

I attended a meeting the other night where I learned about the above topic.

I am requesting that Hamilton City Council delay Hamilton's Official Review Plans (MRC) at your upcoming meeting. The region of Halton voted unanimously to pause their planning on Feb 17 and I agree with their choice.

Constituents cannot be properly consulted given COVID restrictions. Many residents do not have internet access or lack the expertise to use Zoom software in order to delegate. Critical decisions which will impact Hamilton for the next 30 years, should not be made while in-person consultation is impossible. Hamilton's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan commits to community engagement and participation and states: "Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them".

For this action to be effective, councils around the Golden Horseshoe will need to pass similar motions and as it started in Halton, I hope it can continue to Hamilton and beyond.

Kindly,

Rochelle Butler

Ward 8 Resident

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary

From: Mary Anne Peters

Sent: March 28, 2021 8:48 AM

To: VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>

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

Subject: Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary

Hello,

I am a resident of Ward 13 and I am writing today in advance of March 29th's City Council meeting and vote on whether to expand the urban boundary. I strongly believe that Hamilton must freeze its urban boundary to be able to respond to the climate emergency and create a liveable future city.

Please follow the example of Halton Region and delay Hamilton's Official Review Plans. Now is not the time to make critical decisions about the future of land use planning because COVID restrictions make it difficult for full and adequate citizens consultation. Hamilton's Strategic Plan makes a commitment to community engagement and participation: "Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them." COVID has also made it difficult for many people to focus on much beyond surviving the immediate challenges.

While COVID is a threat to our immediate survival, climate change is a bigger threat, as the City of Hamilton recognized when it declared a climate emergency. Land use planning is the most important tool the city has to respond to this threat. Despite the Ford government's affinity for urban sprawl, Hamilton should stay the course with its smart intensification plan.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Anne Peters
Dundas, ON

Pilon, Janet

Subject: FREEZE THE URBAN BOUNDARY AND PROTECT OUR FARMLAND

From: Joelle Bolton-South

Sent: March 28, 2021 12:27 AM

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

Subject: FREEZE THE URBAN BOUNDARY AND PROTECT OUR FARMLAND

To the city councillors who are going to be making this decision,

I implore you not to bend to the will of lobbyists who do not live in this city or have any care for the devastating effects that expanding the urban boundary into our farmlands will have. We as Southern Ontarians, as Hamiltonians, and as people who need to keep living on this planet, MUST make it a priority to protect our farmlands and prevent urban sprawl from taking over the greenbelt. Eating fresh locally grown foods is important not only for our health, but for the environment, as well as helping the local economy thrive. Houses built on the greenbelt, if it is rezoned, will not be affordable, and at a time when we need to invest in affordable housing more than ever, it would be a detrimental decision to make for the people of Hamilton and the surrounding area. To meet the needs of the housing market we should be creating affordable housing within the city in the spaces we already have. There are so many empty buildings and storefronts that would be a better use of rezoning for creating homes for those that need them, while having the added benefit of keeping commute times low, and decreasing the need to use a vehicle to get everywhere. Building upwards instead of outwards would be so much better for the city, the environment, and the people who live here. We would be able to reduce commute times, make use of public transportation and bike lanes for more eco-friendly ways to commute, as well as maintain access to fresh locally grown food, which helps not only the farmers but the people eating the food as well. Trying to push such new regulations through when we are already dealing with a global pandemic, and housing crisis due to the lack of affordable housing and heightened living costs is immoral, unconscientious, and just in general a poor decision. I am asking you, as a constituent of Ward 3 in Hamilton, as a voter, and as someone who would be directly impacted by the lack of affordable housing and access to locally grown food, to please vote "No" to expanding the urban sprawl. Please watch this short 4 minute video that breaks down even further the reasons why expanding the urban boundaries will be harmful, and vote for the people of Hamilton's best interests, instead of the interests of developers who do not live in or care about the detrimental impact it will have on Hamilton.

<https://youtu.be/WZQZOi2c8v4>

I have also included a longer video (15 minues) that breaks down why Urban sprawl is harmful, and how to counteract it.

<https://youtu.be/IFjD3NMv6Kw>

Please, make the best choice for Hamiltonians, not for developers who only care about profit in their pockets, instead of helping Hamiltonians live a more affordable life.

signed,
a very concerned citizen of Ward 3
Joelle Bolton-South

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary

From: Jen Rau

Sent: March 27, 2021 9:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Freeze Hamilton's Urban Boundary

Dear City of Hamilton Office of the Clerk,

As a resident of Hamilton, I am writing to you to raise concerns about 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. 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 your time.

Sincerely,
Jen Rau

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Urban Sprawl

From: Ruth Greene

Sent: March 27, 2021 6:49 PM

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

Subject: Urban Sprawl

"NO BOUNDARY EXPANSION under the new Provincial planning methods and delay any further land needs planning until after public in-person consultations occur".

I am a Ward 1 constituent,

Ruth and Harold Greene
Hamilton, Ontario

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Creative solutions to the housing crisis do not include urban sprawl.

From: Lisa Savard-Quong

Sent: March 28, 2021 3:51 PM

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

Subject: Creative solutions to the housing crisis do not include urban sprawl.

Hello Hamilton Leaders,

There must be ways to cultivate and fund caring and collaborative housing projects within this city and we are selling ourselves short if we don't challenge each other to make a shift in the right direction starting now.

As a resident of Hamilton I see a city full of opportunity and potential. We have so much infrastructure already in need of life and purpose. Instead of disrupting what is left of our precious fertile earth we need to question our old ways of thinking about housing and come up with creative solutions which benefit our existing communities as well as make room for growth. Urban sprawl seems like a lazy and outdated bandaid solution to a much deeper problem of humanity. We cannot continue to pillage the land which sustains our life and simply ignore the consequences of our actions. We also cannot continue to turn our backs on the people who already struggle to find safe and affordable housing in this city and province. A neighbor of mine who has rented in the ward 3 area for 20 years has to vacate her beloved apt. since the house she lives in has just been sold. A staple in the community for decades, yet she can no longer afford to live in the neighborhood or basically anywhere in the city. Elderly with mobility issues she is being rejected and abandoned like so many others by a broken system during what should be her golden years.

Switching gears, the partnership between Ward 3 councillor Nrinder Nann and the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre and the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Service to transform the empty King George School into a "housing and friendship hub" casts a bright light in this dark time. The idea that city development should be centred around people's quality of life, over a quick money grab should not seem so novel and so rare. We need more of this.

These types of projects create deep, long lasting changes in the community. They take vision, passion and real leadership, something I think Hamilton is full of. With the momentum of this city we have a real opportunity to be an example in the way we care for our fellow citizens by choosing to develop our city practically and respectfully.

Please stand up to those who are using covid as a way to sneak in detrimental development and hold us back from our true potential.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisa Savard-Quong

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March 26, 2021
File 10262

**Attn: Heather Travis,
Senior Project Manager, Policy Planning**

**RE: GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) – Submission Letter
Laurentel Developments
6449 Twenty Road East, City of Hamilton**

Weston Consulting is the planning consultant for Laurentel Developments who represents the owner of 6449 Twenty Road East in the City of Hamilton (herein referred to as the 'subject property'). On behalf of our client, we would like to request that the subject property till be considered for urban expansion given its strategic location to support both employment and residential growth within the City. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide further submission to the City's GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) following the release of the Final Land Needs Assessment. This letter is to follow previous correspondence dated February 2, 2021 sent in response to Staff's Dec. 14, 2020 report.

We have reviewed Staff Report PED17010(j) and plan to attend the upcoming special General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting on March 29, 2021, to better understand the City's current position in evaluating decisions on where and when the City will grow to the year 2051 as part of the GRIDS 2 / MCR - draft evaluation framework and phasing criteria planned for April 2021.

Description of the Subject Property

The subject property is located south of Rymal Road East, southeast of the Twenty Road East and Miles Road intersection. The subject property is 8.16 hectares in size and has an approximate frontage of 125 metres on Twenty Road East. The property is currently occupied by a single detached dwelling and three agricultural barn facilities. Surrounding lands to the north and south are rural and agricultural in nature. Attached to this submission is an aerial photo depicting the subject lands and its immediate context.

Policy ContextRural Hamilton Official Plan

The Rural Hamilton Official Plan designates the subject property as *Rural*. These lands are characterized as having lower capability for agriculture due to a range of factors considered in the

City's Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) study, including proximity to both conflicting land uses (e.g., residential uses, urban area) and non-farming uses (e.g., aggregate resource extraction areas); fragmentation (e.g., closeness of parcels); soil capability for common field crops and specialty crops; and existing natural areas. Despite being located in the City of Hamilton's rural area, the subject property is in fairly close proximity to the urban boundary, approximately 750m south and 675m west of the Urban Area.

Land Needs Assessment & Technical Background Report

Staff have recommended that Council adopt of the "Ambitious Density" scenario in the final Land Needs Assessment (LNA). The "Ambitious Density" scenario results in the lowest land to meet growth targets to the year 2051. This scenario identifies a need of approximately 1,340 gross developable ha of Community Area lands and 0 ha of employment lands to the year 2051. The land need of 1,340 gross developable ha is based on a planned intensification target which increases, over time, from 50% between 2021 and 2031, to 60% between 2031 and 2041 and to 70% between 2041 and 2051, and a density of 77 persons and jobs per ha in new growth areas.

Planning for Growth to 2051: Draft Evaluation Framework and Phasing Criteria (Whitebelt Lands)

The subject property is located in the 'Twenty Road East' whitebelt area which is approximately 440 gross hectares (275 net ha). Based on the need to expand the City's urban area, Weston believes the subject lands are well suited for future development due to a lack of environmental constraints and servicing that may be drawn from the recently developed Broughton East and West communities.

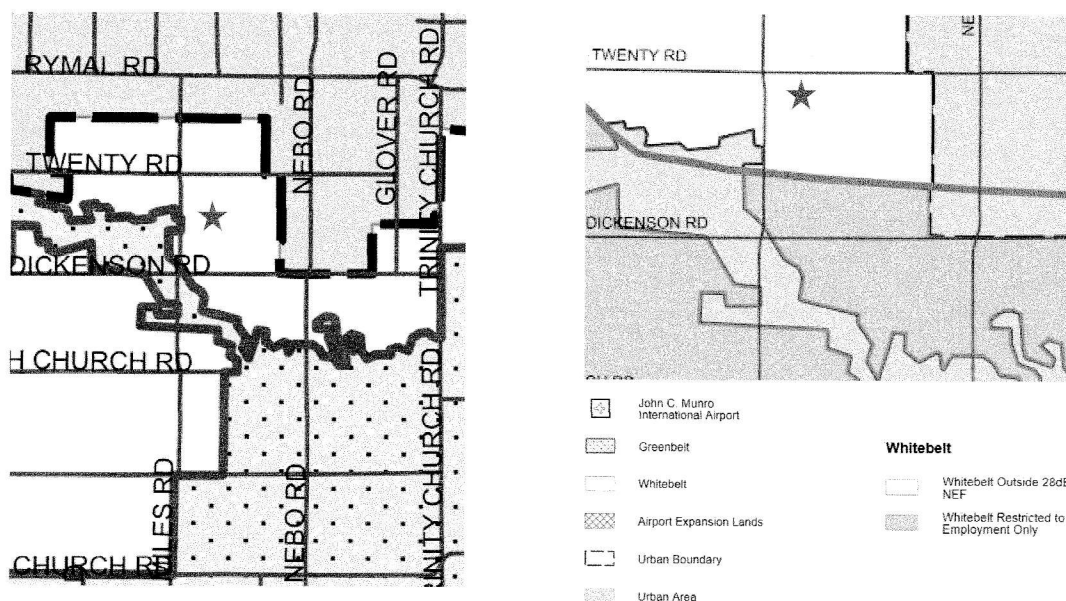


Figure 1a, 1b: Appendix H - Map of Urban and Rural Land Areas Including Greenbelt Plan Boundary and Whitebelt Lands.

We believe that the subject property is a good example of whitebelt lands suitable to be carried forward to the detailed phasing analysis stage prior to 2031 by addressing several of the City's

criteria for developable land area. The site is ideally located near an existing Urban Area. It is also located less than 1km south of the Broughton community which has been developed as a low-density single detached residential neighbourhood. Existing infrastructure can be extended to service the subject lands and the surrounding area, which will ultimately make more efficient use of nearby infrastructure.

Further, the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport is less than a 10km drive from the subject property and will continue to make this area appropriate for urban intensification, with lands nearby ideally located for residential and employment related development. Moreover, this area south of Twenty Road East is well positioned for redevelopment, because unlike lands to the north, the subject property and lands to the south are not encumbered by water courses or other natural heritage features.

Concluding Remarks

Weston Consulting, on behalf of the landowner, respectfully requests that 6449 Twenty Road East be considered as a Candidate Expansion Area for inclusion within the City of Hamilton's Urban Boundary in the next Phase of the City's whitebelt lands development evaluation. We are confident that through the City's detailed technical analysis and modelling, the subject property will be determined as an area highly suitable for expansion. While we understand the recommendation for the most aggressive intensification scenario, there will still be a need to accommodate news residential lands. As illustrated in the attached aerial photo, the subject lands are ideally suited to accommodate this type of growth.

We kindly request to be notified of any future reports and meetings and will continue to monitor the GRIDS 2 process as well. We thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter and are open for future discussions regarding the status of the subject property.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at ext. 266.

Yours truly,

Weston Consulting

Per:



Martin Quarcoopome, BES, MCIP, RPP
Associate

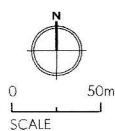
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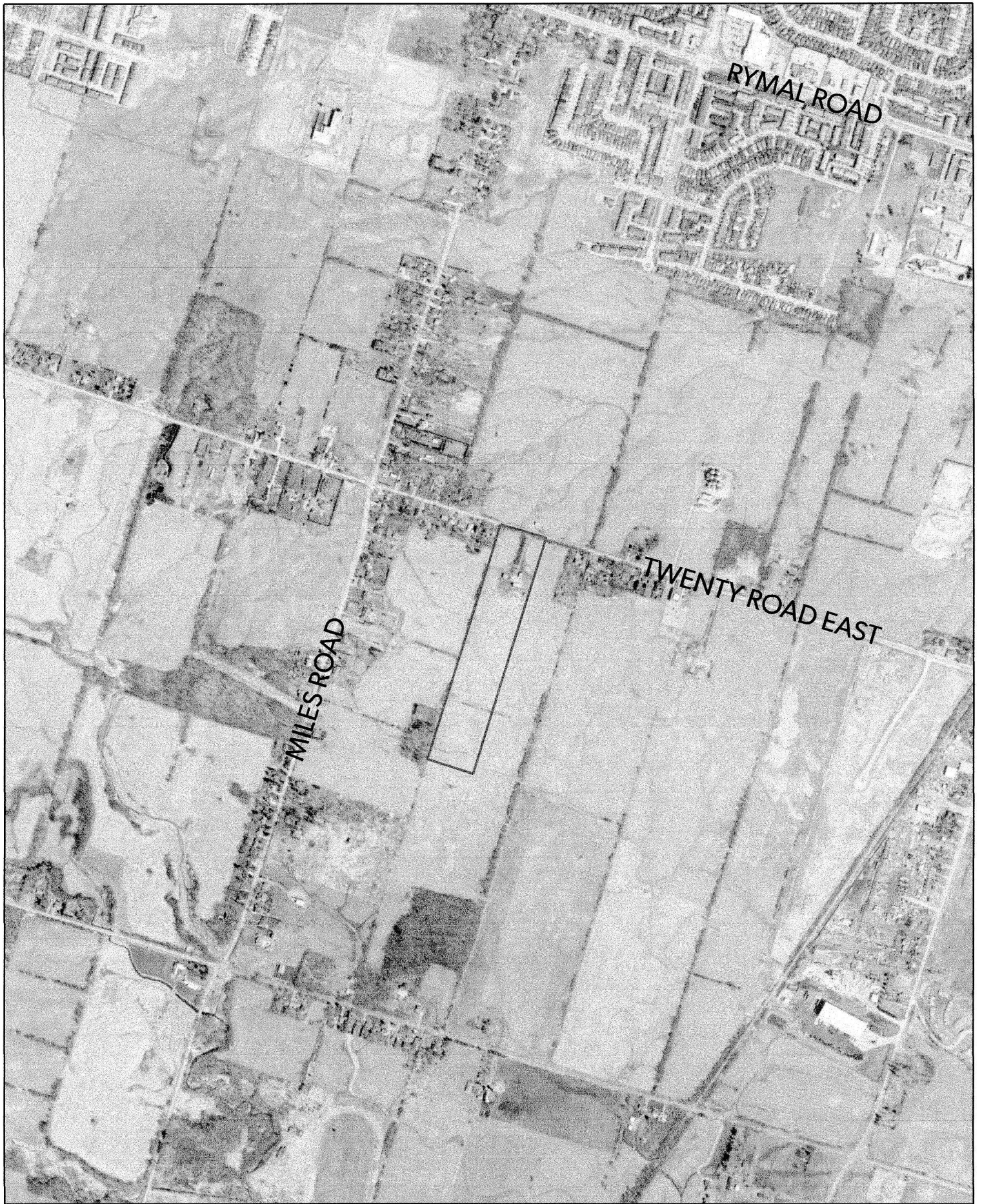


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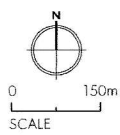
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**6449 TWENTY ROAD
CITY OF HAMILTON**



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SITE CONTEXT

6449 TWENTY ROAD
CITY OF HAMILTON

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Protect Hamilton from urban sprawl!

From: darlene macneil

Sent: March 28, 2021 8:48 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

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

Subject: Protect Hamilton from urban sprawl!

Please do the right thing and stand up for the PEOPLE who've trusted you enough to put you in a position to make a difference.

What is your plan to protect our precious lands?

<https://youtu.be/WZQZOi2c8v4>

Pilon, Janet

Subject: urban boundary expansion: support a zero expansion option

From: Rebecca Rosart

Sent: March 28, 2021 10:17 PM

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

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

Subject: urban boundary expansion: support a zero expansion option

Greetings,

I would like to express my opposition to expanding the Hamilton urban boundary, and my support for a zero expansion option. We are surrounded by valuable farmland that I think should be reserved for agriculture to ensure our future food security. Within our existing urban boundaries, developers should stop building tiny condo units with maximum 1 or 2 bedrooms and little space, and instead build apartments, condos and multi unit dwellings that can comfortably accommodate families or individuals who want more space.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Rebecca Rosart

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Urban Sprawl

From: Mike Weber

Sent: March 28, 2021 11:50 PM

To: VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>

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

Subject: Urban Sprawl

Dear Arlene,

I am a voting citizen in ward 13 and I am concerned about the haste city council may be in to approve urban sprawl throughout Elfrida and I am asking you, the mayor and city councillors to pause the decision making/planning until in person consultations have occurred. Not all citizens are comfortable with webinars and zoom meetings and many citizens have no idea what is happening regarding these important decisions. In person town halls and information sessions are needed so ideas can be exchanged and knowledge gained. I fear the elected leaders of our communities are being irresponsible in making these important decisions during a pandemic.

Urban sprawl is costly, and our tax dollars are needed for our crumbling infrastructure, as this is where people live and work. Population density within our urban boundaries can be increased at a much lower cost than suburban infrastructure needs, such as emergency services, public transportation, schools, roads, utilities, etc.

Regarding climate change, though we all acknowledge as citizens that our world's climate is changing, I believe there is a disconnect that people, including citizens of our own communities, believe that the climate problems are happening elsewhere and not in our own backyard. As elected leaders you all have an obligation to ensure that integrity of our climate footprint is accurately measured, listen to the science.

I am asking all of you to not accept the motion to move forward with the GRIDS 2/MCR report without further stakeholder, in person consultation. People are focused on staying healthy and the vaccine roll out. We owe it to our citizens to engage in dialogue about our agricultural lands until Covid is over.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely

Mike Weber
Dundas

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Concern re: Expanding Urban Development into Suburban Green areas, and specifically Farming Land Space

From: Benson, Gerry

Sent: March 29, 2021 2:08 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; terrywhitehead@hamilton.ca

Subject: Concern re: Expanding Urban Development into Suburban Green areas, and specifically Farming Land Space

Hello,

I am aware that the issue of expanding the urban boundaries to build more housing to support future city growth is to be discussed at today's council meeting. I would like to add my voice that expanding the city outward (eg Elfrida area or otherwise) would limit the greenspace and the need to conserve all the land available for farming and food land that is so essential for our well-being and health! This will be increasingly essential for our future. Once urban expansion and sprawl removes this valuable resource, it is not ever recovered.

Why cannot developers build "up" within our urban areas to provide affordable apartments, condos to relieve the housing crunch? Preserve our limited greenspace for farming and recreational purposes and the health and well-being of all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gerry Benson

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Freeze the urban boundary

From: Maggie Mahony

Sent: March 29, 2021 10:23 AM

To: Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Freeze the urban boundary

Hello members of City Council,

As a lifelong resident of this city, I'd like to add my voice to the growing list of Hamiltonians requesting you to freeze the Urban Boundary, and to delay any further land needs planning until after public in-person consultations occur.

As we are all aware, suburban sprawl is incredibly expensive, inequitable, and it drives up our property taxes. It also consumes irreplaceable agricultural and green land needed to sustain southern Ontario. Sprawl sucks the life out of the city's core, which desperately requires attention now more than ever. It also contributes to climate change and increases greenhouse gas emissions, emissions which the City has promised to reduce.

I hope you seriously consider the pleas many including myself are making to freeze the urban boundary. The gravity of this situation cannot be emphasized enough.

Thank you,

Maggie Mahony

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Say NO to Sprawl!!!

From: Joel Geleynse

Sent: March 29, 2021 9:52 AM

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

Subject: Say NO to Sprawl!!!

Respectfully please oppose more urban sprawl in the greater Hamilton area.

NO to the 413.

Invest in the city within the current city limits, there is SO MUCH densification that can happen in already existing wards that are the ones running the tax deficits! Newly bulldozed soul-less carbon-copy suburbs will only introduce more costs, and deplete any uniqueness and charm Hamilton already has going for it.

[Stop Sprawl Ham Ont : **HamOnt pls watch and share this 4 minute video**, then copy/paste ALL the councillors below into your cc box and speak your mind](#)



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Joel Geleynse

Pilon, Janet

Subject: no to urban boundary expansion

From: Jan Keeton

Date: March 27, 2021 at 10:28:28 AM EDT

To: ward1@hamilton.ca

Cc: Steve McBride

Subject: no to urban boundary expansion

Hello Maureen, We would like to register our concern about the recommendation being put forward by city staff to council on Monday, March 29, regarding the urban boundary expansion into the agricultural and greenfield area. We believe that there is room for housing expansion within the city limits which could include infill and rezoning. Please vote to Freeze the urban boundary.

Jan (Keeton)

Stephen (McBride)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Kelowna has Learned the Lesson of Sprawl

From: Kojo Damptey

Sent: March 29, 2021 2:36 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Kelowna has Learned the Lesson of Sprawl

Dear Mayor & City Councillors,

Please find the link highlighting a news story of City Councillors in Kelowna responding to the iceberg infrastructure costs of urban sprawl. This is what I made reference to in my delegation this afternoon.

<https://infotel.ca/inhome/kelowna-has-learned-the-iceberg-lesson-of-sprawling-development/it81272>

Thank you for your time.

Kojo Damptey

Executive Director

Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

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423 King Street East,

Hamilton, ON

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Pilon, Janet

Subject: Vote NO to urban sprawl

From: Jaleen Grove

Sent: March 29, 2021 3:59 PM

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

Subject: Vote NO to urban sprawl

Please do not allow our best farm land to become expensive housing. Canada needs to be able to supply itself with its own food forever - since we cannot see into the future to know what economic or political situation might disrupt our dependency on foreign agriculture. Besides, it's better environmental sense to eat local and to preserve white and green belts.

Meanwhile, downtown Hamilton still awaits more creative coming and architectural solutions to turn it into a progressive city and model society. Make it easier for developers and urban planners to do innovative work where we need it.

I live in Hamilton near the General Hospital. I am a homeowner who pays taxes. Please represent my position.

Jaleen

Hello, everyone!

I am thankful for the bit of rain we had yesterday and for the opportunity to address you.

The Extinction Rebellion Hamilton Indigenous Affinity group has four demands, the first three of which are also international demands of XR.

1. TELL THE TRUTH
2. ACT NOW
3. GO BEYOND POLITICS
4. LISTEN! RESPECT! TRANSFORM!

The fourth demand is our own, which we now publicly share in part for the first time:

We steadfastly affirm and will uphold demands for and acts of self-determination and sovereignty by First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. The response to the climate crisis must centre the voices, rights and needs of communities who are most disproportionately impacted.

I will skip to our Fourth Demand for the moment, and how it relates to today's topic.

Listen! Respect! Transform! Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy document includes a special responsibility to consult with the Indigenous community. (Page 23, Action 3.) Heather Travis's slide only listed one Indigenous community engagement. It is important to hear Indigenous voices and to learn from Anishinaabe and other Indigenous peoples' world view of the land, that it cannot be commodified to \$18,000 an acre, 4 million if it's smothered by a subdivision, cannot be commodified at all, ever. Land is to be respected and listened to with due humility, as are the voices of one's ancestors: only then can you hear what Mother Nature and those who went before you are guiding you to do. As sprawl often destroys wetlands, this is another area that has to be understood, as Indigenous peoples never surrender their care of and duty to the water, no matter what agreements they or their ancestors may have made on their land - because water is life!

Hearing diverse voices takes effort on the part of established ones, and during the pandemic, is even more difficult to bring about because Indigenous and racialized communities are especially absorbed in taking

care of their vulnerable Elders and their families. The special duty to consult with Indigenous peoples should include the knowledge that our settler society has -since contact- perfected sprawl and that many of our own families have amassed land and its wealth at the expense of the life and health of Indigenous families, Nations and Peoples. Even immigrants without the benefit of “old wealth” (old stealth!) gain a foothold in this country and get to thrive, become developers, lawyers, landlords, professors (like my father), bankers or city councillors, not because of their hard work alone, but because of the privilege Canada’s ongoing genocide against First Nations and Indigenous Peoples affords them.

The XRIA Group suggests that land consultation should include honest, de-fused conversations about the concept of Landback. Understood instead of being feared, the concept of Landback should fill us with hope of true reconciliation and also of healing the land and water upon which all living beings depend for life. One important question that Skyler Williams, spokesperson of 1492 Landback Lane asks, is whether only settler communities are recognized as needing to grow and thrive, or as being allowed to grow and thrive? The implications of that question are vast and deep, and they need to be discussed in a peaceful way.

We want you to know that the XRIA Group, who are your constituents, are counting on you to **Act Now** to freeze the urban boundary, and to extend the timeframe for decisions about it until in-person delegating resumes. And we need detailed conversations such as would happen in a citizen’s assembly. (What time limit do your lobbyists have, I wonder?)

By creative use of as much infill building and gentle intensification within the existing boundary in the next ten years as possible, there would still be time to expand the boundary in responsible ways IF the population growth predictions mentioned by the provincial government and home builders associations appear to be accurate. The term “market-driven forces” often masks greed and land speculation, of which we should all be wary. Your constituents are also counting on you to **Tell The Truth** about why this push to lock in boundary expansion is even happening during a

pandemic, and to speak up against this land and power grab by the provincial government and its backers on our behalf. Slow that Mustang down!

And we in XRIA are counting on you to follow the City of Hamilton's 'urban indigenous strategy plan'. We have much to learn from an Indigenous world view that can help bring our settler society into balance. Our way of life has done so much harm to the more than human beings with whom Indigenous peoples have always shared a spiritual connection: we wish to highlight just two of those beings whose decline directly connects to sprawl.



Only five mating pairs left in southern Ontario

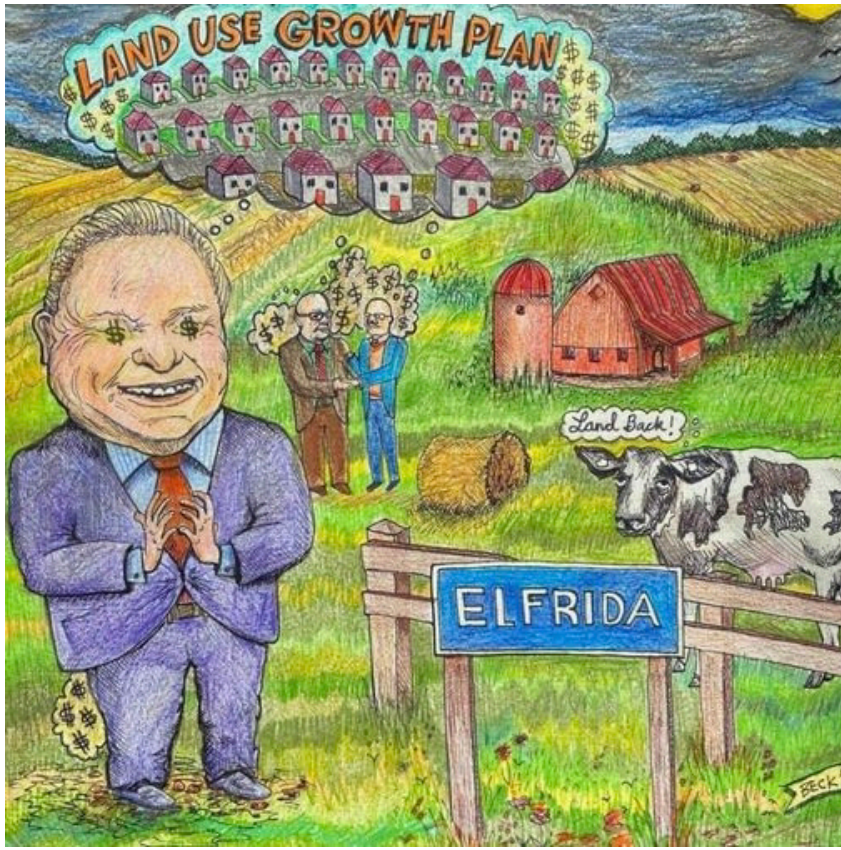
Barn owls (no doubt they have a different name in Indigenous languages), so shimmeringly elegant they personify the magic of woods on a moonlit night, need open hunting grounds and open wood barns they can fly into and nest inside. Agribusiness uses tightly closed steel structures that give barn owls nothing to grip. Sprawl and the intensity of agribusiness have also decimated the range of barn owls, as well as of the species they feed on, further endangering them to the point of "extirpation". What a cold sad lonely word that is! It means "to be rooted out and destroyed completely."

Barn swallows, so colourful, so swift and graceful in flight, with their own Indigenous legend as to how they got their distinctive tails, so good at devouring mosquitoes, are threatened in our province by the same sprawl factors as the barn owl; in their case, unyielding agribusiness structures that have replaced the family farm's wooden barns provide them many fewer places to stick their nests securely.

"Threatened" means the species lives in the wild in Ontario, is not endangered, but is likely to become endangered if steps are not taken to address factors threatening it. Surely expanding the urban boundary anywhere in Ontario will not address these factors, but further damage these iconic birds' survival and ability to thrive, respectively. In XR, we understand that our survival is linked to the survival and ability to thrive of wild beings who share our world. Please consider a fixed urban boundary!



Good day to you all, on behalf of the XR Hamilton Indigenous Affinity Group.



Pilon, Janet

Subject: SPRAWL

From: mcknott.i mcknott.i

Sent: March 29, 2021 8:31 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>

Subject: SPRAWL

Mr. Thorne,

You are likely aware, the province has revised municipal planning guidelines to include population projections to 2051, lowered density targets for new development and enacted a “market-driven” approach to planning for new residential.

I am requesting that Hamilton City Council delay Hamilton’s Official Review Plans (MRC) at your upcoming meeting. The region of Halton voted unanimously to pause their planning on Feb 17 and I believe we should follow their example.

We cannot lock in sprawl until 2051. Land use planning is the key lever in locking in or locking out greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, a leading energy consultant for many Canadian municipalities including Hamilton.

Constituents cannot be properly consulted given COVID restrictions. Many residents do not have internet access or lack the expertise to use Zoom software in order to delegate. Critical decisions which will impact Hamilton for the next 30 years should not be made while in-person consultation is not possible. Please ensure that Hamilton’s 2016-2025 Strategic Plan honours its commitment to community engagement and participation which states: “Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them” .

For this action to be effective, councils around the Golden Horseshoe will need to pass similar motions and as it started in Halton, I hope it can continue to Hamilton and beyond.

Please make a motion to stand up against the Ford government's recent onslaught of changes which allow more low density development and lessen our existing smart intensification plans. Please request that the Province suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

Sincerely

M. Knott, Hamilton resident

**A Presentation in Support of
ITEM 12.1 Request to delay Submission of Growth Plan Conformity Official Plan Amendment,
Suspension of TimeTable of Municipal Conformity of Growth Plan and Extension to the Deadline
for Growth Plan Conformity**

Mr Mayor and Honourable Councilors, my name is Mervyn Russell. I am a retired clergy person with over 50 years experience. I live in Oakville and am a member of the Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now [HACEN] I thank you for the opportunity to present to you,

I am writing in support of the Resolution moved by Councillor Clark

I understand this resolution to be for the Council to unite around in support of principles of planning that need to be followed in a time of climate emergency.

What are these principles? I believe there are four.

The first is the principle of **responsibility**-- responsibility as regards care for the environment, and for the health and safety of the residents of this Region in a time of climate change. Council has passed a Climate Emergency Resolution recognizing that carbon emissions are heating the atmosphere in a manner that is adversely changing the interactions of the global systems that support all life on this planet. Council also clearly recognizes the need to maintain the sustainability of both the variety and vitality of living creatures and preserving the essential quality of the planet's air, water and soil.

The care of the environment is not an important concern of this Provincial Government. From almost the first day when they dismissed the Environmental Commissioner to their recent disempowering of the Conservation Authorities, we have seen their dismissive attitudes and actions towards responsibility for the environment. In this instance, less density of housing means less agricultural land, which is often a carbon sink and, instead, more urban sprawl with more carbon car travel, which results in more car fumes, which results in more heating of the atmosphere, which results in more climate made disasters

The second principle I want to mention is **security**. The extension of the urban boundary into the area of so called 'White Land' will result in a significant loss of agricultural land. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture states Ontario loses 175 acres of farmland each day and has already lost 42 % of its farmland since 1945. Only 2.5 % of Canada's landmass is suitable for farming, and SW Ontario has some of the best of that land. This land produces a source of energy that is more important than oil or electricity - food. A country that cannot feed itself is not a fully sovereign country and a country that is not fully sovereign is not secure. The rate of urban expansion must be curtailed.

Provincial Governments have not had an appreciation for the importance of agriculture. They have considered agricultural land as vacant, undeveloped, The business of agriculture is undervalued and agriculture is seen as not quite part of the modern business world, even though I doubt if there is an industry that has improved its productivity in the last 50 years more than agriculture. It contributes 13.7 billion to the economy of Ontario, which is more than another other industry. What is more is that there are two very good reasons for not encroaching further on agricultural land. First, there is still land available from the Provincial 2012 designated land for urbanisation, and, second, with all the changes in social relations both as regards family life and working life, who can possibly say what the demand for urban development will be in 2051?

The third principle I want to recognize is **creativity**. Council seems to recognize that what has taken place as urban and industrial development, is boring, inconvenient, wasteful and unhealthy. It is open to developing new kinds of urban areas in which the majority of everyday needs of food, recreation, education, health, are within walking distance and within an environment with trees, grass, flowers, birds and small animals. Urban hubs where life is more stimulating and satisfying. Where people can meet and mix, have a sense of being part of a vital and varied community and so decrease isolation, separation, fear, prejudice and crime.

On the basis of the Provincial Government's commitment to low intensity building expansion, it would seem it is still supporting extensive areas of sprawling, monotonous dullness. Where homes are where you sleep, eat and watch Netflix when you are not commuting, working or shopping.

The last principle I want to mention is **democracy**. True, the public will not be asked to vote on the contents of the City's Official Plan in order to decide what should be done; however, voting is not all there is to democracy. Full democracy means encouraging and enabling the public to be aware of what can and should be done in society and to provide opportunities for discussion and evaluation of different opinions and then voting for representatives and parties that they think will make the best decisions. Public consultation is expressly mentioned in The Provincial Policy Statement as an essential part of the process of planning land use.

The Provincial Government usually acts in a very different manner. It seems to assume that having won an election they have the right and the power to impose whatever they want, without consulting or, often, even respecting, either those who may have valuable expertise and experience, or those who are going to be most impacted by their decisions. It is "Do it our way or we'll do it for you." 'Our way or the highway', or in this case: 'Our way and the highway'. This has been their modus operandus as regards, not only the environment, but health, education, transportation, local government. It is particularly wrong in the middle of a pandemic when public consultation is especially difficult. The present Provincial Government is highly authoritarian.

This resolution is an act of resistance. I am glad you are going to share it widely. The Provincial Government has pulled back when challenged by ample and determined opposition. If enough municipalities support this motion, the Provincial government may retreat. To further help this to happen I urge you to trust your constituents. Let each one of you send a communication to each household, explaining what you are doing and why. I believe the people of Halton respect **responsibility, security, community and democracy**.

You are not just resisting urban sprawl, or even disregard for the environment, important as they are. You are also resisting bad government.

Thank you Mr. Mayor

Respectfully

Mervyn Russell -[Rev. Dr.]

REPORT TO: Conservation Halton Board of Directors

REPORT NO: # CHBD 02 21 05

FROM: Barbara J. Veale, Director, Planning & Watershed Management

DATE: March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Planning Act Amendment Regarding Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) ERO No.: 019-3233 / CH File No.: PPO 062

Recommendation

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **endorses the submission of comments to the Province recommended in the staff report entitled "Proposed Planning Act Amendment Regarding Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO),**

And

That the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **directs staff to circulate the staff report entitled "Proposed Planning Act Amendment Regarding Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) to watershed municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament, and adjacent Conservation Authorities for their information.**

Executive Summary

On March 4, 2021, the Minister of Infrastructure introduced Bill 257, *An Act to enact the Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* and to make other amendments in respect of infrastructure and land use planning matters, which received First Reading by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on that same day. Schedule 3 to Bill 257 proposes to amend the *Planning Act* to provide that Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) "are not required and are deemed to never have been required to be consistent with [provincial] policy statements..." It is proposed that this provision would not have effect on an MZO that applies to land within the Greenbelt Plan Area.

Also, on March 4, 2021, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) posted a corresponding notice on the *Environmental Registry of Ontario* to implement the above changes to the *Planning Act*. These proposed changes are contrary to the purposes of the *Planning Act* and the principles of land use planning in the Province of Ontario.

CH staff recommend that through Conservation Halton's response to the ERO posting, the provincial government be requested to:

- 1) reconsider and withdraw the proposed change to the *Planning Act*,
- 2) develop criteria for the use of MZOs, and
- 3) work closely with municipalities and other agencies involved in local planning processes to streamline local planning processes to expedite development, while maintaining the integrity of the purposes outlined in section 1.1 of the *Planning Act*.

The following report provides background and rationale for this recommendation.

Report

Section 47 of the *Planning Act* allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs), to govern land uses within areas subject to the order. An MZO prevails over any other zoning by-law in effect in the area, giving the Minister complete authority to regulate land use on specific lands.

Historically, MZOs were used in special circumstances to address a matter of heightened significance to the Province or to impose controls where local planning instruments did not exist or were insufficient, particularly in areas lacking municipal organization. While MZOs were used sparingly in the past, there has been a significant increase in their use in the past two years, often at the request of municipalities with robust planning systems to expedite certain developments. For example, between 2000-2019, only 5 MZOs were issued. In 2020, 26 MZOs were issued, most within the GTA. In 2021, 7 MZOs have been issued to date. These figures do not include zoning orders that were issued and subsequently revoked.

On March 4, 2021, the Minister of Infrastructure introduced Bill 257, *An Act to enact the Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* and to make other amendments in respect of infrastructure and land use planning matters, which received First Reading by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on that same day. Schedule 3 to Bill 257 proposes to amend the *Planning Act* to provide that Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) "are not required and are deemed to never have been required to be consistent with [provincial] policy statements..." It is proposed that this provision would not have effect on an MZO that applies to land within the Greenbelt Plan Area.

Also, on March 4, 2021, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) posted a corresponding notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the proposed changes. The notice states:

The proposed changes would permit the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to take other considerations into account when making decisions to support strong communities, a clean and healthy environment, and the economic vitality of the Province.

The Minister's zoning authority is a critical tool that can be used to support and expedite the delivery of government priorities, including transit-oriented communities, affordable housing, long-term care homes and strategic economic recovery projects by removing potential barriers and delays. These changes would ensure that the Minister, acting at their discretion, has the authority to provide their complete support for these critical projects.

Comments on the proposal must be submitted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario by April 3, 2021.

Background

The *Planning Act* sets out several purposes under section 1.1. The first two purposes are as follows:

- a) To promote sustainable economic development in a healthy natural environment within the policy and by the means provided under this Act,
- b) To provide for a land use planning system led by provincial policy.

Since 1983, *Planning Act* has enabled the Province to issue policy statements on matters relating to municipal planning that are of provincial interest. Decisions made by municipal councils, local boards, planning boards, a minister of the Crown and a ministry, board, commission or agency of the government, including the Tribunal, in respect of the exercise of any authority that affects a planning matter shall be consistent with the policy statements that are in effect on the date the comments, submissions or advice are provided.

The most recent statement of provincial policy is the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, which came into effect on May 1, 2020. The policies are grouped into three main areas with a statement of purpose for each one that is grounded in the concept of sustainable development and worth recalling in the context of Bill 257:

1) *Building Strong and Healthy Communities*

Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental health and social well-being depend on wisely managing change and promoting efficient land use and development patterns. Efficient land use and development patterns support sustainability by promoting strong, liveable, healthy and resilient communities, protecting the environment and public health and safety, and facilitating economic growth.

2) *Wise Use and Management of Resources*

Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental health and social well-being depend on conserving biodiversity, protecting the Great Lakes, and protecting natural heritage, water, agricultural, mineral and cultural heritage and archaeological resources for their economic, environmental and social benefits.

3) *Protecting Public Health and Safety*

Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental health and social-well-being depend on reducing the potential for public cost or risk to Ontario's residents from natural or human-made hazards.

February 2021, CH Comments

In response to a recent provincial consultation on expanded MZO powers enacted in 2020 (ERO No. 019-2811) CH provided the following comments to the Ministry:

Minister's Zoning Orders that conflict with provincial policies and plans should be enacted sparingly and only in exceptional cases. We recommend that the order include a detailed justification as to why non-compliance with provincial policies and plans is defensible. Otherwise, the integrity of provincial and local planning processes, policies, plans, and intended outcomes may be undermined.

Proposed Changes to the Planning Act

The proposed changes to facilitate the zoning of land through an MZO *that is not required, and deemed to never have been required to be consistent with policy statements*, are contrary to the purposes of the *Planning Act* and the principles of land use planning in the Province of Ontario..

The concepts of building strong and healthy communities, wise use and management of resources and public health and safety enshrined in the *Planning Act* are fundamental and embody public interest considerations that every previous minister entrusted with administration of the *Planning Act* has been bound by since the policy statement concept was enacted in 1983.

It is not reasonable that these considerations should only apply to lands that fall within the Greenbelt Plan Area, or that a Minister should not ensure that there is no conflict with the Province's stated position and policies, as good land use planning outcomes are needed across the entire province. Moreover, there are no public notice or appeal provisions associated with the current MZO power. Since, the MZO power overrides all approved municipal plans and associated public and agency consultation, it is essential that a transparent set of public-interest policies guide the Minister in his decision-making, as is currently required by the Act.

While there may be valid circumstances to expedite certain development through the issuance of an MZO, it should not be at the expense of good planning. The Ontario Professional Planners' Institute (OPPI) (attached) (Appendix B) raised the following concerns in December 2020 regarding the increased use of MZOs and recommended a cautionary approach for three reasons:

- Potential delays as planning approvals are shifted from the local municipality to the Province.
- Uncertainty and risk for real estate markets which would introduce unexpected impacts on neighbouring properties
- Public trust would be undermined as the use of an MZO is not transparent or published.

OPPI provided two recommendations to address the above concerns including the introduction of provincial criteria on the use of MZOs for provincially significant priority projects and more reliance on measures to streamline the overall municipal planning process equitably in the provincial and municipality interests for all projects. CH staff support these recommendations and continue to work closely with member municipalities and the development community to further streamline and harmonize planning and regulatory processes through renewed Memoranda of Agreement and ongoing dialogue.

Based on the above rationale, staff recommend that through Conservation Halton's response to the ERO posting, the provincial government be requested to:

- 1) reconsider and withdraw the proposed change to the *Planning Act*,
- 2) develop criteria for the use of MZOs, and
- 3) work closely with municipalities and other agencies involved in local planning processes to streamline local planning processes to expedite development, while maintaining the integrity of the purposes outlined in section 1.1. of the *Planning Act*.

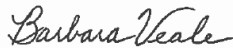
Impact on Strategic Goals

This report supports the Metamorphosis strategic theme of Protecting our natural, cultural, and scenic assets. The theme is supported by the objective to strengthen conservation, restoration and responsible management of natural resources with a focus on evidence-based programs. It also supports the theme Taking care of our growing communities and the objective to remain dedicated to ecosystem-based watershed planning that contributes to the development of sustainable rural, urban, and suburban communities.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to this report.

Signed & respectfully submitted:



Barbara J. Veale
Director, Planning & Watershed Management

Approved for circulation:



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March 29, 2021

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF).

As you know, OCLIF was announced in 2018 as a \$40 million initiative over two years to help municipalities with the implementation costs of recreational cannabis legalization. The funding under the program has now been fully disbursed.

The province also committed that, if Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty on recreational cannabis over the first two years of legalization exceeds \$100 million, the province will provide 50 per cent of the surplus to those municipalities that did not opt out as of January 22, 2019.

I am pleased to be able to share a final update on this commitment. Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty for the period of October 17, 2018 to October 16, 2020 has exceeded \$100 million, meaning we will share 50 per cent of the surplus excise duties (the amount greater than \$100 million), **\$3,991,090**, with eligible municipalities.

The government will distribute this final payment this month as follows:

- Funding will be provided on a per household basis to municipalities that did not opt-out of hosting retail stores as of January 22, 2019, adjusted so that each recipient municipality will receive at least \$5,000.
- Lower-tier and upper-tier municipalities will receive funding based on 50% of their households. Upper-tier municipalities will receive funding in relation to opt-out decisions made by the lower-tier municipality. If a lower tier municipality opted-out, the upper tier municipality will not receive funding on a per household basis in relation to that municipality.

The government is providing this funding now to municipalities in a manner similar to past payments. This means municipalities will have the funds on hand to use for the implementation costs the fund was designed to support.

The Deputy Minister of Finance will write shortly to the Treasurers of recipient municipalities with details about the administration of this funding and attach each municipality's specific allocation notice. Payments will also be processed at that time.

Municipalities have been important partners in the successful implementation of the federal government's legalization of recreational cannabis. We look forward to continuing to work together in this regard.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board

c: The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mark Lawson, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Finance
David Corbett, Deputy Attorney General
Greg Orencsak, Deputy Minister of Finance
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Pilon, Janet

Subject: Time Sensitive.... Health Canada Consultation Open for Comment until May 7/21

From: Debbie France

Sent: March 26, 2021 2:05 PM

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

Subject: Time Sensitive.... Health Canada Consultation Open for Comment until May 7/21

Time Sensitive....Health Canada Cannabis Consultation Open for comment until May 7/21

Attention : Clerks, Kindly share with your Mayor, Councillors and staff and place on your agenda for review and action by all.

Hello Municipalities,

Great news! Health Canada has invited Canadians and Municipalities to share their perspectives on the factors that may be considered for refusal or revocation of a cannabis registration on public health and public safety grounds. Get your municipal comments in before closing on May 7 2021.

Why participate? Health Canada has seen a concerning trend with the size of certain personal and designated cannabis growing sites and issues associated with them.

Over the last year, OPP, York Regional Police and other police forces across Ontario have reported on the abundance of illicit grow ops run by criminal organizations who are exploiting Health Canada's cannabis rules and regulations. The threat to the personal health and safety of residents across Ontario is significant and should not be underestimated.

Here is a link for a great OPP video that explains the significant risks :

[OPP PROVINCIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM TACKLES ILLEGAL CANNABIS MARKET - YouTube](#)

Here are two links for further evidence of the significant risks to public health and safety :

[York police seize roughly \\$150M worth of illegal pot, firearms and exotic animals in drug bust | CTV News](#)

[OPP say police have dismantled 52 illegal cannabis production sites since July - Kingston | Globalnews.ca](#)

Having completed previous Federal Cannabis consultations, I suggest you choose the email response so that you can express your concerns. The online form really does not allow you to comment to the issues you are each facing. We all have cannabis problems but different problems.

The link for Health Canada consultation is here:

[Consultation on guidance on personal production of cannabis for medical purposes - Canada.ca](#)

Please also let your residents know about this opportunity.

Thanks kindly,
Debbie France

Authority: Item 12, Committee of the Whole
Report 01-033 (PD01184)
CM: October 16, 2001
Ward: 12

Bill No. 042

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control

Block 4, Registered Plan No. 62M-1255, Municipally Known as 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97 and 99 Beasley Grove, Ancaster

WHEREAS the sub-section 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended, establishes part-lot control on land within registered plans of subdivision;

AND WHEREAS sub-section 50(7) of the *Planning Act*, provides as follows:

“(7) **Designation of lands not subject to part lot control.** -- Despite subsection (5), the council of a local municipality may by by-law provide that subsection (5) does not apply to land that is within such registered plan or plans of subdivision or parts of them as are designated in the by-law.”

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton is desirous of enacting such a by-law with respect to the lands hereinafter described;

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

1. Sub-section 5 of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, for the purpose of creating 16 lots for street townhouse dwellings shown as Parts 1-28, inclusive, and 12 access and maintenance easements shown as Parts 17-28 inclusive, on deposited Reference Plan 62R-21623 shall not apply to the portion of the Registered Plan of Subdivision that is designated as follows, namely:

Block 4, Registered Plan No. 62M-1255, in the City of Hamilton

2. This by-law shall be registered on title to the said designated land and shall come into force and effect on the date of such registration.
3. This by-law shall expire and cease to be of any force or effect on the 31st day of March, 2023.

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control
Block 4, Registered Plan No. 62M-1255, Municipally Known as 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91,
93, 95, 97 and 99 Beasley Grove, Ancaster

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PASSED this 31st day of March, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

PLC-20-004

A. Holland
City Clerk

Authority: Item 12, Committee of the Whole
Report 01-033 (PD01184)
CM: October 16, 2001
Ward: 11

Bill No. 043

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control

Blocks 90 and 91, Registered Plan No. 62M-1249 “Empire Caterini – Phase 1”, municipally known as 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341 and 343 Pumpkin Pass

WHEREAS the sub-section 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended, establishes part-lot control on land within registered plans of subdivision;

AND WHEREAS sub-section 50(7) of the *Planning Act*, provides as follows:

“(7) **Designation of lands not subject to part lot control.** -- Despite subsection (5), the council of a local municipality may by by-law provide that subsection (5) does not apply to land that is within such registered plan or plans of subdivision or parts of them as are designated in the by-law.”

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton is desirous of enacting such a by-law with respect to the lands hereinafter described;

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

1. Sub-section 5 of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, for the purpose of creating 10 lots for street townhouse dwellings and one hydro easement, shown as Parts 1 to 5, inclusive, on deposited Reference Plan 62R-21526, and shown as Parts 1 to 6, inclusive, on deposited Reference Plan 62R-21527, shall not apply to the portion of the registered plan of subdivision that is designated as follows, namely:

Blocks 90 and 91, Registered Plan No. 62M-1249, in the City of Hamilton.

2. This by-law shall be registered on title to the said designated land and shall come into force and effect on the date of such registration.
3. This by-law shall expire and cease to be of any force or effect on the 31st day of March, 2023.

PASSED this 31st day of March, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

PLC-20-011

Authority: Item 12, Committee of the Whole
Report 01-033 (PD01184)
CM: October 16, 2001
Ward: 9

Bill No. 044

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 21-

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control

Lot 57 within Registered Plan No. 62M-1257 as well as Blocks 9, 10, 11, and Lots 1 and 2 within Registered Plan No. 62M-1262, municipally known as 59, 63, 67, 71, 75 and 150 Cuesta Heights

WHEREAS the sub-section 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended, establishes part-lot control on land within registered plans of subdivision;

AND WHEREAS sub-section 50(7) of the *Planning Act*, provides as follows:

“(7) **Designation of lands not subject to part lot control.** -- Despite subsection (5), the council of a local municipality may by by-law provide that subsection (5) does not apply to land that is within such registered plan or plans of subdivision or parts of them as are designated in the by-law.”

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton is desirous of enacting such a by-law with respect to the lands hereinafter described;

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

1. Sub-section 5 of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, for the purpose of establishing 11 maintenance easements for six single detached dwellings, shown as Parts 1 to 10 on deposited Reference Plan 62R-21351 and as Part 1 on deposited Reference Plan 62R-21510, shall not apply to the portion of the registered plan of subdivision that is designated as follows, namely:

Lot 57, Registered Plan No. 62M-1257 and Blocks 9, 10, 11, and Lots 1 and 2, Registered Plan No. 62M-1262, in the City of Hamilton.

2. This by-law shall be registered on title to the said designated land and shall come into force and effect on the date of such registration.
3. This by-law shall expire and cease to be of any force or effect on the 31st day of March, 2023.

Respecting Removal of Part Lot Control
Lot 57 within Registered Plan No. 62M-1257 as well as Blocks 9, 10, 11, and Lots 1 and 2 within Registered Plan
No. 62M-1262, municipally known as 59, 63, 67, 71, 75 and 150 Cuesta Heights

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PASSED this 31st day of March, 2021.

F. Eisenberger
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

PLC-20-007