



**City of Hamilton
PLANNING COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Meeting #: 23-014
Date: September 14, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Ancaster Fairgrounds
630 Trinity Rd S, Jerseyville, ON L0R 1R0
<https://www.youtube.com/user/InsideCityofHamilton>

Lisa Kelsey, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4605

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- a. Written Submissions
 - (i) Don Mclean
 - (ii) Brian McHattie
 - (iii) Martha Howatt
 - (iv) Carole-Ann Durran
 - (v) Jean Wilson
 - (vi) Janice Currie
 - (vii) Darin Macmillan
 - (viii) Deanna Hove
 - (ix) Barbara Danese
 - (x) Erica Hall
 - (xi) Martha Schwenger
 - (xii) Nicole Doro
 - (xiii) Heather Yoell
 - (xiv) Ruth Frager
 - (xv) Jen Baker
 - (xvi) Mark Mueller
 - (xvii) Rachelle Sender
 - (xviii) Bhavisha Morphet
 - (xix) Laurie Peel
 - (xx) Julie Palmese
 - (xxi) Sue Frasson
 - (xxii) Naomi Lewenhardt
 - (xxiii) Rose Janson
 - (xxiv) Michelle Tom
 - (xxv) Rosemary Almas
 - (xxvi) Rick Johnson
 - (xxvii) Jean Mackay
 - (xxviii) Debra and Gary Runge
 - (xxix) Susan Suter
 - (xxx) Gail Faveri
 - (xxxii) Tamara Messersmith
 - (xxxiii) Sharon Paterson
 - (xxxiv) Verena Walter
 - (xxxv) Peter Appleton
 - (xxxvi) Catherine Stewart
 - (xxxvii) David Mivasair
 - (xxxviii) Lil Blume
 - (xxxix) Kathleen Kennedy
 - (xl) Pauline Prowse
 - (xli) Erin Shacklette
 - (xlii) Anne Washington
 - (xliii) Dave Carson

- (xliii) Betty Berry
- (xliv) Kelly Millar
- (xlv) Shirley Shaver-Cranston
- (xlvi) Kyle Whiteman
- (xlvii) Eileen Shannon
- (xlviii) Colina Phillips
- (xlix) Robin Cameron
- (l) Jonathan Scholtens
- (li) Liz Eeuwes
- (lii) Therese Taylor
- (liii) Kathy Wade Vlaar
- (liv) Michelle Chin
- (lv) Jen Sanges
- (lvi) Marie Covert
- (lvii) Sheila O'Neal
- (lviii) Mary Margaret Kachurowski
- (lix) Luba Petkovic
- (lx) Lyn Folkes
- (lxi) Matias Rozenberg
- (lxii) Susan Button
- (lxiii) Judy Labelle
- (lxiv) Tracie Daigle
- (lxv) Theresa Berry
- (lxvi) Victoria Zess
- (lxvii) Donna Spurr
- (lxviii) Alison Niccols
- (lxix) Anne Kopy-Medeiros
- (lxx) James S. Quinn
- (lxxi) M. Pitilli
- (lxxii) Rick Johnson
- (lxxiii) Jim Beach
- (lxxiv) Tom Nugent

- b. Registered Delegations:
 - (i) Peter Appleton (in-person)
 - (ii) K. Lynn Dykeman (in-person)
 - (iii) Rob Dolhai (virtual)
 - (iv) Patrick Antila (in-person)
 - (v) James S. Quinn (in-person)
 - (vi) Catherine Roberts (in-person)

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. MOTIONS

Members of the public can contact the Clerk's Office to acquire the documents considered at this meeting, in an alternate format.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION
14. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS
15. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
16. ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 14, 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan – Interim Report on the Results of Public Engagement on Community Benefits (PED23046(b)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Charlie Toman (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5863
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Robichaud Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the interim Report on the Results of the Public Engagement on Community Benefits based on the online survey, written submissions, the public input received at the September 6, 2023 Open House and associated comment sheets be received;
- (b) That Planning Staff be directed to prepare a final report on the Results of the Public Engagement on Community Benefits based on the Interim Report and the additional public input provided at the Special Planning Committee meeting of September 14, 2023;
- (c) That City Clerk be directed to forward the final report on the Results of the Public Engagement to the Province of Ontario, the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator, the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in the Greenbelt Plan area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an interim summary of all of the public input received to date on Community Benefits in response to City Council's direction to hold a

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Special Meeting of Planning Committee to receive feedback on the City's priorities and expectations respecting any private development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan area in Hamilton.

Staff will be submitting an addendum to this report with a detailed summary of all public received as of September 8, 2023. Staff are recommending that a final report summarizing all of the feedback received be forwarded to the Province of Ontario, the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities within the Greenbelt Plan area for their information.

A copy of the Final Report will be posted on the City of Hamilton webpage and notice of the posting will be provided to all individuals and parties on the City's project mailing list/

In June 2023 the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator contacted the City and advised that there will have an opportunity for the City to provide input on how the former greenbelt lands are developed and to negotiate "Community Benefits" that would be a condition of Provincial development approvals for the lands that have been removed from the Greenbelt Plan. "Community Benefits" have been defined by the Provincial Facilitators as those matters that would be secured that are above and beyond standard Planning Act requirements. The location of the areas removed from the Greenbelt Plan in the City of Hamilton is shown on Appendix "A" to Report PED23046(b).

On July 14, 2023, City Council directed staff to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest, to schedule a Special Meeting of Planning Committee to receive public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands. In addition, a Public Meeting was held to inform participants about the Provincial "Community Benefits" framework and provide an opportunity for participants to provide feedback. As such, Planning staff:

- Held an Open House on September 6, 2023; and,
- Released an online survey which closed on September 8, 2023.

The Open House was attended by approximately 450 people. Due to Fire Code capacity constraints, staff estimate that over 100 people were unable to enter the building but were provided with the opportunity to sign the attendance sheets.

The September 6, 2023 meeting was recorded and a copy of the recording has been posted on the City's website.

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Staff will be submitting an addendum to this report prior to the September 14, 2023 Special Planning Committee containing any and all public input received through the Open House and survey. The addendum report with highlighting key themes and messages received.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 9

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: There are no financial implications associated with this report's recommendations. However, as part of the proposed discussions with the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator and the landowners, staff will be seeking to ensure that any funding gaps relating to infrastructure will be offset through additional developer financial contributions. To assess the fiscal implications of any future development on these lands, staff will be requiring the landowners to submit a Financial Impact Statement as part of their proposed development.

Based on the proposed Provincial timeframes, external consulting resources may be required to undertake peer reviews of any technical studies submitted by the landowners in support of their development concept. In accordance with the City's Tariff of Fees By-law for development approvals, the landowners will be responsible for 100% of the cost to administer the peer review and for the external consulting costs associated with the peer review.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. Government of Ontario Decision to Remove Greenbelt Lands

On November 4, 2022, the Province requested comments on proposed changes to the Greenbelt Plan through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (Environmental Registry of Ontario Postings 019-6216 and 019-6217). The proposals included the removal of 7,400 acres (2,995 ha) of land from the Greenbelt Plan Area in Ontario to be used to build housing in the near term.

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On December 16, 2022, the Province removed approximately 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan, as per the November 4, 2022 Environmental Registry of Ontario proposal.

Within the City of Hamilton, the following lands were removed from the Greenbelt Plan, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED23046(b):

- Lands located south of Garner Road West, west of Fiddlers Green Road, east of Shaver Road in the vicinity of Book Road (‘Book Road Lands’) (727 ha in size);
- Lands located south of White Church Road East, west of Miles Road, north of Chippewa Road East, east of Upper James Street (‘Whitechurch Lands’) (64 ha in size); and,
- Lands located at 331 and 339 Fifty road, at the north-west corner of Barton Street and Fifty Road (‘Fifty Road Lands’) (4 ha in size).

There are approximately 141 properties, the majority of which are either farms or properties less than 1.0 ha in size as outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Greenbelt Removal Lands					
Sub Area	Gross Area (Ha)	Total Properties	Ag/Farm Properties	<1 ha	Ag Props Area (Ha)
Book Road	727	113	34	67	572
Sub Area	Gross Area (Ha)	Total Properties	Ag/Farm Properties	<1 ha	Ag Props Area (Ha)
Whitechurch	64	26	8	13	47
Fifty Road	4	2	1	1	3.5
Total	795	141	43	81	622.5

Based on information contained in the November 4, 2022 Environmental Registry of Ontario postings in addition to statements made by the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Housing:

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- The rationale for the removal of these lands was that the removals support the Province’s goal of facilitating the construction of 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years under the More Homes Built Faster Plan;
- Significant progress on approvals and implementation of residential development of the Greenbelt removal lands is to be achieved by the end of 2023, and that development must be substantially underway by no later than the end of 2025;
- The Province also expects that proponents would upfront the funding of any necessary infrastructure to service the subject lands, in accordance with local cost sharing policies.
- If progress on developing these lands is not proceeding by 2025, the ERO posting noted that the government may begin the process to put one or more of these lands back into the Greenbelt Plan.

On September 6, 2023 the Province requested comments on their proposal to return 53.8 hectares (133 acres) of lands located at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in Ajax to the Greenbelt Plan through Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 019-7561. The rationale for the return of these lands to the Greenbelt is that they were listed for sale which run counter to the Government of Ontario’s objective of building homes quickly. The Province submitted a letter to local municipalities (see Appendix “E” attached to Report PED23046(b)) seeking comments on the proposed Greenbelt amendment by October 20, 2023.

2. Changes to the *Planning Act* and Role of Provincial Land and Development Facilitator

The Province amended the *Planning Act* through Bill 97 in June 2018 which, amongst other changes, further facilitates the development of the Greenbelt Removal Lands. Bill 97 gives the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing additional authorities to exempt certain subsequent approvals required to establish uses permitted by Minister’s Zoning Orders from having to align with provincial plans or local Official Plan policies. These changes allow the Minister to approve new urban developments through an Ministry Zoning Order within rural areas including Greenbelt areas.

A new section has been added to the *Planning Act* (Section 49.2) that provides the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with the authority to make an order to require landowners to enter into development agreements with the Minister or municipality in matters where the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator or the Deputy Facilitator has been directed by the Minister to advise, make recommendations or perform any other functions with respect to the land.

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3. Council Direction to Provide Input to Provincial Land and Development Coordinator and Undertake Public Engagement

Prior to the Minister making a Ministry Zoning Order and/or an order establishing a development agreement for the former Greenbelt lands, the Province has indicated that municipalities will have the opportunity to provide input with respect to how the lands are developed, and also to negotiate and request certain “community benefits,” above and beyond standard *Planning Act* requirements (e.g. parkland dedication, affordable housing etc).

It is the Province’s expectation that landowners work directly with municipalities and reach an agreement in advance of any Ministry Zoning Order being issued by the Province; however, it is important to note that there is nothing in regulation or statute that would require the municipality’s agreement or approval, and it is staff’s understanding that the City would not be a signatory to the future development agreement.

On July 14, 2023, Hamilton City Council adopted the following motions respecting the former Greenbelt Plan lands:

- “(a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Ten Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix “D” to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City’s Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City’s input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

Direction #11 The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features;

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of obtaining public input as to the City’s priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public

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Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend;

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the *Municipal Act*, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes;
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.”

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Planning Act

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has the authority to exempt certain land use approvals through a Minister's Zoning Order from having to comply to Provincial Plans (e.g., Greenbelt Plan) or conform to local Official Plans. This new authority may directly impact the Book Road Lands by enabling a Minister to issue a Minister's Zoning Order to allow residential land uses that do not conform with the City's Urban Hamilton Official Plan policies and the Government of Ontario's Provincial Policy Statement policies prohibiting sensitive land uses in areas adversely impacted by airport noise.

The *Planning Act* only requires consultation prior to issuing a Minister's Zoning Order where there has been a request for an Order by a municipality, not when the Minister deems an Order to be advisable. Since the City has not requested the Minister's Zoning Order, the Province does not have to consult prior to issuance for the Greenbelt removal lands.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

In accordance with Council's direction to receive public input on as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area, additional public and stakeholder engagement has occurred through:

- An open house which was held on September 6, 2023 at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre for the public to have an additional opportunity to be informed of the Provincial decisions that led to the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt and

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provide input on the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals. The open house included a staff presentation, moderated Question and Answer session and was attended by approximately 450 people with approximately 100 people having to be turned away due to venue capacity; and,

- An online survey on Engage Hamilton that launched on August 21, 2023 and closed on September 8, 2023.

Promotion and notification of the open house, online survey and Special Meeting of Planning Committee occurred through:

- Establishing a dedicated website containing notices of upcoming meetings, staff Reports and Communications and a Frequently Asked Question page related to the Greenbelt removal lands (www.Hamilton.ca/greenbelt);
- Sending letters to all property owners within the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area as well as property owners within 240 metres of these lands on August 3, 2023 and August 22, 2023 to inform them of Council's direction respecting these lands and the scheduled open house and Special Meeting of Planning Committee;
- Newspaper notices posted on August 25, 2023 and September 1, 2023 in the Hamilton Spectator and all community newspapers on August 31, 2023; and,
- Social media posts on August 25, 2023, and at several points during the commenting period.

Public Input

Staff will be submitting an addendum to this report summarizing the public input received at the Open House and online survey.

Staff have received written e-mails from Hamilton residents, the majority of which are opposed to the removal of these lands from the Greenbelt and any urban development. 61 submission received as of end of day on September 6, 2023 are provided in Appendix "D" attached to Report PED23046(b).

Indigenous Communities

During recent discussions with members of Indigenous Communities on other City led initiatives, Planning staff have heard concerns related to the removal of the Greenbelt lands and potential development.

Planning staff have contacted the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to confirm what the Province's expectations is for either the Province, as the planning authority for

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these lands, or landowners of these lands to consult with Indigenous Communities prior to advancing any development agreements or Minister’s Zoning Order and to date have not received a response.

Invitation to Elected Officials & Provincial Land and Development Facilitator

As directed by Council, invitations to the September 14, 2023 Planning Committee as well as the September 6, 2023 Open House were sent to all Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament as well as the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator.

Invitations were also extended for the September 6, 2023 Open House which was attended by MPP Sandy Shaw. MP’s Lisa Hepfner and Dan Muys sent their regrets. As of the date of this letter staff have not received confirmation that local elected officials or the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will be attending the Special Meeting of Planning Committee.

External Review Agencies

Staff circulated external agencies (e.g., Conservation Authorities, School Boards etc.) that typically comment on development applications to:

- To advise external review agencies that with a Minister’s Zoning Order, the City is not the approval authority for determining and approving development plans for these lands and the City’s role is limited to providing input through the Provincial Land and Development Facilitation; and,
- To request any information and input from the external review agencies who have interest in these lands that may assist the City in determining its priorities as well as any specific constraints to development the City should be aware of.

At the time of writing this report the City has received written comments from the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Grand River Conservation Authority and TransCanada Pipelines Limited which are summarized in Appendix “D” attached to Report PED23046(b).

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Staff are not directed to submit the public input received on the former greenbelt lands to City Council and the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator. This alternative is not recommended, as the public feedback helps inform the City’s negotiations with the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator and ensures that Hamilton residents’ input is included as part of the Province’s Minister’s Zoning Order process.

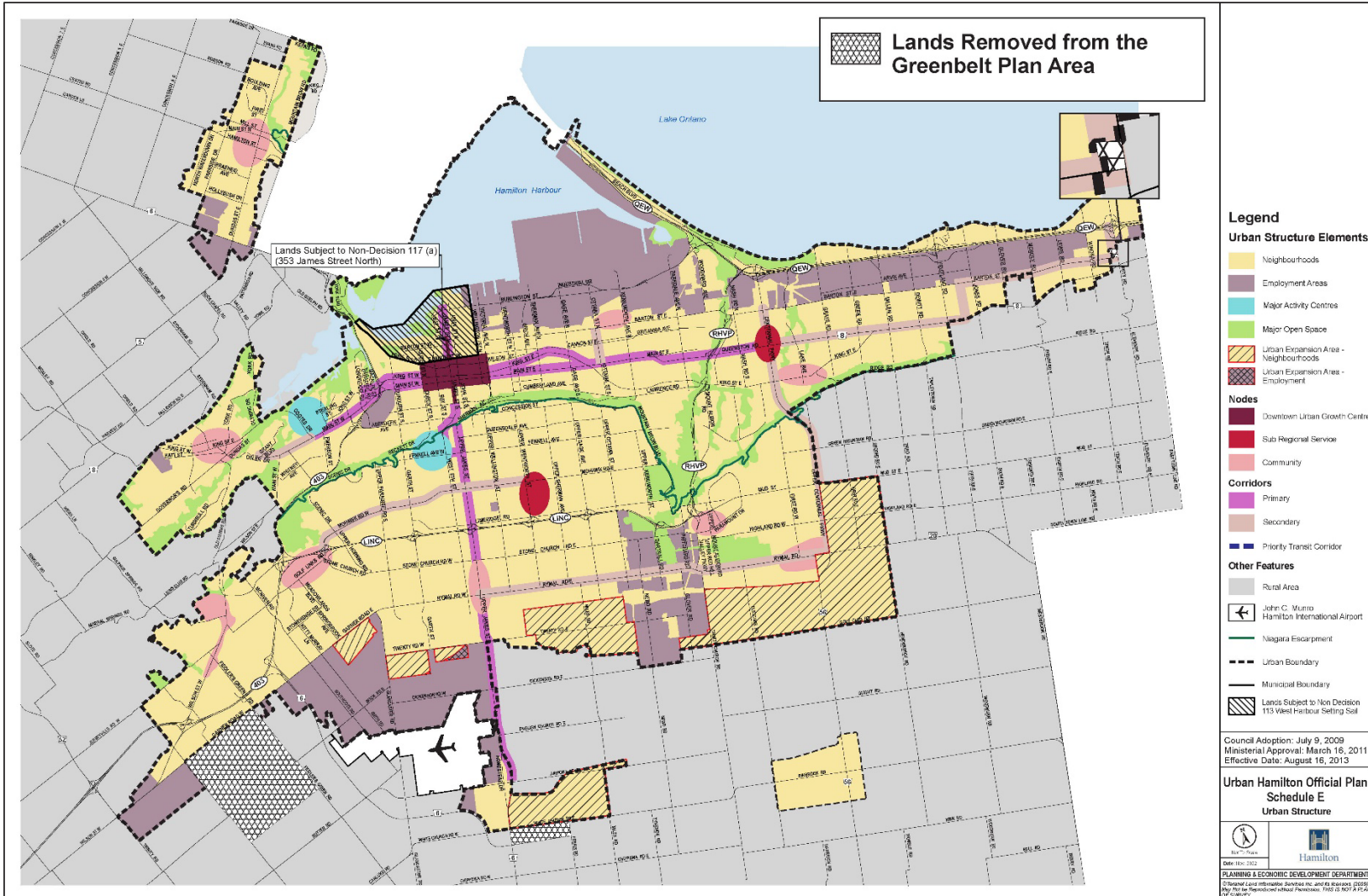
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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

- Appendix “A” to Report PED23046(b) - Location Map – Lands Removed from the Greenbelt and Urban Boundary Expansion Areas
- Appendix “B” to Report PED23046(b) - Policy Analysis of Greenbelt Removal Lands
- Appendix “C” to Report PED23046(b) - Individual E-mail Submissions
- Appendix “D” to Report PED23046(b) - External Agency Comments
- Appendix “E” to Report PED23046(b) - September 6, 2023 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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 Lands Removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area

Lands Subject to Non-Decision 117 (a)
(353 James Street North)

Legend
Urban Structure Elements

-  Neighbourhoods
-  Employment Areas
-  Major Activity Centres
-  Major Open Space
-  Urban Expansion Area - Neighbourhoods
-  Urban Expansion Area - Employment







Nodes

-  Downtown Urban Growth Centre
-  Sub-Regional Service
-  Community

Corridors

-  Primary
-  Secondary
-  Priority Transit Corridor

Other Features

-  Rural Area
-  John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
-  Niagara Escarpment
-  Urban Boundary
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Lands Subject to Non-Decision 113 Wavel Harbour Setting Soil

Council Adoption: July 9, 2009
Ministerial Approval: March 16, 2011
Effective Date: August 16, 2013

**Urban Hamilton Official Plan
Schedule E
Urban Structure**

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Criteria	Fifty Road	Whitechurch Road	Book Road
Servicing – Water / wastewater / stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands are adjacent to existing infrastructure that has been sized to accommodate. • Water servicing needs to be reviewed with neighbouring municipality (Grimsby). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area will be assessed with respect to water servicing and wastewater capacity through ongoing W/WW/SWM Master Plan. • Lands should be reviewed in conjunction with Whitechurch Urban expansion lands (white belt lands). • Would have to presume sufficient capacity in the Dickenson trunk main to accommodate sanitary servicing. Additional servicing requirements not significant, although routing options need to be analyzed in conjunction with white belt lands. Option could possibly include an outlet to Twenty Road SPS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input regarding water servicing and wastewater capacity needs to be determined through ongoing W/WW/SWM Master Plan. • Concerns about development in this area proceeding prior to the completion of the Dickenson trunk sewer due to potential for overflow. Sanitary outlet would need to be determined.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands are contiguous to existing transportation system • Development of lands will exacerbate transportation challenges on Fifty Road furthering the need for requiring upgrades including additional lanes and active transportation facilities, as planned through the Barton and Fifty Environmental Assessment. • QEW/Fifty Road is experiencing operational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands are not well connected to existing transportation systems for transit and active transportation; lands are outside of transit service area • Development in close proximity to provincial highway system • Development in close proximity to Airport Employment Growth District • Need to ensure lands for future Highway 6-RHVP connector are maintained. Alignment has not been determined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of lands will require urbanization and expansion of Garner Road West (EA initiated January 2022, programmed in capital budget) • Development of lands will require urbanization and upgrading of Fiddler’s Green (EA not initiated, capital improvements not programmed) • Development supports S-Line Transit Priority Corridor • Development in close proximity to provincial highway system

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Criteria	Fifty Road	Whitechurch Road	Book Road
	<p>issues; MTO has identified this as challenge for nearby developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area is not currently served by fixed route transit services • Significant upgrades to active transportation facilities are needed in vicinity of lands to be implemented as part of Barton and Fifty upgrades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would align with future Red Hill ring road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development in close proximity to Ancaster Employment Lands and Airport Employment Growth District • Will create pressures on rural roads including Shaver Road and Book Road • Development in northern portion of subject lands adjacent to Garner Road may be developable in the near term from a transportation perspective. Garner Road EA will be completed and Garner Road supports transit.
Natural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These properties do not support features or functions associated with the City’s Natural Heritage System (including the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System) • These properties are located close to areas that have been developed/proposed to be developed which would minimize further negative impacts on other areas within the City that support the Natural Heritage System. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This area supports Core Areas (Key Hydrologic Features-Streams). • The removal of this area from the Greenbelt Plan is not supported from a Natural Heritage perspective • A comprehensive Secondary Plan or Servicing Strategy has not been completed for this area. It is unclear how this area will be developed in an efficient manner. • There is currently limited natural heritage information for this area. To determine how the Natural Heritage System can be integrated within the proposed development and to ensure that any developments or site alteration within or adjacent to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site contains a Natural Heritage System that includes the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, Core Areas and Linkages. The features/functions of the Natural Heritage System include Unevaluated wetlands, Watercourses, Significant Woodlands, Duff’s Corners South Woodlot Environmentally Significant Area (ESA), Potential Species at Risk (SAR) Habitat, Potential Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH), Linkage (hydro corridor) • The removal of this area from the Greenbelt Plan is not supported from a Natural Heritage perspective • A comprehensive Secondary Plan or Servicing Strategy has not been completed for this area. It is

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Criteria	Fifty Road	Whitechurch Road	Book Road
		<p>Core Areas shall not negatively impact their environmental features or ecological functions (RHOP policy C.2.3.3), detailed plans/inventories would be required to be undertaken. The evaluation of natural features and their functions need to occur during appropriate timing windows (i.e., birds are evaluated in the spring when they are breeding; multi-season vegetation surveys).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This area is located within the Niagara River Area of Concern watershed (designated in 1987 by the International Joint Commission). The AOC was identified due to water quality issues. Most restoration efforts have been focused on Niagara River, however, projects such as re-establishing riparian habitat have been undertaken within the AOC watershed. It is unclear how specific initiatives such as this have been taken into consideration. 	<p>unclear how this area will be developed in an efficient manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently limited natural heritage information within this area. To determine how the Natural Heritage System can be integrated within the proposed development and to ensure that any developments or site alteration within or adjacent to Core Areas shall not negatively impact their environmental features or ecological functions (RHOP policy C.2.3.3), detailed plans/inventories would be required to be undertaken. The evaluation of natural features and their functions need to occur during appropriate timing windows (i.e., birds are evaluated in the spring when they are breeding; multi-season vegetation surveys). • To implement the RHOP, the City of Hamilton has applied specific Conservation/Hazard Land zoning to many of the features within the Natural Heritage System within this area. These zones have been applied to protect the Natural Heritage System from the impacts of development. Fragmentation of the Natural Heritage System may occur.

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Criteria	Fifty Road	Whitechurch Road	Book Road
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are several headwater tributaries located within this area. Within the Provincial Policy Statement and the Greenbelt Plan, it is recognized that natural heritage features and functions do not respect administrative boundaries. It is unclear if this cross-jurisdictional relationship has been considered.
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands are surrounded to the north and west by existing development (Foothills of Winona) subdivision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands are located adjacent to the Urban Expansion Area to the north which was added to the urban area through OPA 167. If lands are removed from the Greenbelt Plan, planning of this area should occur comprehensively. The lands to the north require a Secondary Plan to be completed prior to development occurring. • Lands are connected to the Mount Hope settlement area but disconnected from the remainder of the urban area, and separated by rural lands which will not develop for any urban uses in the near term due to restrictions on residential development by the airport noise contours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands are bisected by the airport Noise Exposure Forecast contour 28. The Rural and Urban Hamilton Official Plans do not permit residential development above the 28 NEF contour. The Provincial ERO posting notes that the lands are being removed from the Greenbelt to allow for housing to be developed. It is not clear why these lands are being proposed for removal given the restriction on residential development in the area resulting from the noise contour.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: Greenbelt Survey
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023 11:54:17 AM

I'm trying to fill out the online survey but it is not designed to obtain my feedback unless I check off what I would like to see happen with building these communities on Greenbelt lands. I don't want anything done - rather, these lands should stay in the Greenbelt. Proper consultation should then take place with the public in open forums. If these surveys can only be submitted with checkmarks in the options provided, it may look like there is an some kind of agreement (on the part of the person completing the survey), with the land being used for housing. Is that right.
Thank you so much
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: Fix the survey
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023 12:48:15 PM

Hello,

The survey on Greenbelt lands is fundamentally flawed. It offers NO options to oppose development of these lands - even though city council and thousands of residents have already said that is their preference. And it is impossible to fill in the comment box without accepting at least one of the sellout options. FIX IT, Please.

[REDACTED]

From: [Engage Hamilton](#)
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Greenbelt Lands Development
Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:46:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

FYI

Jocelyn Strutt, MCIP, RPP (She/Her)
Senior Project Manager, Public Engagement
Government and Community Relations Division
City Manager's Office, City of Hamilton
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The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org <Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org>; Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org;
premier@ontario.ca
Cc: Engage Hamilton <engage.hamilton@hamilton.ca>; info@ontariondp.ca; info@ontarioliberal.ca
Subject: Oppose Greenbelt Lands Development

To: Ontario Conservatives, Steve Clark, Donna Skelly, Doug Ford:

I Strongly Oppose any Development on the Greenbelt lands and Greenbelt lands that were taken away!

I don't usually send email complaints like this, but I feel so strongly about this disaster the Doug Ford government is making!

Please do NOT create an environmental disaster!

Please do NOT kill the Wild Life!

Please do NOT cause flooding!

Please do NOT take farming land away!

I believe that all of the above and more will happen if you develop on the Greenbelt!

Why did Doug Ford LIE about not touching the protected greenbelt?

I am ASHAMED to say I was a supporter of Doug Ford and voted for him!

But now I strongly believe there is corruption going on in the Doug Ford government!

Spin it anyway you like, but we are NOT stupid...

Don't even try to tell me this is all a coincidence with developers buying up greenbelt land!...

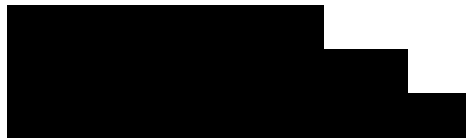
And developers who are friends with Doug Ford and his government!

I will NEVER vote for Doug Ford or Donna Skelly again!

To Ontario NDP & Liberals: Is there any way you can call a vote? Lets get the Doug Ford government out of office! Please push for an investigation into the Doug Ford government & the greenbelt disaster.

To Hamilton City Councillors: Please continue your brave fight against this greenbelt development disaster!

Regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#)
Cc: [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 2](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](#); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](#); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](#)
Subject: Abuse must stop
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 3:59:04 PM

Hello Jason

I'm responding to you about the Engage Hamilton survey which unfortunately only asks HOW the lands illegally removed from the Greenbelt should be developed, not whether they should be converted to more sprawl. Thank you to city council for making clear that they will continue to oppose such development. That is my position as well. I've copied Conservative MPPs to underline this. There has been a nasty smell from the Greenbelt removals AND from the forced urban boundary expansions since they were unveiled by the provincial government last fall. The report of the Auditor-General has now more than confirmed this stink. I understand that municipalities are often referred to as "children" of the province because they are not specifically mentioned in the British North America Act 150 years ago. At that time, the abuse of children was sadly "acceptable" in British colonies. But such abuse is no longer acceptable! It must stop.

I hope you will do everything possible to challenge the provincial abuse.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Clark, Brad](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Pauls, Esther](#); [Thorne, Jason](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; [Robichaud, Steve](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Ninder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Ward 8 Office](#)
Subject: Greenbelt
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:51:10 PM

The city has posted a survey on HOW to develop the Greenbelt on Engage Hamilton. There is no checkbox for "No development" on the survey. That is my preference!
Continue with the plan that develops within the urban boundary.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: no development in the Greenbelt
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:59:27 PM

Hello,

I understand that there is a survey asking Hamilton residents about 'How' the Greenbelt should be developed without giving us the option to choose NO development. As a Hamilton resident I vote for there to be NO development in the Greenbelt and instead to allow the development to proceed within the existing urban boundaries as we have demonstrated that we have more than enough to provide the housing that is predicted to be needed.

I want to live in a Hamilton that grows in a way that provides a good quality of life in neighbourhoods, not in housing deserts that no one can afford. This is all that will happen if the Greenbelt is allowed to develop. Bedrooms do not make communities. Growing following the plans that have been developed will ensure that neighbourhoods are what is developed and what is what Hamiltonians want.

I support Hamilton Council in continuing to say no to development in the Greenbelt and I expect the Conservative government to fulfill its promise to protect the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Greenbelt development
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:44:55 PM

Please reconsider creating surveys where participants are limited, and forced, to select only one of a small selection of options. When neither/none/any of the options is one I would choose, you give no option for 'other'. As with other surveys which have been posted in the past, I will not be finalizing the Greenbelt development survey. If you really want to know what I think on a subject, then don't force me to tick only options which you have deemed valid.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: City Survey
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:35:23 PM

I am not interested in 'how' to develop the Greenbelt. I will not take part in a survey that does not offer an alternative.

It has been made very clear, repeatedly, to exhaustion, that we do not need to develop the Greenbelt.

Do not develop beyond the Urban Boundary. Our Urban Boundary, not whatever Urban Boundary the Provincial government decides.

It is time, as our elected representatives, that they listened to the people that pay their salaries.

Voters are disgusted with the corruption, lies and back room deals.

Just get over yourselves.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: Hamilton's Greenbelt
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 3:33:28 PM

My thanks to our City representatives for making it clear to Ontario's Government that the people of Hamilton do not any part of the Greenbelt to be sold off to any developers or to be removed from any part the designated areas.

As much as housing is certainly a concern, jeopardizing our precious environmental areas is not the solution. The Greenbelt is a vital part to ensure nature's health to protect wildlife and endangered species, fresh water resources as well as minimize the impact of climate change in order to avoid floods, droughts and other extreme weather disasters.

The farmlands are a critical issue, too. If our population is to grow as planned, we will need these crucial assets to provide food that is still accessible for everyone.

I appreciate your firm commitment to ensure the Greenbelt will not be compromised.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: NO to Greenbelt development in Hamilton
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:35:25 PM

I am a family physician worried about the health of my patients. I am appalled by the actions of Doug Ford's government. Not only has he violated his campaign promises and acted against the clear wishes of Hamilton residents he is endangering the health of present and future generations of Hamiltonians by promoting the decay of our environment. We must put a stop to Ford's outrageous actions, which benefit only his developer cronies.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Upcoming meeting
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:54:53 PM

Good morning, My family, 6 voters from my household, and I are STRONGLY OPPOSED to the parceling off and selling of any and ALL Greenspace.

This land MUST be protected for our children and our children's children.

Promises were made by the Conservative Party of Ontario and then broken .

We are angry and we will NOT forget.

Take back our Greenspace!!!!

[REDACTED]
Hamilton and Ancaster homeowner

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: City Survey on How to Develop the Greenbelt - check box for No Development?
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:22:23 PM

Hello Honourable Elected Officials,

Can you please add another check box to this survey to indicate a choice of "No development."

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: Greenbelt
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:49:30 AM

I vehemently oppose the development of any Greenbelt land in Ontario which can only lead to the destruction of farmland and habitat. It is absolutely shameful that during this time where the entire globe is suffering a climate emergency that anyone would even consider destroying green space. There are no shortage of alternatives to the housing crisis and these must be exhausted before causing irreparable harm to our living space.

Please do the right thing,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: City Survey on Greenbelt Development
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:37:52 PM

Hello everyone,

Thank you for calling the September 6 community meeting to provide the public with an opportunity to share feedback on Greenbelt development as you prepare to work with the Provincial Facilitator.

It is entirely understandable that Council had taken the position (with staff direction) to engage with the Facilitator as not doing so meant that Hamilton would have limited input to development the lands withdrawn from the Greenbelt.

Clearly, with the Attorney General's report, conditions have fundamentally changed. The Government of Ontario has simply lost the moral authority to govern therefore any decisions (municipal and provincial) taken earlier must now be viewed in a completely different light. Additional reports from the Integrity Commissioner and others (including possibly the RCMP) are pending that may further cloud the Provincial Government's ability to govern.

Given that Council has previously expressed it's opposition to the Provincial Government's action to reverse Hamilton's urban boundary and given that Council's has recently asked that the province return Hamilton lands to the Greenbelt, I kindly request that Council consider the following direction:

Move to reconsider the previous motion asking staff to work with the Facilitator, and then move the following motion:

"That staff immediately cease engaging with the Provincial Facilitator regarding development on lands removed from the Greenbelt".

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate on this.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Hamilton, ON

From: [REDACTED]
To: Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org
Cc: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: Opposing Development
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:22:54 PM

I oppose any development of Greenbelts in Ontario, regardless of any potential "Community Benefits". Specifically, I oppose the removal of this land as well as any urban development on this land.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Greenbelt Survey
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:47:40 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. The survey put forward to provide feedback is disingenuous as there is NO option to directly oppose urban development.

There is no development that is better for habitat, climate, or anything else as put forward in the survey than land that is already protected. We are so limited for this land already in Southern Ontario - there are other options for housing and development.

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

We are at a tipping point in how we respond to issues of climate - Hamilton leadership needs to do everything in its power to protect these lands and prioritize the long-term well-being of our community and environment.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Lifetime Hamilton Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: Thorne, Jason; steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca; charlie.toman@hamilton.ca; clerk@hamilton.ca; mayor@hamilton.ca; ward1@hamilton.ca; ward2@hamilton.ca; ward3@hamilton.ca; ward4@hamilton.ca; matt.francis@hamilton.ca; tom.jackson@hamilton.ca; esther.pauls@hamilton.ca; ward8@hamilton.ca; brad.clark@hamilton.ca; jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca; mark.tadeson@hamilton.ca; ward12@hamilton.ca; ward13@hamilton.ca; mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca; ted.mcmeeKin@hamilton.ca; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Greenbelt lands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:33:33 AM

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of hamilton and I oppose any building on any of the greenbelt lands. These lands must be returned to the greenbelt. Please do not allow anything to be built on these lands. We need your help to get it done.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Mount Hope

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Hamilton Greenbelt survey
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:29:26 PM

Hi everyone,

I have been made aware that there is a survey for Hamilton residents to complete regarding plans for the Greenbelt. As a resident of Ward 3, I would like to complete the survey but I also hear there is no option to say NO DEVELOPMENT. Since no development is the only thing I would like to see happen to the Greenbelt, I will not be completing the survey and am instead sending you this email to let my my feelings be known.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinde Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: I oppose the development of any land taken from the Greenbelt regardless of supposed "community benefits"
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:15:16 AM

Dear Minister Clark, MPs Lumsden and Skelly, Mayor Horwath, and Councillors of the Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I unequivocally oppose any development of any land taken from the Greenbelt, regardless of any so-called "Community Benefits". No "Community Benefits" can outweigh the environmental damage, loss of flood protection, loss of food production, loss of biodiversity and sensitive habitat, wasteful, inefficient sprawl, and waste of taxpayers' money that would result from this totally unnecessary development. We all know the purpose of this proposed development is not to solve the housing crisis but to benefit greedy, unaccountable developers and the people and political parties to whom they make "donations".

I am proud of our City of Hamilton's efforts to stand up to this shameful assault on our local democracy. The citizens of Hamilton and Ontario are behind you. I am deeply ashamed of our regressive short-sighted provincial government, and I am disgusted by the gutless and cowardly or duplicitous and self-serving "representation" from the governing party's local MPPs. You are supposed to represent us to the government, not attempt to sell us on plans cooked up by filthy-rich developers. The Greenbelt was created for the benefit of all Ontarians in perpetuity, and no part of it should be open for development.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Clark, Steve](#); [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](#); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](#); [letters@thespec.com](#); [info@gasp4change.org](#)
Subject: Greenbelt survey missing no option
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:53:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to the ongoing greenbelt fiasco, which is not 'blowing over' as Ford's government hoped it would apparently.

Through the hard work of the dedicated greenbelt protectors, I learned about an misleading survey sent to the citizens of Hamilton concerning use of Greenbelt lands. For some reason, the survey does not include a "no development" option. Considering the recent revelations laid out by Bonnie Lysk, why is no development not an option? If Caledon is able to back track their greenbelt plans, why can't Hamilton?

Many sources have let the government, and the public know that there is plenty of land outside of the greenbelt that would be suitable for development. The people paid to serve Hamilton should focus our money on identifying these lands instead of sending deceptive surveys.

Thank you kindly for your time,
Concerned citizen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Greenbelt Development
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:20:52 AM

Dear Members of City Council, Minister Clark, MPPs Lumsden and Skelly,
I am writing to put on record my vehement opposition to the Province of Ontario's removal of land from the Greenbelt for development and add my voice to those calling for the reversal of the outrageous action. Instead of completing the survey provided on the City of Hamilton's website, I wish by means of this email message to register my firm opposition to any development of these lands regardless of any potential "Community Benefits."

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: NO development on the Greenbelt
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:16:17 PM

I have taken a look at the survey that the City of Hamilton provided to receive feedback on development of the Greenbelt. I am disappointed that the survey provides no options for NO DEVELOPMENT on the Greenbelt. I am completely opposed to development on Greenbelt land. Doug Ford's plans are transparently corrupt corporate-cronyism. The city should set itself against Ford's policy on all fronts. The greatest benefit to the community is to leave these lands undeveloped!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Hands off the Greenbelt!
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:10:48 AM

Please submit this to the province and advise Hamiltonians on how else we can oppose the foolish and corrupt plans to develop the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: steve.clark@pc.ola.org
Subject: Urgent: Sept. 6th/Sept. 14th meeting
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:10:15 PM

Dear Minister Clark,

In Hamilton, \$30,000 was spent to engage Hamiltonians on the issue of boundary expansion during the last council's tenure. The community responded, 18K replied and an overwhelming 90+ % wanted to freeze the urban boundary. Every submission was vetted.

This was democracy in action, thanks to Clr. Clark for this motion in the last council. The three long serving councillors who opposed the boundary freeze are all gone from council.

They had no hope of winning with the public outrage on this issue.

You overruled that decision, despite the fact that Hamilton was able to meet your housing targets and prevent future taxes going to sprawl infrastructure. You added 5,000 acres to our sprawling city with urban boundary expansion. Hamilton has an area over 1,000 km almost twice the size of Toronto. To add insult to injury, then you demanded the City Of Hamilton relinquish almost 1900 more acres of Greenbelt, this again after we'd pledged to meet the housing targets within our former boundary.

Minister Clark: Call the legislature back, and reverse this land grab.

This is not a housing issue. It is clear from the Auditor General's report that economic and environmental processes were abandoned during the rushed 3 week secret project to open up the Greenbelt. Reporters and investigators are digging through the details as we speak.

The cost of future sprawl for Hamilton taxpayers will far outweigh any so-called "benefits" dangled at the Sept. 6th and Sept. 14th meeting.

Get ahead of this controversy and restore the Greenbelt in its entirety. The public is furious.

Again, call the legislature back and reverse all 7400 acres of the Greenbelt Land Grab and respect our municipal decision to freeze our urban boundary.

All of our children and grandchildren and yours too, will live with your legacy, choose wisely.

[REDACTED]
Hamilton, Ontario

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: I Oppose Development of Hamilton Greenbelt Lands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 10:08:06 AM

Hello,

I receive "Engage Hamilton" updates for survey links and regularly respond, especially when it entails a service or site I frequent.

I was disappointed in the poor survey design in the recent Greenbelt Development survey for not including an option for 'No development.' It is especially tiresome since I have already voted in the past.

I have also noticed the City Council's motion from Aug 18 to request the Province of Ontario to abandon the plan to develop the Greenbelt, so I don't understand why the survey would not have an option that would line up with what seems to already be the thinking of the council (and I would imagine their constituents).

Needless to say, please accept this email as my vote for No Development. I will also convey this message again to my provincial reps.

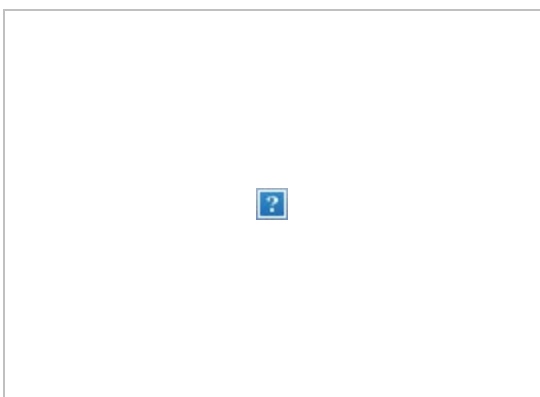
Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Ward 11 Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: Stop Sprawl Build Smart
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:18:52 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Doug Ford is stuck somewhere in the past, he wants to help but his ideas are applying 1950's solutions to 2023 problems. Please explore other solutions. A home is not just a house in the suburbs that requires a car to access, homes can be apartments, shared housing, co-ops, etc. Use the roofs of malls, the roofs of commercial places, build for families not just tiny boxes.

There is so much opportunity to build amazing homes, STAY OUT OF THE GREENBELT, not necessary for housing the people who need homes.



From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:55:47 PM

Hello,

Along with many other residents of this province, I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt. During the election, Ford promised not to take land out of the Greenbelt, as you well know. As you also know, the Auditor General's report revealed extensive corruption in the process that Ford's Government used to decide which land to take from the Greenbelt. Most importantly, we are facing a climate crisis, and we therefore need to leave the Greenbelt intact. Ford needs to reverse his corrupt decision to take the land from the Greenbelt, and the Hamilton city government needs to continue to pressure him to do so.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:09:03 PM
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Thank you for the clarification Charlie I noted that.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
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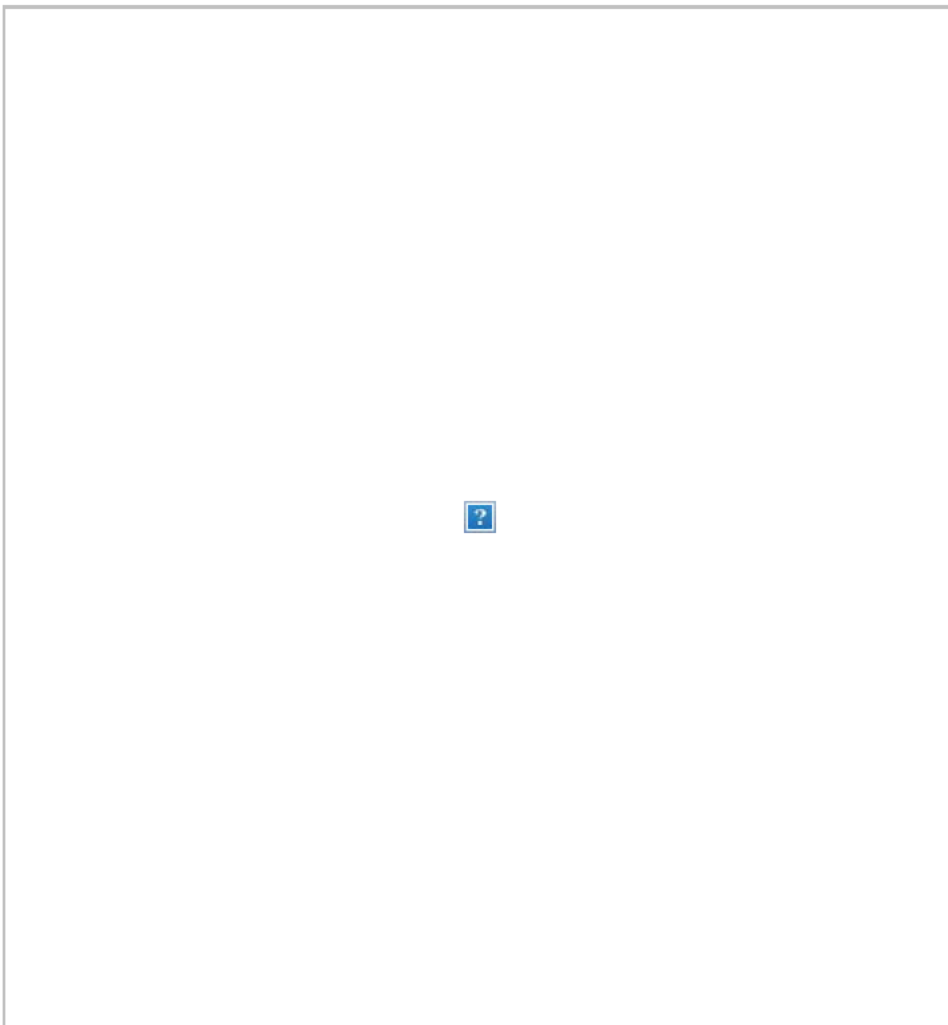


From: Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>
Sent: August 28, 2023 1:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Stoney Creek is still designated Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan. In this area of Hamilton the Province only removed lands at 339 Fifty Road from the Greenbelt Plan (map below). You received the letter form the City because your property is in close proximity to these

lands so we wanted to make sure surrounding residents were area of potential future development.



Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

Charlie Toman, MCIP, RPP

Program Lead – Policy Planning and Municipal Comprehensive Review

Sustainable Communities Section

Planning and Economic Development Department

Planning Division

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From: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:07 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; [REDACTED] Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Hello [REDACTED]

I've copied the appropriate Planning Staff on this email to respond to your inquiry below.

Regards,
Lisa Kelsey, Dipl.M.A.
Legislative Coordinator
City of Hamilton, Office of the City Clerk
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5
Ph. (905) 546-2424 ext. 4605
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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: August 24, 2023 4:08 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Good Afternoon,

I just recently received the letter for my property address [REDACTED] that stating greenbelt land had been removed.
And I want to confirm that was my property also removed from it or still in the old category.?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



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Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]
Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 10:53:52 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am writing to you to provide my feelings on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. Residents of Hamilton voted to maintain our Urban Boundary and I support the decision of the Mayor and Council to continue saying 'no' .

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. We need to continue to stand firmly in our wishes to return the land to the Greenbelt and build within our Urban Boundary.

A small group of developers are set to make billions in profit from having received information from the Provincial government. By only asking the public *how* to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. By asking 'how' it does not give Hamiltonians an opportunity to oppose the Provincial decision. By assuming this is a 'done deal' we are deprived of the chance to have our say and fight this corrupt action.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Thank you for your time and your desire to continue fighting.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Greenbelt expansion lands
Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 12:47:07 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

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Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: Protect the greenbelt
Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 5:39:41 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

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Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Greenbelt
Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 11:42:06 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am a resident of Hamilton and what I want is NO development on the Greenbelt. Providing a survey that only asks in which way we'd like to best destroy the farmland is disingenuous. How do I want the developers to make their money off ruining land forever? I don't.

This whole procedure is still under investigation, so to plow ahead with it (maybe literally) would be wrong. Hamilton's leadership already has said what we want: don't take the land out of the Greenbelt.

The city doesn't need more McMansions; that will never solve the need for housing. The need is right down here in lower Hamilton, where lower income families can't afford housing. We know there are solutions that don't involve making those few developers richer at the cost of the Greenbelt.

Once that land is developed, it will never again be useful for anything else.

Remember:

You can't eat pavement!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Greenbelt Grab
Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 12:08:21 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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In hope,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: Survey
Date: Saturday, September 2, 2023 6:31:02 PM

Why is the city administering a survey that is clearly biased towards developing the Greenbelt when council is on record as being opposed to development of the Greenbelt? No options to check off 'No development of any kind'?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario](#)
Cc: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org](#); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](#)
Subject: Build homes for Ontarians
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023 9:11:48 PM

Dear Mr. Ford:

As a long-time resident of Hamilton, I am writing to ask that you meet your commitment to build 1.5 million new houses quickly by making use of the land already serviced within Ontario municipal boundaries. That would be the quickest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way of providing homes for the people of Ontario, while protecting our food security and limiting environmental risks as our climate changes.

Key reasons to avoid the ill-considered expansion of building into the greenbelt, include (but are not limited to):

1. The need to protect prime farmland. After experiencing serious problems with supply chains during the pandemic, it is clear that we need to ensure our food security by protecting local farming.
2. Extending city limits requires massive infrastructure expansion that will be expensive to build and maintain moving forward. It will also be time-consuming. City residents, who do not want the expansion, will be forced to pay for this!
3. The expansion will affect sensitive environmental areas and may exacerbate local effects of climate change—increasing flooding risk.
4. In Hamilton, City Council has already developed a strong plan to meet city population increases without expansion of city limits, and I believe this is the case in many other municipalities.

If you are truly interested in facilitating home building for people in Ontario quickly and efficiently, do it by working with municipalities to develop currently serviced land within city boundaries.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

P.S. Please stop spending my tax money on advertising—it would be better spent on providing services for Ontarians.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Cc: steve.clark@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; [Skelly, Donna](#)
Subject: NO DEVELOPMENT ON GREENBELT LANDS
Date: Monday, September 4, 2023 2:13:27 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, City Councillors and MPPs Skelly and Lumsden:

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Ward 11 in the City of Hamilton and the provincial riding of Flamborough-Glanbrook. I have previously written no fewer than three emails of concern recently to the Mayor and City Council indicating my direct opposition to any development of Greenbelt lands and my adamant opposition to Planning Staff engaging in any discussions with the Province of Ontario. This is in addition to many emails and written letters to Premier Ford, to Minister Clark and to MPP Skelly, all of which have gone unacknowledged other than the usual automated online return response! For the City of Hamilton Planning Staff and Council to suggest that they will engage with the Province in such discussions even “under protest” is absolutely ludicrous and is simply an embarrassment to all City staff representing Hamilton and a sheer waste of time for staff. As I have previously said, the Ford government only comes to the table with the deck stacked in their favour and for Hamilton planning staff to hope to negotiate any substantial advantages for Hamilton is a total joke at best! Were Hamilton representatives able to gain any concessions or advantages from discussions with the government, I can assure you right now that these same concessions would not be worth the time and energy to do so! This government continues to serve itself and it’s rich supporters only on the financial backs of the people and has absolutely no interest in serving the people of Ontario at all. The recent damning findings in the Auditor-General’s report and the equally damning findings of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario should make it totally clear that Hamilton cannot negotiate with an Ontario Government which does not represent the democratic rights of all Ontarians. This is a government which has not been truthful, has been evasive, has twisted the truth and negotiated behind the scenes with those who are the favoured supporters of the Ford government. In fact, the case could be made to suggest that the rich supporters of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party are the people who give the Ford government their marching orders and provincial decision making with regard to Greenbelt development and other matters is in the hands of these moneyed interests and not our elected representatives. Not one of our elected Tory MPPs has spoken out publicly against Bill 23 and the devastating effects that Greenbelt development will have on food production and biodiversity here in Ontario. Not one of our elected Tory MPPs has stood up in opposition to Bill 23 and crossed the floor of the legislature; it appears that no Tory MPP has the intestinal fortitude to right an obvious wrong being forced on Ontario and Ontarians by the Conservative government. Proper planning processes were not followed by our government and were heavily influenced by a small group of developers. All of this being said, I am 100% opposed to development of Greenbelt lands and opposed to the City asking HOW we want Greenbelt lands developed. We want sustainable development built within the current city boundaries close to all services completing our already existing communities and not adding to our already unmanageable infrastructure deficit.

Today, Minister Clark has resigned following the resignation of his Chief of Staff in the Ministry of Housing and rightly so; these people have violated the trust of the people of Ontario as elected representatives! This government has now entered into damage control mode for the underhanded and disingenuous methods that they have used to accomplish their own ends. With this Greenbelt land controversy under investigation by the RCMP, I support fully the unanimous vote by the Hamilton Mayor and Council for the Province to accept all 15 recommendations of the Lysyk Report and to reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt; all lands removed from the Greenbelt tract by the Ford government for “affordable” housing development must be put back into the Greenbelt and Bill 23 must be withdrawn - full stop! We have to protect our Greenbelt and in fact, expand it rather than building unaffordable homes beyond city boundaries which threaten our food producing farmlands and our environmental assets and simply make billions of dollars for developers and builders. The Ford government knows full well as acknowledged by various reports including the Auditor-General’s report that there is more than enough room within current city boundaries to build affordable homes; we must not allow development on Greenbelt lands and we must not meet with the Province, even “under protest” to hope for some minuscule concessions in exchange for paving over our precious Greenbelt lands! SAY NO TO BILL 23, NO TO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT and NO TO DEALS OF ANY KIND WITH THIS CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT! Hamilton knows what is best for Hamilton when it comes to land development. Hamiltonians and Ontarians are counting on our elected city

representatives to do what is best for Hamilton and for future residents of Hamilton; our elected provincial MPPs have failed miserably to represent their constituents in Hamilton! Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Ninder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: No removal of land from the Greenbelt
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:24:35 PM

Mayor Horwath and Council and City Planning Staff,
I have reviewed the City's on-line Consultation survey and find there is no option for "No development" and that to feedback or comment, one must "like" one or more of the survey options.

Given this missing option, and Council's own August 18th motion to request the Province of Ontario to abandon plans to develop on the Greenbelt, it is clearly not appropriate to respond to the on-line consultation. Any response, which focuses on community benefits, if included in information provided to the Province, would give the misleading impression that I support removal. Which I do not.

Please register this note as

- a. My opposition to the Ford government's plan to remove lands from the Greenbelt
- b. My support of City Council's motion to request the Province to Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt, and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated.

I am writing to the Minister of Housing and to local MPPs to this effect.

Regards

[REDACTED]

You cannot have infinite growth on a finite planet
"it isn't a choice between a healthy economy or a healthy environment. It's about preserving the environment so we can have a healthy economy."

From: [REDACTED]
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)
Subject: Oppose any development on any land removed from Greenbelt in Hamilton -- for public record of Sept 14 planning committee meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:51:57 AM

Please add these written comments to the public record of the planning committee meeting on September 14.

I urge the Planning Committee to oppose any development of any kind on all lands removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton regardless of any "community benefits".

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Doug Ford](#)
Cc: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](#); [Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org](#); [Sandy Shaw-CO](#); [paul.calandra@pc.ola.org](#)
Subject: The Green Belt
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:53:38 PM

Dear Premier Ford,

The resignations of your appointees Ryan Amato and now Steve Clark are mere baby steps in reversing this toxic culture of cronyism.

Now you must reverse the removals of lands from the green belt as recommended by auditor general Bonnie Lysyk.

Ontarians know that green belt land is not needed to reach your housing goals. In fact it is likely to slow your pace. And there's already enough land approved and available for building. Indeed, much of the growth needs to be in the form of affordable mid-density housing close to transit.

I trust that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Ontario Greenbelt Development
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:01:44 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under potential investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. It is also imperative that housing development include affordable housing

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Owner,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: Opposition to the implementation of the "Build More Homes Faster" Act in Hamilton
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:43:50 AM

I am sending this email to let you know that I **only support infill development in Hamilton, not urban sprawl!**

There are many areas within our city which could have higher intensification. Development of Greenbelt and outlying areas of the City are **not needed** in order to meet our obligations with respect to an increase in housing supply.

Development in these areas is very short-sighted. In fact, COVID should have shown us that Ontario needs to be more self-sufficient when it comes to food, pharmaceuticals and other necessary products. The government should be implementing policies around increasing the agricultural industry in Ontario! Many other provinces do not have the weather that we do to support crops.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [Thorne, Jason](#)
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: FW: Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:18:03 PM

I'll forward to you when I don't see you on a cc list

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: September 6, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Greenbelt

No to development of the Greenbelt!

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Reverse Greenbelt Development
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:07:27 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Thank you for

[REDACTED]

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Protect the Greenbelt!
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:35:56 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

(from Ward 4)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: Provincial amendment to our Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 10:25:36 AM

Please make no development on our Greenbelt.

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit.

Sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundaries would not increase our infrastructure deficit and, instead, completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. This proposed action will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org
Subject: Fwd: Subject: Protecting the Greenbelt - No Development!
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:30:50 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, and Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to any proposed development within the Greenbelt, as outlined in the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan. It is my firm belief that there should be absolutely no development on these precious lands.

I would like to remind you that the matter of Greenbelt development is currently under investigation by the RCMP. Furthermore, our Mayor and Council have already taken a unified stance by unanimously supporting the 15 recommendations put forth by the Auditor General in her impactful report. The 15th recommendation, in particular, emphasizes the need for the Province to reverse its decision to exclude these lands from the Greenbelt.

As disclosed in the Auditor General's report, it has become abundantly clear that a small group of developers stands to reap massive financial gains from any potential development within the Greenbelt. By solely seeking input from the public on how to develop these lands, we risk providing these developers with opportunities to misrepresent the true desires of Hamiltonians like me. Our true aspiration is for sustainable development within our urban boundaries, a development that does not exacerbate our infrastructure deficit and complements the communities we have already nurtured.

The Greenbelt is a precious resource that we must protect and even expand, not pave over in the pursuit of immense profits for a select few developers. It is important to underscore that constructing mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the ongoing housing crisis. As confirmed by the Auditor General's report, the Province acknowledges that we already possess ample land to address our housing needs. If development on these Greenbelt lands proceeds, the detrimental consequences will persistently afflict our City and Province for generations to come.

I implore you to take a strong stand for the preservation of the Greenbelt and the principles of sustainable, community-centric development. Let us prioritize the long-term well-being of our city and its residents over short-term financial gains for developers. I urge you to use your influence to prevent any development within the Greenbelt and work towards its expansion for the benefit of our community and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Our environment, our city, and our citizens depend on your commitment to protecting the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Fwd: Please Stop the Slash-and-Burn of OUR Greenbelt!
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:46:29 AM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: September 6, 2023 at 11:39:43 AM EDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please Stop the Slash-and-Burn of OUR Greenbelt!

Remember that song “This Land is My Land”? “This land was made for you and me”. I do. And I believed it.

Do you have the will to stand up and say NO! to paving over our Greenbelt Protected Lands? Do you have a breaking point? I’ve found mine! And an act to do nothing is an act of condoning and encouraging further abuses of power, and further land grabs from protected areas. Remember how many resources went into compiling the evidence for our Greenbelt’s protected areas? It was a watershed moment in our history to have protection placed above profit. Are you letting one politician scrap years of dedication and community involvement, years of fruitful future food production and biodiversity? Already our tender fruit belt is a tiny scrap compared to decades ago. Suppose you googled available arable land in Canada?

I believe ANY development on protected Greenbelt is an affront to ALL Canadians, and it’s ripping out the heart of what it means to care for our country, our children, and all those who live here with the hope of a better life. Better not meaning More.

WE need to find new solutions NOW for the world we live in, not in the future. Our communities have plenty of space already within urban boundaries, and WE need to support the development of this entirely! What does it mean to live in a free country when taking the cheapest and easiest route is the only thing Doug Ford will accept?

The developers are holding tight to old methods, like “slash and burn”, as opposed to sourcing out intelligent growth. And we all now know Doug Ford is of the same mind, bulldozing us overnight, behind our backs and then paving right over our voices with disastrous, single minded steamrollers!

WE PAY for Private Gain with Public Pain. It’s the only way our province, our country, has operated in the past and current time. WE are a small country, WE are closely connected, and WE have the ability to change quickly. WE know this!

Can YOU see that’s true? Can YOU handle the waves and help steer our ship into the safe harbour of due diligence and responsible actions?

Destroying protected lands is NOT a solution to the housing problem, it’s an

INSOLVENCY that is adding to our true debt. The true cost of continuing this cowardly approach to our precious lands, and the true debt is what WE have to pay, and it will never stop if YOU don't make a difference. Getting tarred over by dealmakers and profiteers (while we protest!) gives us zero true wealth. Canada will be laughed at, and run rampant over, by the world's worst climate offenders under the guise of helping us as the future unwinds.

THIS IS THE CANARY IN THE COAL MINE! THIS DEBT CAN NEVER BE REPAYED! THE PRODUCTIVE LAND WILL BE GONE FOREVER! SPRAWL IS UNSUPPORTABLE!

I beg each and every one of you to begin believing in a new process of making safe communities inside urban boundaries. Get your techies to source other country's information if no Canadian has ever designed better living conditions. (I'm being facetious here.)

I beg each and every one of you to try to educate yourselves on how to make amendments to **protect what is protected!**

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards



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To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:36:09 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan and to tell you that there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP, and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report, a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

The Greenbelt is crucial to the sustainability of our communities in southern Ontario. Hamilton is fortunate in that it is not reliant on groundwater as a water source, but that is not the case for most of the province. The Greenbelt protects this resource, and this protection will only become more important as climate change puts water access in jeopardy. Land development drastically impacts the processes by which groundwater supplies are able to recharge, so leaving the Greenbelt as is (or expanding it) is our best strategy to ensure Ontario has sustainable access to water.

Any development of the Greenbelt also strikes a blow to the validity of our democratic institutions. The Hamilton City Council, based on the input of its constituents, voted against expanding our urban boundary back in 2021. The Hamilton City Council must commit to this decision and refuse the provincial government's attempts to dismiss the authority of our municipal government.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis. As the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward, the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:13:07 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and City Council -

I am writing to express my opinion as a resident of the City of Hamilton that there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

Given that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - **the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.**

As we now know from the auditor general's report, a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public **how** to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions and single detached homes on the outskirts of our city is not a solution to the housing crisis. As the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows that there is enough land already available for the housing that is needed.

If development on the Greenbelt lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); clerk@hamilton.ca; [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:54:01 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

Expanding Hamilton by creating a large proportion of low-density areas requires so much additional infrastructure we risk further defunding the lower city where people of limited resources are already stretched so thin. We need co-ops, affordable housing, and purpose built rentals near the resources that already exist like public transit, our wonderful library system and public schools. Please do not abandon the lower city to benefit further McMansion sprawl. It will cause further flight for those who can afford it leaving the lower city to host the problems with fewer resources.

With climate change we need to honour the local farmland we have and make it more efficient to feed ontarians.

As a resident of the lower city I request that we develop within our current boundaries.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Save Greenbelt, Restore Democracy in Ontario
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:37:39 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I was at the Greenbelt meeting in Ancaster tonight but was prevented from attending due to an over-capacity crowd for the venue. I was very pleased to see that! I want my opinion on record still, and did sign a list that was presented to all those left outside the Arts Centre building tonight. So:

I am emailing to provide feedback on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be NO development on the Greenbelt ever, period.

The province has been dishonest, admitting the process for choosing development lands was indeed flawed after initially denying the matter. The province has proven that they cannot be trusted to manage our most precious natural resources! They have tried to silence taxpayers illegally, exclude us from the planning process and intimidate us with bullying tactics. This is no way for a provincial office to behave. Their ideas are bad ones, and their motives stink! It is obvious to us that Doug Ford's government has been bought out by rich developers who don't care about Hamilton taxpayers at all. We can no longer abide by their schemes to develop the Greenbelt in Ontario!

I'm relieved to hear that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and that our Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her excellent and thorough report. The Province should have no choice but to reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. Any other decision would harm all of us permanently.

A politician's job by definition is to protect their constituents from harm, so the province is not doing their job which is to look out for the best interests of taxpayers -- not developers!

It's now obvious to us from the auditor general's report, that a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit from Premier Ford. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing these developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our 'former' urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. It's necessary to build housing that my sons will be able to afford -- both rent places now and intend to rent for life. Expensive homes replacing our valuable Greenbelt is not what we want or need!

It's really crazy that this has been allowed to go this far already. Hamilton taxpayers voted overwhelmingly to maintain our existing urban boundary and preserve our

Greenbelt -- so is no one protecting our democracy today?

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General's report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already.

If development on these lands goes forward - not only would it mean that democracy is DEAD in Ontario - but the serious negative impacts of this would harm our City and Province forever! It could even mean the difference between life and death for some of us in the future - we need our Greenbelt to sustain our most basic needs of clean water, air and soil to grow food. We can't eat money or concrete.

The climate emergency is no joke and neither are our Greenbelt lands. However, Premier Ford was filmed in the news recently making jokes about the smallest parcel of degraded Greenbelt lands slated for removal in the East end, saying very cruelly that this is what we call our Greenbelt in Hamilton. Why didn't he visit the rare treed Beverly Swamp that he tried to destroy in the name of expanding a fossil fuel pipeline recently or the rich woodlands on Book Rd? He has no idea about the richness of our Greenbelt because he simply doesn't care about it. He laughed and ridiculed us for wanting to protect the most valuable lands we have around our great city! He's completely ignorant of their value to our survival and misrepresented us purposefully in the media, foolishly insulting Hamiltonians in the process. He further denies the climate emergency, dismantled most of our environmental protections and thinks cheap beer is more important than having an environmental commissioner to protect our great province from the likes of dishonourable politicians who want to harm us. I could go on but we all know too well now that our Premier is only acting on his own behalf and that's just terrifying to me.

I have had the privilege to visit several private properties in Hamilton's Greenbelt in recent weeks, particularly large parcels in the largest proposed removal area on Book Rd. Over the last decade of surveying breeding and migratory birds in the Hamilton area, and restoring natural lands around the region with our wonderful Hamilton Naturalists Club, I have to say that I haven't found such healthy mature habitats full of special native species in a very long time. I am not exaggerating for effect and would be proud to escort you to these places to show you what I mean. I have been amazed by the richness of botany, birds, amphibians and other wild species that depend on our preserved Greenbelt for their survival. Every Greenbelt removal land I have visited thus far includes a wetland teeming with life too. These lands need to be preserved and doing so will benefit all taxpayers in the region.

I have seen with my own eyes, Barn Swallows, Eastern Wood Pewees and various other birds, all in serious population declines due to an increasing lack of their insect food sources. Habitat loss, and particularly wetlands, is one of the main reasons for these insect declines. We ignore these issues at our own peril because humans are just another link in the same web of life. If we start losing species at a faster rate, where does it end? The answer is with our own species extinction.

If we make good decisions today, that might carry us through to a more sustainable

future. As a retired environmental scientist who has witnessed the incredible changes in our climate over the last half century, I know we are already in trouble. I know that if we pave over our Greenbelt, there is little hope left for our youth and for our world. David Suzuki isn't crazy -- he's right, and he's scared like most of us who have studied environmental sciences. Time is of the essence!

I'm very angry about this sideways Greenbelt land grab for rich developers and politicians to become even more wealthy at my expense, and the expense of everyone in Hamilton. If we can't stop this flagrantly immoral and dangerous Greenbelt development, then what is left for us to hope for?

Our democratic rights as Canadian taxpayers have been violated. From my point of view, anyone involved in this Greenbelt scandal is a criminal. I think they should all be punished severely and removed from office permanently.

I will chain myself to those impressive native giant Sugar Maples, Oaks and Pines on our Greenbelt lands! This whole mess is an unbelievable travesty of justice against the people of Ontario and I take the greatest offense to it!

I want my freedom back to choose what's right for my community's future! I will be heard by people with decency and common sense who will work to restore our faith in provincial governance. We need major change immediately. Please fight hard for real justice and find the light on the other side of the nightmare that Premier Ford has created. He knows perfectly well why his staff is resigning - they're running scared because they were trying to deceive us. It's so transparent now.

Thank you to our fantastic Hamilton Council and Mayor at this difficult time. We support you in this fight for our Greenbelt preservation and our democracy.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hamilton Ward 8 resident for 25 years

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Subject: No development on the Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 12:32:44 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing a very short, succinct message as my feedback: there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

The provincial government is in a state of unprecedented flux, with new decisions and major changes taking place every day. In this maelstrom of haste, of greed, of arrogance, it is not the time to negotiate with the province. Who knows what will transpire tomorrow?

Please do not make any decisions which cannot be rescinded or which the provincial government may perceive as agreement with their strategy.

Please ask that the Greenbelt Lands be returned in total and that Hamilton's Urban Boundary be restored. We know there is no need for development on these precious lands as Hamilton has more than enough existing building sites to meet all our targets. Thank you.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Dundas

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: No Development on the Greenbelt !
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 3:12:46 PM
Importance: High

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Co-operatively,

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resident of ward 2.

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Subject: Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 10:20:26 PM

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Subject: protect the greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:32:42 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

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We need our greenbelt lands as they provide many key ecosystem services (water filtration, flood mitigation, carbon dioxide uptake and sequestration, etc). These lands also support food production, and local food production will be increasingly important as climate change and climate catastrophes impact food production in California, Florida and Georgia, 3 states that supply Ontario with a great deal of food especially during the winter months.

I reiterate, there should be no development on the greenbelt.

Sincerely,

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Subject: No Development on the Greenbelt
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:59:02 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

Regarding the City's survey, by only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

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Subject: Protect the Greenbelt!
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:17:15 PM

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Regards,

[REDACTED]

Ward 1 resident

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Subject: NO DEVELOPMENT ON THE GREENBELT
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:24:40 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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Subject: Subject: Protecting the Greenbelt - No Development!
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 5:40:03 PM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, and Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to any proposed development within the Greenbelt, as outlined in the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan. It is my firm belief that there should be absolutely no development on these precious lands.

I would like to remind you that the matter of Greenbelt development is currently under investigation by the RCMP. Furthermore, our Mayor and Council have already taken a unified stance by unanimously supporting the 15 recommendations put forth by the Auditor General in her impactful report. The 15th recommendation, in particular, emphasizes the need for the Province to reverse its decision to exclude these lands from the Greenbelt.

As disclosed in the Auditor General's report, it has become abundantly clear that a small group of developers stands to reap massive financial gains from any potential development within the Greenbelt. By solely seeking input from the public on how to develop these lands, we risk providing these developers with opportunities to misrepresent the true desires of Hamiltonians like me. Our true aspiration is for sustainable development within our urban boundaries, a development that does not exacerbate our infrastructure deficit and complements the communities we have already nurtured.

The Greenbelt is a precious resource that we must protect and even expand, not pave over in the pursuit of immense profits for a select few developers. It is important to underscore that constructing mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the ongoing housing crisis. As confirmed by the Auditor General's report, the Province acknowledges that we already possess ample land to address our housing needs. If development on these Greenbelt lands proceeds, the detrimental consequences will persistently afflict our City and Province for generations to come.

I implore you to take a strong stand for the preservation of the Greenbelt and the principles of sustainable, community-centric development. Let us prioritize the long-term well-being of our city and its residents over short-term financial gains for developers. I urge you to use your influence to prevent any development within the Greenbelt and work towards its expansion for the benefit of our community and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Our environment, our city, and our citizens depend on your commitment to protecting the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)
Subject: greenbelt
Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:27:26 AM

Please restore protection of the greenbelt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Greenbelt Removal Lands – External Agency Comments Received

Agency	Comments	Date Received
Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HWCDSB estimates a yield of approximately 2.5 Catholic elementary school students per hectare of developable land • 795 hectares of land would equate approximately 1988 students which would require three to four catholic elementary schools • The land area requirements for new catholic elementary school sites is a minimum of 6.0 acres and a minimum frontage of 130 metres on a municipal collector road. • HWCDSB would like to collaborate on appropriate locations for the additional school sites and planning policy to ensure those sites are protected for their intended use. • It is the position of the HWCDSB that regard for the provision of sites for educational, health, social, cultural and recreational facilities should be considered by the Minister in developing the proposed MZO's. • HWCDSB can make available current and soon to be updated Education Development Charges (EDC) By-law projections to assist in quantifying the need and timing for new school facilities and provide recommendations on site locational criteria. 	August 15, 2023
MHBC on behalf of TransCanada Pipelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCPL has two (2) high-pressure natural gas pipelines contained within a right-of-way (“easement”) crossing the Book Road Lands. • TCPL is a private property owner within the Book Road Lands and owns two parcels of land occupied by a meter station and a private access road. • TCPL's pipelines and related facilities are regulated federally, and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) – formerly the National Energy Board (NEB). As such, certain activities must comply with the <i>Canadian Energy Regulator Act</i> (“Act”) and associated Regulations. 	

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Agency	Comments	Date Received
MHBC on behalf of TransCanada Pipelines Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new development must comply with TCPL’s development standards, and shall incorporate appropriate setbacks for buildings, structures and paved surfaces from the edge of TCPL’s right-of-way. • increased population density associated with new development within 200 metres of the pipeline(s) may also require TCPL to replace or modify its pipeline to comply with CSA Code Z662. Pipeline upgrades are a multi-year process, and early consultation with TCPL is recommended. • Written consent must be obtained from TCPL prior to undertaking various activities 	
Grand River Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Book Road lands are within jurisdiction of the GRCA and contain floodplain, wetland, and multiple watercourses which are regulated by GRCA. • GRCA prohibits development and site alteration within proximity to various natural features. • The floodplain on Book Road Lands are subject to the One-Zone Floodplain Policy Area policies and is considered floodway where development would cause a danger to public health and safety or property damage. One Zone Floodplain Policy Area policies do not permit new development within the floodplain where there is not already an existing use. • Typically development applications for lands containing the specified natural hazard features and wetlands would require an EIS and Floodplain Analysis • Further, Book Roads Lands are within the study areas for the Spring Valley West and Shaver Neighbourhoods Master Drainage Plan (Dillon, 1993). • The downstream impacts on Big Creek were not investigated to the level of a typical comprehensive Subwatershed Study when the Master Drainage Plan was completed for the Spring Valley West and Shaver Neighbourhoods. 	September 5, 2023

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Grand River Conservation Authority Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As such GRCA recommends a Master Drainage Plan or more preferably, a comprehensive Subwatershed Study be undertaken for Big Creek given the size of the Book Road Lands.	



WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 14, 2023

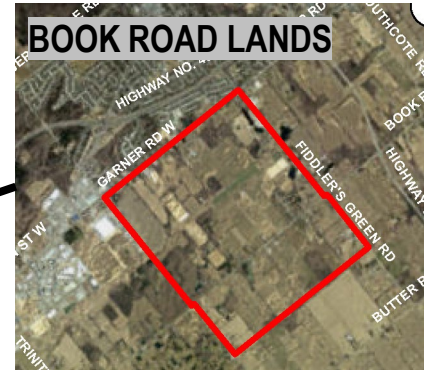
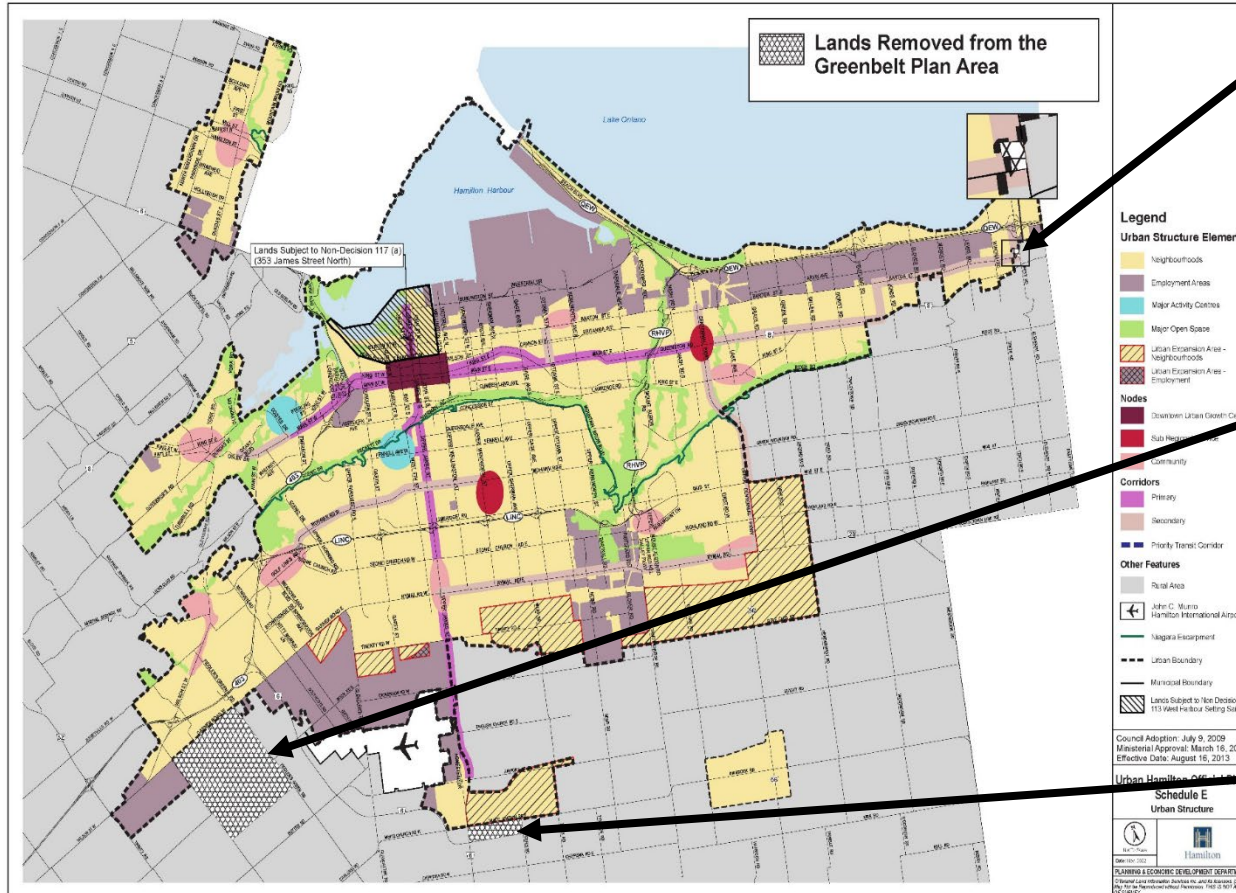
PED23046(b) - Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan – Interim Report on the Results of Public Engagement on Community Benefits

Presented by: Charlie Toman

Background

- In December, 2022, the Province amended the Greenbelt Plan to remove 795 hectares (1964.5 acres) of land in the City of Hamilton from the Greenbelt Plan Area.
- The lands are commonly referred to as the “Book Rd”, “White Church” and “Barton St” Lands
- The Province has indicated that these lands are intended for residential use to support the goal of building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.
- These lands are in addition to the 2,200 hectares of land added to Hamilton’s Urban Boundary by the Province.

Book Rd, White Church and Barton St Lands



Provincial Role & Authority

- Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) - can be issued to permit residential development. An MZO does not require approval by City Council.
- Planning Act Changes:
 - MZO is not required to conform with Provincial Plans/Policies or Local Official Plan.
 - Province may require Landowners, Municipalities and the Province to enter into Development Agreements where the Minister has directed the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator to make recommendations.
- MZO anticipated to implement Provincial Housing Goals on Lands.
- Provincial Land and Development Facilitator has engaged the City of Hamilton on these lands to:
 - Explain the process and clarify what "Community Benefits" means.
 - Clarify Provincial expectations regarding timing and statements reported in media.
 - Acknowledge Council direction respecting these lands.

Key City of Hamilton Events

<p>February 8, 2023 (Greenbelt Removal)</p>	<p>“That the Minister’s decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton”</p>
<p>February 22, 2023 (Housing Pledge)</p>	<p>“The City of Hamilton accepts the challenge of building 47,000 housing units by 2031 and continuing Council’s direction for growth through intensification within the former Urban Boundary excluding Greenbelt lands.”</p>
<p>July 14, 2023 (Community Benefits)</p>	<p>“That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area”</p> <p>Direction for Public Consultation</p>
<p>August 18, 2023 (Auditor General Report)</p>	<p>“That the City of Hamilton requests the Province of Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated”</p>

July 14, 2023

- Ten Directions to Guide Development be utilized as the framework with respect to any private development proposals within the Book Rd, White Church and/or Barton St Lands;

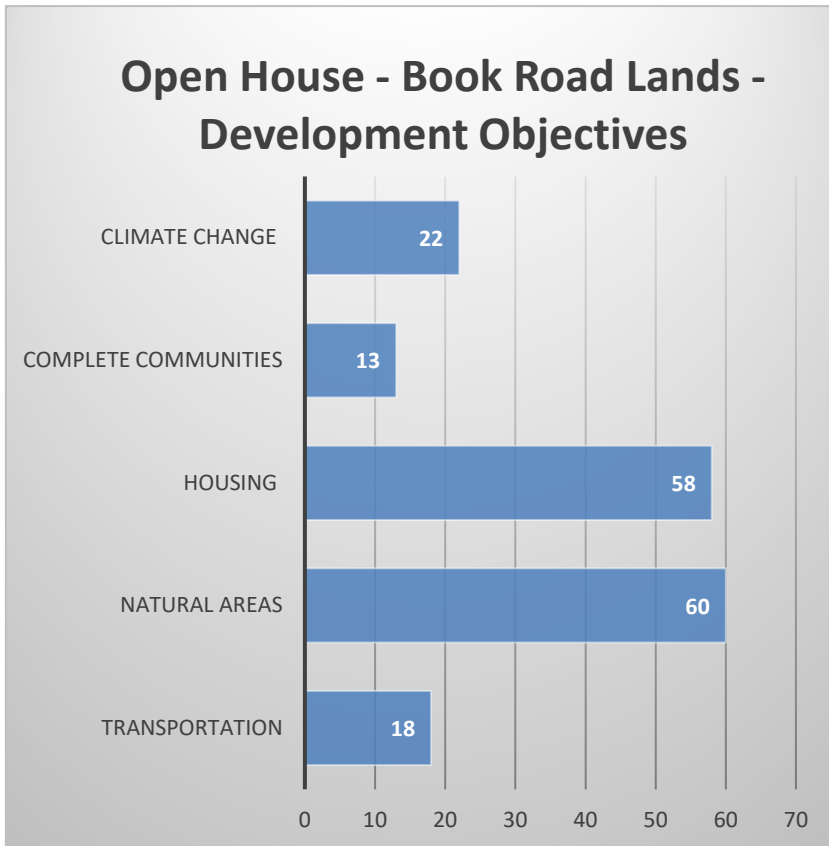
New Direction Added (Direction #11) - The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- That a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals be scheduled
- That the Planning Committee meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, be held at a location that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands, and that all MPP and MP's and the Provincial Facilitator be extended an invitation to attend.

Open House

- Presentation with moderated Q&A Session with staff
- Display panels with background information and to request input based on the Online Survey
- Receive written submissions





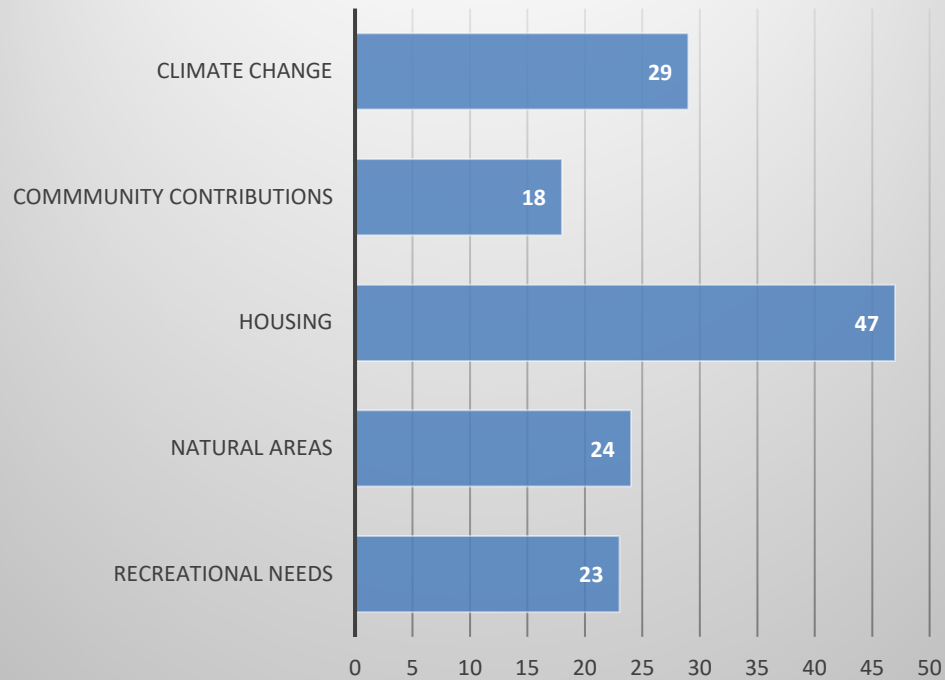
BOOK ROAD LANDS DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities for the Book Road lands.

Handwritten notes: "NO DEVELOPMENT", "Let's SPRAWL!!!", "NO Development"

Development Objective	Visual Description	Number of Dots
CLIMATE CHANGE	Green Infrastructure (such as Greenroofs)	5
	Incorporate existing buildings into development	5
	Low Impact Stormwater Infrastructure (such as permeable pavers)	5
COMPLETE COMMUNITIES	Inclusion of Employment uses	5
	Mixed Use Buildings (buildings that include residential, commercial, etc. uses)	5
	Inclusion of Institutional uses (such as Places of Worship or Schools)	5
HOUSING	Long term care homes/ supportive housing	5
	Different Low-Rise Housing Types (e.g. Townhouses, Walk-up Apartments)	5
	Medium and High-Rise Housing Types (e.g. Apartment buildings)	5
NATURAL AREAS	Tree Preservation	5
	Preservation of Natural Areas (such as Woodlots)	5
	Bird Friendly Design	5
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	Bicycle Lanes	5
	Public Transit	5
	Barrier free pathways and trails	5

Open House - Book Road Lands - Community Benefits



BOOK ROAD LANDS COMMUNITY BENEFITS

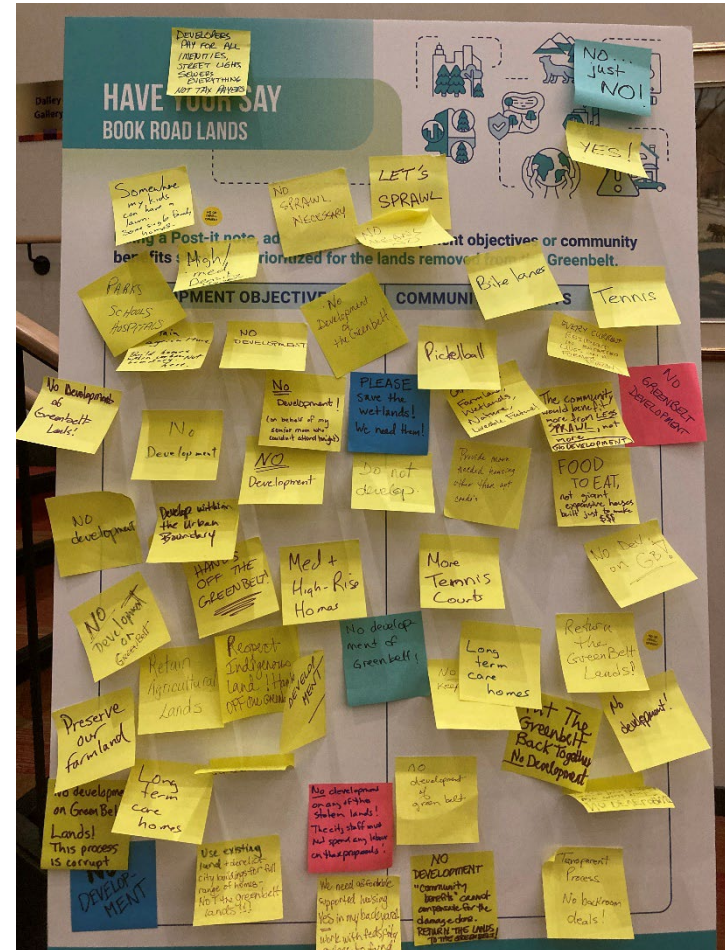
If you live in Ancaster, you live on farmland. And the land is privately owned - which means to the province.

Please take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities for Community Benefits for the Book Road lands.

Category	Item	Number of Dots
CLIMATE CHANGE	Enhanced energy efficiency building standards	5
	Incorporation of renewable energy technologies (e.g. solar panels)	5
	Ground source heat pumps	5
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS	Farmers market and local food market	5
	Dedicated land or financial contributions for community and/or cultural organizations	5
	Community gardens	5
HOUSING	Dedicated land to affordable housing providers	5
	Financial contribution to affordable housing providers	5
	Incorporation of affordable housing in developments (e.g. Inclusionary Zoning)	5
NATURAL AREAS	Establishment of an ecological preserve	5
	Financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations	5
RECREATIONAL AMENITIES	Fund / construct new public facilities (e.g. recreational centre, library, indoor swimming pool, splash pads)	5
	Parkland creation above minimum requirements	5

Open House – Written Submission

- Post-It notes on Each Land Area
- 83 total Post-It notes
- 48 individual comment sheets
- Majority of submissions criticized Provincial decisions / process and raised concerns respecting loss of green space, farmland and other environmental impacts.



- Requesting input on Development Objectives and Community Benefits for each removal area
- Direction provided for “no development” response
- Open from August 22nd to September 8th
- 533 completed surveys

We want to hear from you!

We want to hear from you!

The City is seeking your input on what its priorities should be for each of the three areas removed from the Greenbelt by the Province.


How to complete the survey: You can choose to complete a separate survey for each individual Greenbelt removal area or select all three areas and complete one survey.

How will we use your input? The input received will be summarized and presented at the Special Meeting of Planning Committee on September 14, 2023 and will be submitted to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator.


All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Lands Removed from Greenbelt Area in Hamilton


Three areas being removed from the Greenbelt Area:



Lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area
Book Road Lands



Lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area
White Church Road Lands

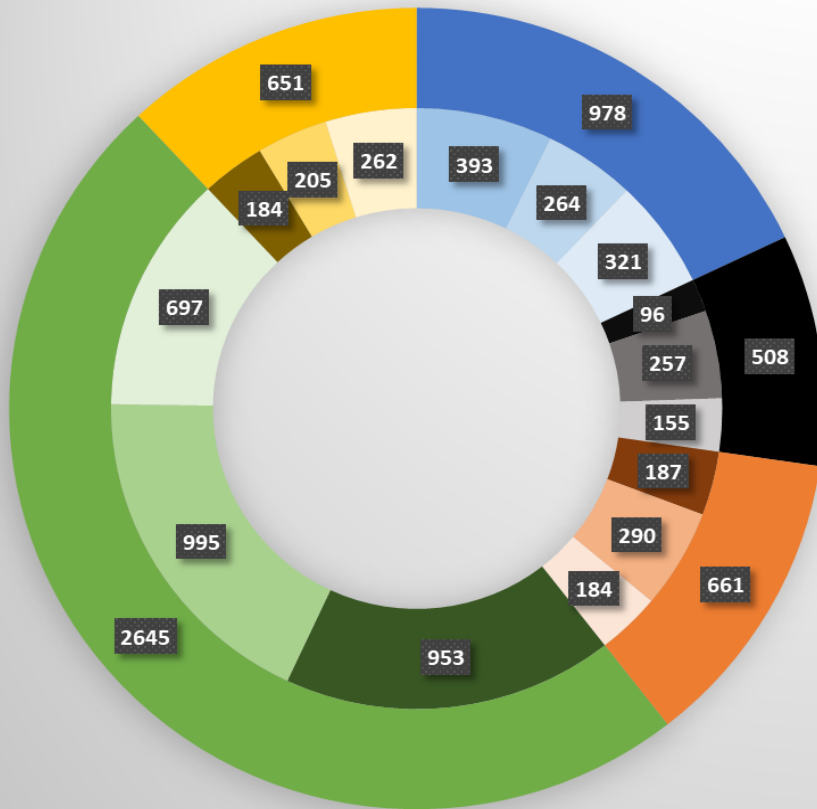


Lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area
Fifty Road Lands

1. Select the lands that you wish to provide input on: *

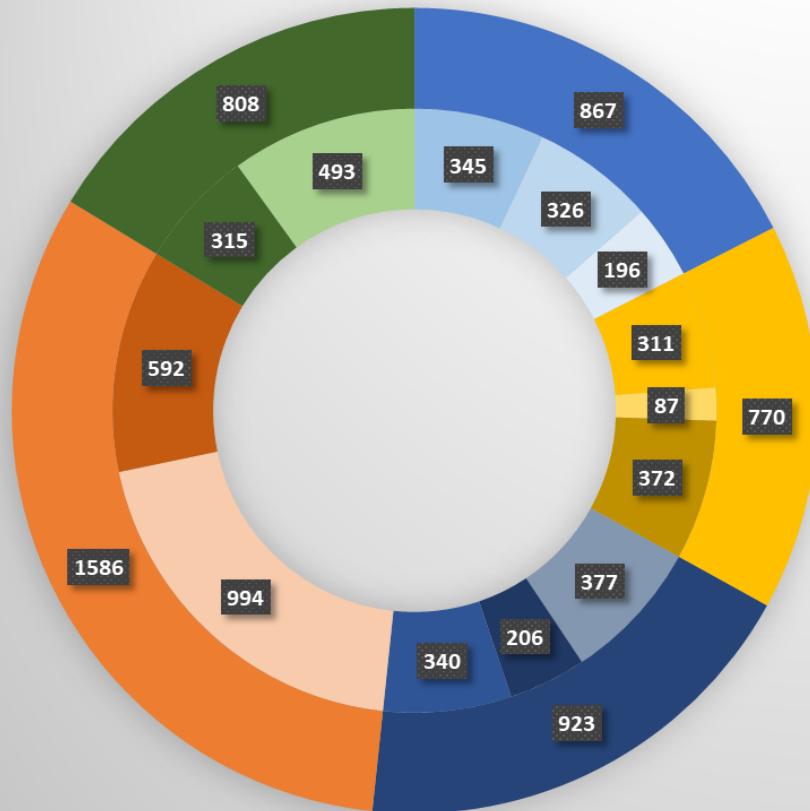
- Book Road Lands - The largest area removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton. The area is 727 hectares in size with 185 hectares identified as a Core Area (e.g. significant woodlands/wetland area).
- Whitechurch Lands - These lands are 64 hectares in size and located immediately south of Hamilton's new urban boundary, south east of Mount Hope. The lands are not identified as a Core Area (e.g. significant woodland/wetland area).
- Fifty Road Lands - Lands are 4 hectares in size and located adjacent to St. Gabriel Elementary School. Currently designated as a Speciality Crop Area (e.g. suitable for growing fruit).

Online Survey - All Greenbelt Lands - Development Objectives



- Climate Change - Green Infrastructure (e.g. greenroofs)
- Climate Change - Incorporate existing buildings into development
- Climate Change - Low Impact Stormwater Infrastructure (e.g. permeable pavers)
- Complete Communities - Inclusion of Employment uses
- Complete Communities - Mixed Use Buildings (buildings that include residential, commercial, etc. uses)
- Complete Communities - Inclusion of Institutional uses (e.g. places of worship, schools)
- Housing - Long term care homes/supportive housing
- Housing - Different Low-Rise Housing Types (e.g. townhouses, walk-up apartments)
- Housing - Medium and High-Rise Housing Types (e.g. apartment buildings)
- Natural Areas - Tree Preservation
- Natural Areas - Preservation of Natural Areas (e.g. developing outside woodlots)
- Natural Areas - Bird Friendly Design
- Transportation Network - Bicycle Lanes
- Transportation Network - Public Transit
- Transportation Network - Barrier free pathways and trails

Online Survey - All Greenbelt Lands - Community Benefits



- Climate Change - Enhanced energy efficiency building standards
- Climate Change - Incorporation of renewable energy technologies (e.g. solar panels)
- Climate Change - Ground source heat pumps
- Community Contributions - Farmers market and local food market
- Community Contributions - Dedicated land or financial contributions for community and/or cultural organizations
- Community Contributions - Community gardens
- Housing - Dedicated land to affordable housing providers
- Housing - Financial contribution to affordable housing providers
- Housing - Incorporation of affordable housing in developments (e.g. Inclusionary Zoning)
- Natural Areas - Establishment of an ecological preserve
- Natural Areas - Financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations
- Recreational Amenities - Fund/construct new public facilities (e.g. recreational centre, library, indoor swimming pool, splash pads)
- Recreational Amenities - Parkland creation above minimum requirements

Online Survey and Written Submissions

All Lands

Survey included written comments on Development Objectives and Community Benefits for each area

- 312 submissions on Development Objectives
- 246 submissions on Community Benefits
- Majority of comments submitted opposed Provincial decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan
- Final Engagement Report will include a separate breakdown of all survey submissions for the Book Rd, White Church and Barton St lands
- 61 e-mail submissions, majority of which opposed Provincial amendments to the Greenbelt Plan were received (as of Sept 6, 2023).

Recommendation

- Interim Engagement Report be received
- Staff prepare Final Engagement Report of all input received based on:
 - Survey
 - Open House
 - Written submissions
 - Planning Committee Public Meeting
- Submit Final Engagement Report to:
 - Government of Ontario
 - Provincial Land and Development Facilitator
 - Association of Ontario Municipalities
 - All Municipalities within Greenbelt Plan Area



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

THE CITY OF HAMILTON PLANNING COMMITTEE

From: Don Mclean
Sent: August 27, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>
Cc: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Abuse must stop

Hello Jason

I'm responding to you about the Engage Hamilton survey which unfortunately only asks HOW the lands illegally removed from the Greenbelt should be developed, not whether they should be converted to more sprawl. Thank you to city council for making clear that they will continue to oppose such development. That is my position as well. I've copied Conservative MPPs to underline this. There has been a nasty smell from the Greenbelt removals AND from the forced urban boundary expansions since they were unveiled by the provincial government last fall. The report of the Auditor-General has now more than confirmed this stink. I understand that municipalities are often referred to as "children" of the province because they are not specifically mentioned in the British North America Act 150 years ago. At that time, the abuse of children was sadly "acceptable" in British colonies. But such abuse is no longer acceptable! It must stop.

I hope you will do everything possible to challenge the provincial abuse.

Don

From: Brian McHattie

Sent: August 28, 2023 9:37 PM

To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: City Survey on Greenbelt Development

Hello everyone,

Thank you for calling the September 6 community meeting to provide the public with an opportunity to share feedback on Greenbelt development as you prepare to work with the Provincial Facilitator.

It is entirely understandable that Council had taken the position (with staff direction) to engage with the Facilitator as not doing so meant that Hamilton would have limited input to development the lands withdrawn from the Greenbelt.

Clearly, with the Attorney General's report, conditions have fundamentally changed. The Government of Ontario has simply lost the moral authority to govern therefore any decisions (municipal and provincial) taken earlier must now be viewed in a completely different light. Additional reports from the Integrity Commissioner and others (including possibly the RCMP) are pending that may further cloud the Provincial Government's ability to govern.

Given that Council has previously expressed it's opposition to the Provincial Government's action to reverse Hamilton's urban boundary and given that Council's has recently asked that the province return Hamilton lands to the Greenbelt, I kindly request that Council consider the following direction:

Move to reconsider the previous motion asking staff to work with the Facilitator, and then move the following motion:

"That staff immediately cease engaging with the Provincial Facilitator regarding development on lands removed from the Greenbelt".

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate on this.

Brian McHattie

From: Martha Howatt

Sent: August 27, 2023 7:35 PM

To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: City Survey

I am not interested in 'how' to develop the Greenbelt. I will not take part in a survey that does not offer an alternative.

It has been made very clear, repeatedly, to exhaustion, that we do not need to develop the Greenbelt.

Do not develop beyond the Urban Boundary. Our Urban Boundary, not whatever Urban Boundary the Provincial government decides.

It is time, as our elected representatives, that they listened to the people that pay their salaries.

Voters are disgusted with the corruption, lies and back room deals.
Just get over yourselves.

From: Martha Howatt

Sent: September 1, 2023 10:52 AM

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am writing to you to provide my feelings on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. Residents of Hamilton voted to maintain our Urban Boundary and I support the decision of the Mayor and Council to continue saying 'no'.

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. We need to continue to

stand firmly in our wishes to return the land to the Greenbelt and build within our Urban Boundary.

A small group of developers are set to make billions in profit from having received information from the Provincial government. By only asking the public *how* to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. By asking 'how' it does not give Hamiltonians an opportunity to oppose the Provincial decision. By assuming this is a 'done deal' we are deprived of the chance to have our say and fight this corrupt action.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Thank you for your time and your desire to continue fighting.

Martha Howatt

From: carole-ann
Sent: August 28, 2023 10:33 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt

I would like my name to be added to the record for being AGAINST using ANY Greenbelt land for development.

Carole-Ann Durrnan

From: Wilson, Jean

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Greenbelt Development

Dear Members of City Council, Minister Clark, MPPs Lumsden and Skelly,

I am writing to put on record my vehement opposition to the Province of Ontario's removal of land from the Greenbelt for development and add my voice to those calling for the reversal of the outrageous action. Instead of completing the survey provided on the City of Hamilton's website, I wish by means of this email message to register my firm opposition to any development of these lands regardless of any potential "Community Benefits."

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Wilson

From: Janice currie
 Sent: August 27, 2023 8:45 PM
 To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
 Subject: Greenbelt development

Please reconsider creating surveys where participants are limited, and forced, to select only one of a small selection of options. When neither/none/any of the options is one I would choose, you give no option for 'other'.

As with other surveys which have been posted in the past, I will not be finalizing the Greenbelt development survey.

If you really want to know what I think on a subject, then don't force me to tick only options which you have deemed valid.

Janice Currie

Sent from my iPad

From: Janice currie
 Sent: September 13, 2023 11:13 AM
 To: clerk@hamilton.ca
 Subject: Greenbelt - special Planning Committee meeting Sept. 14

Councillors,

Over the past several days, I've been reading some of the submissions already made for the special Planning Committee.

First, I would caution that care must be taken in comparing apples to oranges. Different regions with different soil and climate characteristics will often be more - or less - suitable for different crops. As such, removing Greenbelt land from one area and 'replacing' it with land in a totally different area does not necessarily mean that the same crops will be able to be grown or that they will produce the same yields.

Second, I have recently seen a full page ad in the Hamilton Spectator by the Book Road Landowners Group. This title is very disingenuous as it suggests that the group - whoever they may be - somehow represent all of the landowners on, or near, Book Road. This is simply not the case as I personally know of several landowners in the Book Road parcel who have no knowledge or participation in the group.

Janice Currie

Ancaster

From: darin macmillan

Sent: August 28, 2023 11:33 AM

To: Thorne, Jason

[<Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca); steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca; charlie.toman@hamilton.ca; clerk@hamilton.ca; mayor@hamilton.ca; ward1@hamilton.ca; ward2@hamilton.ca; ward3@hamilton.ca; ward4@hamilton.ca; matt.francis@hamilton.ca; tom.jackson@hamilton.ca; esther.pauls@hamilton.ca; ward8@hamilton.ca; brad.clark@hamilton.ca; jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca; mark.tadeson@hamilton.ca; ward12@hamilton.ca; ward13@hamilton.ca; mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca; ted.mcmeekin@hamilton.ca; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Greenbelt lands

My name is darin macmillan and I am a resident of hamilton and I oppose any building on any of the greenbelt lands. These lands must be returned to the greenbelt. Please do not allow anything to be built on these lands. We need your help to get it done.

Thanks

Darin Macmillan

From: Deanna Hove

Sent: August 28, 2023 11:47 AM

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Greenbelt Survey

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. The survey put forward to provide feedback is disingenuous as there is NO option to directly oppose urban development.

There is no development that is better for habitat, climate, or anything else as put forward in the survey than land that is already protected. We are so limited for this land already in Southern Ontario - there are other options for housing and development.

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

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We are at a tipping point in how we respond to issues of climate - Hamilton leadership needs to do everything in its power to protect these lands and prioritize the long-term well-being of our community and environment.

Regards,

Deanna Hove

Lifetime Hamilton Resident

From: barbara danese

Sent: August 28, 2023 11:49 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Greenbelt

I vehemently oppose the development of any Greenbelt land in Ontario which can only lead to the destruction of farmland and habitat. It is absolutely shameful that during this time where the entire globe is suffering a climate emergency that anyone would even consider destroying green space. There are no shortage of alternatives to the housing crisis and these must be exhausted before causing irreparable harm to our living space.

Please do the right thing,

Barbara Danese

From: Erica Hall
Sent: August 28, 2023 2:28 PM
To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org
Subject: Hamilton Greenbelt survey

Hi everyone,

I have been made aware that there is a survey for Hamilton residents to complete regarding plans for the Greenbelt. As a resident of Ward 3, I would like to complete the survey but I also hear there is no option to say NO DEVELOPMENT. Since no development is the only thing I would like to see happen to the Greenbelt, I will not be completing the survey and am instead sending you this email to let my my feelings be known.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Erica Hall

From: Mardi Schwenger

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:10 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Hands off the Greenbelt!

Please submit this to the province and advise Hamiltonians on how else we can oppose the foolish and corrupt plans to develop the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

Martha Schwenger

From: Nicole Doro

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:08 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: I Oppose Development of Hamilton Greenbelt Lands

Hello,

I receive "Engage Hamilton" updates for survey links and regularly respond, especially when it entails a service or site I frequent.

I was disappointed in the poor survey design in the recent Greenbelt Development survey for not including an option for 'No development.' It is especially tiresome since I have already voted in the past.

I have also noticed the City Council's motion from Aug 18 to request the Province of Ontario to abandon the plan to develop the Greenbelt, so I don't understand why the survey would not have an option that would line up with what seems to already be the thinking of the council (and I would image their constituents).

Needless to say, please accept this email as my vote for No Development. I will also convey this message again to my provincial reps.

Thanks,

Nicole Doro

Ward 11 Resident

From: Heather Yoell

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:14 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: I oppose the development of any land taken from the Greenbelt regardless of supposed "community benefits"

Dear Minister Clark, MPs Lumsden and Skelly, Mayor Horwath, and Councillors of the Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I unequivocally oppose any development of any land taken from the Greenbelt, regardless of any so-called "Community Benefits". No "Community Benefits" can outweigh the environmental damage, loss of flood protection, loss of food production, loss of biodiversity and sensitive habitat, wasteful, inefficient sprawl, and waste of taxpayers' money that would result from this totally unnecessary development. We all know the purpose of this proposed development is not to solve the housing crisis but to benefit greedy, unaccountable developers and the people and political parties to whom they make "donations".

I am proud of our City of Hamilton's efforts to stand up to this shameful assault on our local democracy. The citizens of Hamilton and Ontario are behind you. I am deeply ashamed of our regressive short-sighted provincial government, and I am disgusted by the gutless and cowardly or duplicitous and self-serving "representation" from the governing party's local MPPs. You are supposed to represent us to the government, not attempt to sell us on plans cooked up by filthy-rich developers. The Greenbelt was created for the benefit of all Ontarians in perpetuity, and no part of it should be open for development.

Sincerely,

Heather Yoell

From: Heather Yoell

Sent: September 13, 2023 4:40 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Sept 14 Planning Committee: Please add my comments in this email to the public record.

Dear Minister Calendra, MPs Lumsden and Skelly, Mayor Horwath, and Councillors of the Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I unequivocally oppose any development of any land taken from the Greenbelt, regardless of any so-called "Community Benefits". No "Community Benefits" can outweigh the environmental damage, loss of flood protection, loss of food production, loss of biodiversity and sensitive habitat, wasteful, inefficient sprawl, and waste of taxpayers' money that would result from this totally unnecessary development. We all know the purpose of this proposed development is not to solve the housing crisis but to benefit greedy, unaccountable developers and the people and political parties to whom they make "donations".

One concern that I especially want to highlight is the effect of the removal of **any** land from the Greenbelt on the sustainability of our agricultural industry. We have already seen how gossip in the rumour mill of the Ontario development community resulted in the buying up of agricultural land even before there was any official talk of opening the Greenbelt. The current housing minister's plan to "review" the Greenbelt and hundreds of existing development applications with the prospect of even more land being removed from the Greenbelt will greatly exacerbate this problem. Young farmers and those wishing to expand their farms cannot afford to compete with deep-pocketed speculators and developers for land. Remember Canada having to wait in line for Covid vaccines because we didn't make our own? In this time of global political insecurity and climate change, the world faces the risk of food shortages. Do we want to wait in line for food? Having a viable agricultural industry is a matter of national security. We should be doing everything possible to support our farmers, not selling the land out from under them.

I am proud of our City of Hamilton's efforts to stand up to the provincial government's shameful assault on our local democracy. The citizens of Hamilton and Ontario are behind you. I am deeply ashamed of our regressive short-sighted provincial government, and I am disgusted by the gutless and cowardly or duplicitous and self-serving "representation" from the governing party's local MPPs. They are supposed to represent us to the government, not attempt to sell us on plans cooked up by filthy-rich developers. The Greenbelt was created for the benefit of all Ontarians in perpetuity, and no part of it should be open for development.

Sincerely,

Heather Yoell

From: Frager, Ruth

Sent: August 28, 2023 5:52 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt

Hello,

Along with many other residents of this province, I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt. During the election, Ford promised not to take land out of the Greenbelt, as you well know. As you also know, the Auditor General's report revealed extensive corruption in the process that Ford's Government used to decide which land to take from the Greenbelt. Most importantly, we are facing a climate crisis, and we therefore need to leave the Greenbelt intact. Ford needs to reverse his corrupt decision to take the land from the Greenbelt, and the Hamilton city government needs to continue to pressure him to do so.

Sincerely,

R.A. Frager

From: Jen Baker

Sent: August 27, 2023 1:59 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: no development in the Greenbelt

Hello,

I understand that there is a survey asking Hamilton residents about 'How' the Greenbelt should be developed without giving us the option to choose NO development. As a Hamilton resident I vote for there to be NO development in the Greenbelt and instead to allow the development to proceed within the existing urban boundaries as we have demonstrated that we have more than enough to provide the housing that is predicted to be needed.

I want to live in a Hamilton that grows in a way that provides a good quality of life in neighbourhoods, not in housing deserts that no one can afford. This is all that will happen if the Greenbelt is allowed to develop. Bedrooms do not make communities. Growing following the plans that have been developed will ensure that neighbourhoods are what is developed and what is what Hamiltonians want.

I support Hamilton Council in continuing to say no to development in the Greenbelt and I expect the Conservative government to fulfill its promise to protect the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

Jen Baker

From: Mark Mueller

Sent: August 28, 2023 1:16 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: NO development on the Greenbelt

I have taken a look at the survey that the City of Hamilton provided to receive feedback on development of the Greenbelt. I am disappointed that the survey provides no options for NO DEVELOPMENT on the Greenbelt. I am completely opposed to development on Greenbelt land. Doug Ford's plans are transparently corrupt corporate-cronyism. The city should set itself against Ford's policy on all fronts. The greatest benefit to the community is to leave these lands undeveloped!

Sincerely,

Mark Mueller

From: Rachelle Sender

Sent: August 27, 2023 1:35 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: NO to Greenbelt development in Hamilton

I am a family physician worried about the health of my patients. I am appalled by the actions of Doug Ford's government. Not only has he violated his campaign promises and acted against the clear wishes of Hamilton residents he is endangering the health of present and future generations of Hamiltonians by promoting the decay of our environment. We must put a stop to Ford's outrageous actions, which benefit only his developer cronies.

Rachelle Sender MD, CCFP, FCFP

From: Bhavisha Morphet

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:22 PM

To: Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Opposing Development

I oppose any development of Greenbelts in Ontario, regardless of any potential "Community Benefits". Specifically, I oppose the removal of this land as well as any urban development on this land.

Thank you.

Bhavisha Morphet

From: Laurie Peel
Sent: August 28, 2023 2:49 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Sept 14th planning committee

Hello,

Please accept this email regarding the Sept 14th planning committee meeting and add my comment to the public record:

I oppose any development of the Greenbelt lands regardless of any potential “community benefits”.

Thank you,
Laurie Peel

From: Julie Palmese
Sent: August 28, 2023 1:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: September 14 Planning committee

Hello,

We have 5 adults in our household. We have one message. Hands off the Green Belt. Do not allow developers to put anything on these lands. We are watching and reading about the Green Belt . Protect these lands from development.

Julie Palmese and family

From: Sue Frasson

Sent: August 27, 2023 1:15 PM

To: Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>

Cc: steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; clerk@hamilton.ca;

Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Stop development of hamilton greenbelt

Hello

In response to city survey regarding development of hamilton Greenbelt I would submit my response as NO to any development on these lands, based on Auditor General report regarding the corrupt process the PC government used to remove this land.!

Use Hamilton's original plan submitted to Ford government on continuing downtown renewal for affordable housing and expansion within current city boundaries.

Thank you

Susan Frasson

Ward 13

From: Naomi Lewenhardt

Sent: August 28, 2023 8:18 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Stop Sprawl Build Smart

Doug Ford is stuck somewhere in the past, he wants to help but his ideas are applying 1950's solutions to 2023 problems. Please explore other solutions. A home is not just a house in the suburbs that requires a car to access, homes can be apartments, shared housing, co-ops, etc. Use the roofs of malls, the roofs of commercial places, build for families not just tiny boxes.

There is so much opportunity to build amazing homes, STAY OUT OF THE GREENBELT, not necessary for housing the people who need homes.

From: Rose Janson
Sent: August 22, 2023 5:06 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Thank You, for Protecting the Greenbelt

Thank you, members of Hamilton City Council

You were quick and unanimous in passing an excellent resolution in support of protecting the Greenbelt.

You are standing together for affordable housing within the urban boundary, and showing respect for the taxpayer.

Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources are precious: no farmland, no food. At this time of numerous climate crises, we need MORE forests, farmlands and wetlands.

Please continue to protect them from shameless developers-

With appreciation,
Rose Janson

From: Rose Janson
Sent: September 12, 2023 6:55 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PROVINCE ABOUT GREENBELT

Dear City of Hamilton

This is the message my family wants to communicate to you:

*Please don't NEGOTIATE WITH THE PROVINCE about **conditions for development of protected lands.

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*HAMILTON DOESN'T NEGOTIATE WITH BULLIES!

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Sincerely,

*Rose Janson and Family

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From: Michelle Tom
Sent: August 28, 2023 7:10 PM
To: steve.clark@pc.ola.org
Subject: Urgent: Sept. 6th/Sept. 14th meeting

Dear Minister Clark,

In Hamilton, \$30,000 was spent to engage Hamiltonians on the issue of boundary expansion during the last council's tenure. The community responded, 18K replied and an overwhelming 90+ % wanted to freeze the urban boundary. Every submission was vetted.

This was democracy in action, thanks to Clr. Clark for this motion in the last council. The three long serving councillors who opposed the boundary freeze are all gone from council.

They had no hope of winning with the public outrage on this issue.

You overruled that decision, despite the fact that Hamilton was able to meet your housing targets and prevent future taxes going to sprawl infrastructure.

You added 5,000 acres to our sprawling city with urban boundary expansion. Hamilton has an area over 1,000 km almost twice the size of Toronto.

To add insult to injury, then you demanded the City Of Hamilton relinquish almost 1900 more acres of Greenbelt, this again after we'd pledged to meet the housing targets within our former boundary.

Minister Clark: Call the legislature back, and reverse this land grab.

This is not a housing issue. It is clear from the Auditor General's report that economic and environmental processes were abandoned during the rushed 3 week secret project to open up the Greenbelt. Reporters and investigators are digging through the details as we speak.

The cost of future sprawl for Hamilton taxpayers will far outweigh any so-called "benefits" dangled at the Sept. 6th and Sept. 14th meeting.

Get ahead of this controversy and restore the Greenbelt in its entirety. The public is furious.

Again, call the legislature back and reverse all 7400 acres of the Greenbelt Land Grab and respect our municipal decision to freeze our urban boundary.

All of our children and grandchildren and yours too, will live with your legacy, choose wisely.

Michelle Tom

Hamilton, Ontario

From: Rosemary Almas

Sent: September 3, 2023 8:19 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Save the greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council,

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Rosemary Almas

Hamilton Ontario

From: Richard Johnson

Sent: September 4, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Cc: steve.clark@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; Skelly, Donna <donna.skelly@pc.ola.org>

Subject: NO DEVELOPMENT ON GREENBELT LANDS

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, City Councillors and MPPs Skelly and Lumsden:

My name is Rick Johnson and I am a resident of Ward 11 in the City of Hamilton and the provincial riding of Flamborough-Glanbrook. I have previously written no fewer than three emails of concern recently to the Mayor and City Council indicating my direct opposition to any development of Greenbelt lands and my adamant opposition to Planning Staff engaging in any discussions with the Province of Ontario. This is in addition to many emails and written letters to Premier Ford, to Minister Clark and to MPP Skelly, all of which have gone unacknowledged other than the usual automated online return response! For the City of Hamilton Planning Staff and Council to suggest that they will engage with the Province in such discussions even "under protest" is absolutely ludicrous and is simply an embarrassment to all City staff representing Hamilton and a sheer waste of time for staff. As I have previously said, the Ford government only comes to the table with the deck stacked in their favour and for Hamilton planning staff to hope to negotiate any substantial advantages for Hamilton is a total joke at best! Were Hamilton representatives able to gain any concessions or advantages from discussions with the government, I can assure you right now that these same concessions would not be worth the time and energy to do so! This government continues to serve itself and it's rich supporters only on the financial backs of the people and has absolutely no interest in serving the people of Ontario at all. The recent damning findings in the Auditor-General's report and the equally damning findings of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario should make it totally clear that Hamilton cannot negotiate with an Ontario Government which does not represent the democratic rights of all Ontarians. This is a government which has not been truthful, has been evasive, has twisted the truth and negotiated behind the scenes with those who are the favoured supporters of the Ford government. In fact, the case could be made to suggest that the rich supporters of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party are the people who give the Ford government their marching orders and provincial decision making with regard to Greenbelt development and other matters is in the hands of these moneyed interests and not our elected representatives. Not one of our elected Tory MPPs has spoken out publicly against Bill 23 and the devastating effects that Greenbelt development will have on food production and biodiversity here in Ontario. Not one of our elected Tory MPPs has stood up in opposition to Bill 23 and crossed the floor of

the legislature; it appears that no Tory MPP has the intestinal fortitude to right an obvious wrong being forced on Ontario and Ontarians by the Conservative government. Proper planning processes were not followed by our government and were heavily influenced by a small group of developers. All of this being said, I am 100% opposed to development of Greenbelt lands and opposed to the City asking HOW we want Greenbelt lands developed. We want sustainable development built within the current city boundaries close to all services completing our already existing communities and not adding to our already unmanageable infrastructure deficit.

Today, Minister Clark has resigned following the resignation of his Chief of Staff in the Ministry of Housing and rightly so; these people have violated the trust of the people of Ontario as elected representatives! This government has now entered into damage control mode for the underhanded and disingenuous methods that they have used to accomplish their own ends. With this Greenbelt land controversy under investigation by the RCMP, I support fully the unanimous vote by the Hamilton Mayor and Council for the Province to accept all 15 recommendations of the Lysyk Report and to reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt; all lands removed from the Greenbelt tract by the Ford government for "affordable" housing development must be put back into the Greenbelt and Bill 23 must be withdrawn - full stop! We have to protect our Greenbelt and in fact, expand it rather than building unaffordable homes beyond city boundaries which threaten our food producing farmlands and our environmental assets and simply make billions of dollars for developers and builders. The Ford government knows full well as acknowledged by various reports including the Auditor-General's report that there is more than enough room within current city boundaries to build affordable homes; we must not allow development on Greenbelt lands and we must not meet with the Province, even "under protest" to hope for some minuscule concessions in exchange for paving over our precious Greenbelt lands! SAY NO TO BILL 23, NO TO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT and NO TO DEALS OF ANY KIND WITH THIS CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT! Hamilton knows what is best for Hamilton when it comes to land development. Hamiltonians and Ontarians are counting on our elected city representatives to do what is best for Hamilton and for future residents of Hamilton; our elected provincial MPPs have failed miserably to represent their constituents in Hamilton! Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Rick Johnson

From: Jean

Sent: September 4, 2023 9:11 PM

To: Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <Premier@ontario.ca>

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org

Subject: Build homes for Ontarians

Dear Mr. Ford:

As a long-time resident of Hamilton, I am writing to ask that you meet your commitment to build 1.5 million new houses quickly by making use of the land already serviced within Ontario municipal boundaries. That would be the quickest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way of providing homes for the people of Ontario, while protecting our food security and limiting environmental risks as our climate changes.

Key reasons to avoid the ill-considered expansion of building into the greenbelt, include (but are not limited to):

1. The need to protect prime farmland. After experiencing serious problems with supply chains during the pandemic, it is clear that we need to ensure our food security by protecting local farming.
2. Extending city limits requires massive infrastructure expansion that will be expensive to build and maintain moving forward. It will also be time-consuming. City residents, who do not want the expansion, will be forced to pay for this!
3. The expansion will affect sensitive environmental areas and may exacerbate local effects of climate change—increasing flooding risk.
4. In Hamilton, City Council has already developed a strong plan to meet city population increases without expansion of city limits, and I believe this is the case in many other municipalities.

If you are truly interested in facilitating home building for people in Ontario quickly and efficiently, do it by working with municipalities to develop currently serviced land within city boundaries.

Sincerely,

Jean Mackay

P.S. Please stop spending my tax money on advertising—it would be better spent on providing services for Ontarians.

From: Gary Runge

Sent: August 20, 2023 9:33 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Green belt development

I urge Hamilton city council to do everything in their power to stop the greenbelt destruction. This development cannot be undone. Perhaps a building plan using existing undeveloped land within the city can be presented to the province to show we can meet the housing demand without destroying the greenbelt. The city also needs to get rid of all the "red tape" that is slowing down construction projects. Let's get shovels, equipment and people working now in the city. How are we to feed all these new citizens if we have no farmland? We must stop Mr. Ford and his developer friends.

Debra and Gary Runge

From: Susan Suter

Sent: August 27, 2023 5:55 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Upcoming meeting

Good morning, My family, 6 voters from my household, and I are STRONGLY OPPOSED to the parceling off and selling of any and ALL Greenspace.

This land MUST be protected for our children and our children's children.

Promises were made by the Conservative Party of Ontario and then broken .

We are angry and we will NOT forget.

Take back our Greenspace!!!!

Susan Suter

Hamilton and Ancaster homeowner durran

From: Gail Faveri
Sent: August 31, 2023 11:28 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Development in Hamilton's Greenbelt

Please include the following in the public record:

Let's develop Hamilton's land from the Greenbelt with restorative farming, which aims to replenish the soil by rotating crops and allowing the sharp hooved animals free range or better yet, to develop the lands with native plants: paw paw trees, choke cherry bushes, oaks, sugar maples, tulip trees . . .

Let's keep urban development in the former already-serviced urban boundaries, where high density housing can be built at lower costs, providing multiple units at a low price. Within the former urban boundaries, sewers, water mains, electrical lines, roads, schools, libraries, stores, churches, transit, etc. already serve underdeveloped and empty lots.

We've no need to hand developers land on a silver platter so they may make the big bucks.

Let's keep our Greenbelt GREEN

Gail R. Faveri

From: Tamara Messersmith

Sent: September 1, 2023 11:31 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am a resident of Hamilton and what I want is NO development on the Greenbelt. Providing a survey that only asks in which way we'd like to best destroy the farmland is disingenuous. How do I want the developers to make their money off ruining land forever? I don't.

This whole procedure is still under investigation, so to plow ahead with it (maybe literally) would be wrong. Hamilton's leadership already has said what we want: don't take the land out of the Greenbelt.

The city doesn't need more McMansions; that will never solve the need for housing. The need is right down here in lower Hamilton, where lower income families can't afford housing. We know there are solutions that don't involve making those few developers richer at the cost of the Greenbelt.

Once that land is developed, it will never again be useful for anything else. Remember:

You can't eat pavement!

Sincerely,

Tamara Messersmith

From: Sharon Paterson

Sent: September 1, 2023 11:37 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; charlie_toman@hamilton.ca; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Protect the Greenbelt

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As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards Sharon Paterson

From: Verena & Greg Walter

Sent: September 1, 2023 12:07 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt Grab

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In hope,

Verena Walter

From: Peter Appleton

Sent: September 1, 2023 12:47 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt expansion lands

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Thank you

Peter Appleton

From: Cathy Stewart

Sent: September 4, 2023 9:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: input for Sept 14 Planning Committee

To: Legislative Coordinator of Planning Committee

Regarding:

Please include these comments in the public record

I oppose the removal and urban development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan.

I request that the action the current government has taken be reversed, and restore the protection of the GreenBelt.

It is extremely short-sighted to allow parts of the Greenbelt to be developed. Those lands are crucial for the production of food and the health of our eco system.

What we need now, from our government, is courage and wisdom to plan for the health of our land.

I am extremely disappointed that the Ford government has not only reneged on election promises, but is also ignoring the clearly stated wishes of the Hamilton City council and the voters in Hamilton.

Catherine Stewart

Resident of Stoney Creek

From: David Mivasair

Sent: September 5, 2023 12:51 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Oppose any development on any land removed from Greenbelt in Hamilton -- for public record of Sept 14 planning committee meeting

Please add these written comments to the public record of the planning committee meeting on September 14.

I urge the Planning Committee to oppose any development of any kind on all lands removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton regardless of any "community benefits".

Thank you,

David Mivasair

From: Lil Blume

Sent: September 5, 2023 4:02 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Oppose any development on any land removed from Greenbelt in Hamilton -- for public record of Sept 14 planning committee meeting

Please add these written comments to the public record of the planning committee meeting on September 14.

Due to the corrupt and unethical practices regarding removing land from the Green Belt, I urge the Planning Committee to oppose any development of any kind on all lands removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton regardless of any "community benefits"

Yours,

Lil Blume

From: Kathleen Kennedy
Sent: September 5, 2023 8:01 AM
To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Subject: Ontario Greenbelt Development

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

[Kathleen Kennedy, M.Ed.](#)

From: Pauline Prowse

Sent: September 5, 2023 9:44 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Opposition to the implementation of the "Build More Homes Faster" Act in Hamilton

I am sending this email to let you know that I **only support infill development in Hamilton, not urban sprawl!**

There are many areas within our city which could have higher intensification. Development of Greenbelt and outlying areas of the City are **not needed** in order to meet our obligations with respect to an increase in housing supply.

Development in these areas is very short-sighted. In fact, COVID should have shown us that Ontario needs to be more self-sufficient when it comes to food, pharmaceuticals and other necessary products. The government should be implementing policies around increasing the agricultural industry in Ontario! Many other provinces do not have the weather that we do to support crops.

Thank you,

Pauline Prowse

From: Pauline Prowse

Sent: September 13, 2023 8:29 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re: Opposition to the implementation of the "Build More Homes Faster" Act in Hamilton

Is there any way my previous email can be added to the Sept. 14 Planning Committee minutes or is it too late for that?

Pauline Prowse

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 09:43:39 a.m. EDT, Pauline Prowse wrote:

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Thank you,

Pauline Prowse

From: Erin S
Sent: September 5, 2023 9:59 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Sept 14 Planning Committee Comments

Good day,

Although I am unable to attend the meeting, I wish for my comments to be added to the public record regarding the lands removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton.

I do not, and have never supported this. Once farmland, wetland and other environmentally sensitive lands are paved over, they cannot be brought back to their former state. The lands will forever be contaminated, species of fauna will lose their home and, from a financial perspective, the cost of servicing and future maintenance isn't sustainable. As well, these houses being proposed will be in the \$900,000- \$1.2m range; far, far from being affordable.

Tell Ford to return the lands back to the Greenbelt.

Kind regards,

Erin Shacklette

From: Anne Washington
Sent: September 5, 2023 10:03 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt

Dear Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council:

Thank you for Providing the two Greenbelt focused public events at the Ancaster Memorial Centre on September 6th and 14th this year.

This letter is to let you know that I appreciate that you have unanimously voted to reject the Province of Ontario's plan to remove 1900 acres of the Greenbelt lands located within Hamilton. A wise and vital decision. Well done!

Since then, I understand that there has been an invitation from staff of the Province of Ontario for you to meet with their planners to give your input on how those lands should best be developed. However by doing that, would it not weaken your position that there be no development on those lands and they remain in the Greenbelt?

Please stand strong and united in your resolve to protect, save and even expand the Greenbelt area around Hamilton.

Respectfully,

Anne Washington

From: |David Carson

Sent: September 5, 2023 12:23 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: No removal of land from the Greenbelt

Mayor Horwath and Council and City Planning Staff,

I have reviewed the City's on-line Consultation survey and find there is no option for "No development" and that to feedback or comment, one must "like" one or more of the survey options.

Given this missing option, and Council's own August 18th motion to request the Province of Ontario to abandon plans to develop on the Greenbelt, it is clearly not appropriate to respond to the on-line consultation. Any response, which focuses on community benefits, if included in information provided to the Province, would give the misleading impression that I support removal. Which I do not.

Please register this note as

- a) My opposition to the Ford government's plan to remove lands from the Greenbelt
- b) My support of City Council's motion to request the Province to Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt, and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated.

I am writing to the Minister of Housing and to local MPPs to this effect.

Regards

Dave Carson,

From: BETTY BERRY

Sent: September 5, 2023 1:32 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Greenbelt

I wish to comment on the Greenbelt Development that borders Book Rd. , Garner Rd. Etc.

Our Councillor Craig Cassar, talked about the noise factor from the flight path of the airplanes . Using this land for homes will add numerous complaints from the house owners. Originally, we lived on English Church Rd right under the flight path. That was before the traffic increased to the numbers that now fly at night. I suggest that you inquire as to the number of flights that are now contributing to our economy. They contribute to a number of jobs of valued employees especially in the cargo industry. Amazon flights is just one such industry that has recently settled here because of its proximity to the airport. I wish to make my point clear.....the airport is a valued commodity in our neighbourhood and my opinion does not reflect negatively towards the work they do. But building houses under that flight path is a bad idea.

I implore you to think very hard if the city is ready for the backlash that will result should numerous homes be established under that flight path.

It is clear that there is an abundance of vacant properties that are eyesores to our city and should be considered by our provincial government for accessible building lots but not losing prime land that is meant for other purposes.

Sincerely

Betty Berry

From: Kelly Millar

Sent: September 5, 2023 1:46 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Greenbelt plan and survey

Dear Honorable Representatives of Hamilton:

I will keep this short for your sake and my broken arm's sake..

I oppose any development of greenbelt lands regardless of any potential "Community Benefits".

I also will not fill out the survey because it is skewed. When I want "No development" it is hard to answer the survey.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Kelly Millar

From: Shirley Cranston
Sent: September 5, 2023 3:22 PM
To: Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Survey Greenbelt Protection

Century Farm – Location Garner Rd West Ancaster, ON. Conc 4

Approx 75 Acres of productive farm land rented by local farmer in alternate field crops – corn or soya beans, for several years including 5 acres of field crops for (CFGB) Canadian Foodgrains Bank For 20 years plus.

Requesting greenbelt protection.

SAVE OUR FARMLAND

SHIRLEY SHAVER-CRANSTON

From: Kyle Whiteman

Sent: September 5, 2023 3:47 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Great Confusion in Hamilton

Please advise how I go about adding comments to the GB survey that include:

**I oppose any development of these lands regardless of any potential
“Community Benefits”**

Hamilton has voted against this several times, why is it now being forced upon us, can our Mayor whom we elected not restore what we voted for?

Thankyou,
Kyle Whiteman

From: Eileen Shannon
Sent: September 5, 2023 4:53 PM
To: Doug Ford <Premier@ontario.ca>
Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org; Sandy Shaw-CO <SShaw-CO@ndp.on.ca>; paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
Subject: The Green Belt

Dear Premier Ford,

The resignations of your appointees Ryan Amato and now Steve Clark are mere baby steps in reversing this toxic culture of cronyism.

Now you must reverse the removals of lands from the green belt as recommended by auditor general Bonnie Lysyk.

Ontarians know that green belt land is not needed to reach your housing goals. In fact it is likely to slow your pace. And there's already enough land approved and available for building. Indeed, much of the growth needs to be in the form of affordable mid-density housing close to transit.

I trust that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Eileen Shannon

From: Colina Phillips

Sent: September 6, 2023 7:07 AM

To: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Reverse Greenbelt Development

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Thank you for

Colina Phillips

From: Cameron, Robin

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:31 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: protect the greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

I am writing to provide feedback on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - **there should be no development on the Greenbelt.**

As you are aware, this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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We need our greenbelt lands as they provide many key ecosystem services (water filtration, flood mitigation, carbon dioxide uptake and sequestration, etc). These lands also support food production, and local food production will be increasingly important as climate change and climate catastrophes impact food production in California, Florida and Georgia, 3 states that supply Ontario with a great deal of food especially during the winter months.

I reiterate, there should be no development on the greenbelt.

Sincerely,

Robin Cameron

From: Jonathan Scholtens

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:35 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan and to tell you that there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP, and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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The Greenbelt is crucial to the sustainability of our communities in southern Ontario. Hamilton is fortunate in that it is not reliant on groundwater as a water source, but that is not the case for most of the province. The Greenbelt protects this resource, and this protection will only become more important as climate change puts water access in jeopardy. Land development drastically impacts the processes by which groundwater supplies are able to recharge, so leaving the Greenbelt as is (or expanding it) is our best strategy to ensure Ontario has sustainable access to water.

Any development of the Greenbelt also strikes a blow to the validity of our democratic institutions. The Hamilton City Council, based on the input of its constituents, voted against expanding our urban boundary back in 2021. The Hamilton City Council must commit to this decision and refuse the provincial government's attempts to dismiss the authority of our municipal government.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis. As the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward, the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards, Jonathan Scholtens

From: liz eeuwes

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:53 AM

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Subject: Greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

Expanding Hamilton by creating a large proportion of low-density areas requires so much additional infrastructure we risk further defunding the lower city where people of limited resources are already stretched so thin. We need co-ops, affordable housing, and purpose built rentals near the resources that already exist like public transit, our wonderful library system and public schools. Please do not abandon the lower city to benefit further McMansion sprawl. It will cause further flight for those who can afford it leaving the lower city to host the problems with fewer resources.

With climate change we need to honour the local farmland we have and make it more efficient to feed ontarians.

As a resident of the lower city I request that we develop within our current boundaries.

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Regards Liz Eeuwes

From: Therese Taylor

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:15 AM

To: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; charlietoman@hamilton.ca; clerk@hamilton.ca; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; jeffbeattie@hamilton.ca; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: NO DEVELOPMENT ON THE GREENBELT IN PERPETUITY

It has already been established by several reports that the housing required can be built within the current urban boundary. The more people we bring to this area, the more prime farmland be needed to feed those people. The more the climate crisis rears its ugly head, the more we will need to rely on local sources of food.

In this same vein, the more people we bring to this area, the more we will need to mitigate against the added carbon emissions each person will add. Our farmlands, woodlands and wetlands need to be protected in perpetuity as the population of Ontario grows.

Doug Ford has been caught with his pants down. Instead of pulling out of this Greenbelt grab he is responsiding with naked bullying by threatening to review all the Greenbelt lands. How dare he after he promised to all Ontarians that he would preserve the Greenbelt.

The people of Ontario are speaking up. Hands off our Greenbelt. Doug, you have no right to rape our treasured farmlands, woodlands and wetlands on behalf of your developer buddies and their promised profits.

Truly,

Therese Taylor

From: Therese Gain
Sent: September 13, 2023 10:55 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt Meeting September 14th , 6:30 pm

Dear City Clerk,

I would appreciate it if my thoughts below could be added to the public agenda for this meeting.

It has already been well established by several reports that the housing required can be built within the current urban boundary. The more people we bring to this area, the more prime farmland will be needed to feed those people.

The more the climate crisis rears its ugly head, the more we will need to rely on local sources of food.

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If the Conservatives are to have a shred of credibility, the bully Ford must go!

Truly,

Therese Taylor

Attend the City of Hamilton's open house on the Greenbelt land grabs!

From: Kathy Wade Vlaar

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:12 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and City Council -

I am writing to express my opinion as a resident of the City of Hamilton that there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

Given that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - **the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.**

As we now know from the auditor general's report, a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public **how** to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions and single detached homes on the outskirts of our city is not a solution to the housing crisis. As the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows that there is enough land already available for the housing that is needed.

If development on the Greenbelt lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Best Regards,

Kathy Wade Vlaar

From: Michelle Chin
Sent: September 6, 2023 11:12 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Sep 14th Special Mtg of the Planning Committee

Hello,

I wish to have my written comments below become part of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Planning Committee on September 14, 2023.

Thank you,

Michelle Chin, Dundas

To whom it may concern,

My husband, two children and I have been residents of Dundas since 2006. We chose to live in the heart of Dundas, a walkable community where our children could walk and cycle independently and use public transit rather than rely on a car. It greatly enhances our quality of life.

I am for freezing the urban envelope, intensifying and exhausting the possibilities within its existing boundaries before converting the precious rural areas of the city. This increases quality of life, improves existing communities in need and reduces long term tax burden. We have an incredible opportunity to improve our existing communities within today's urban envelope before expanding. Using equal parts Missing Middle know-how, creative infill and a good measure of political will, it is a formula for success. We must put all of our focus and effort into developing within the existing urban envelope first.

I am in favour of maximizing intensification within the existing Urban Boundary before converting rural areas of the city.

Other ideas

If rural land needs to be used (and it should not) it should be rezoned to create affordable and walkable missing middle communities much like the core of Dundas. It absolutely should not be zoned for large suburban unaffordable single family dwellings that rely on a car culture. People love old style walkable towns with a vibrant mixed-use zoned core. It's a proven formula that improves quality of life.

Other Comments

With so many issues on the table, it is time to get back to meeting the basic needs and rights of our greater community:

- food security, affordable housing, health, safety
- social equalizers such as public transportation, cycling and walking
- environmental human rights to clean air and water, and addressing the climate emergency

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In good faith,
Michelle Chin

From: Jen Sanges

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:45 AM

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Subject: Fwd: Please Stop the Slash-and-Burn of OUR Greenbelt!

Remember that song "This Land is My Land"? "This land was made for you and me". I do. And I believed it.

Do you have the will to stand up and say NO! to paving over our Greenbelt Protected Lands? Do you have a breaking point? I've found mine! And an act to do nothing is an act of condoning and encouraging further abuses of power, and further land grabs from protected areas. Remember how many resources went into compiling the evidence for our Greenbelt's protected areas? It was a watershed moment in our history to have protection placed above profit. Are you letting one politician scrap years of dedication and community involvement, years of fruitful future food production and biodiversity? Already our tender fruit belt is a tiny scrap compared to decades ago. Suppose you googled available arable land in Canada?

I believe ANY development on protected Greenbelt is an affront to ALL Canadians, and it's ripping out the heart of what it means to care for our country, our children, and all those who live here with the hope of a better life. Better not meaning More.

WE need to find new solutions NOW for the world we live in, not in the future. Our communities have plenty of space already within urban boundaries, and WE need to support the development of this entirely! What does it mean to live in a free country when taking the cheapest and easiest route is the only thing Doug Ford will accept?

The developers are holding tight to old methods, like "slash and burn", as opposed to sourcing out intelligent growth. And we all now know Doug Ford is of the same mind, bulldozing us overnight, behind our backs and then paving right over our voices with disastrous, single minded steamrollers!

WE PAY for Private Gain with Public Pain. It's the only way our province, our country, has operated in the past and current time. WE are a small country, WE are closely connected, and WE have the ability to change quickly. WE know this!

Can YOU see that's true? Can YOU handle the waves and help steer our ship into the safe harbour of due diligence and responsible actions?

Destroying protected lands is NOT a solution to the housing problem, it's an INSOLVENCY that is adding to our true debt. The true cost of continuing this cowardly approach to our precious lands, and the true debt is what WE have to pay, and it will never stop if YOU don't make a difference. Getting tarred over by dealmakers and profiteers (while we protest!) gives us zero true wealth. Canada will be laughed at, and run rampant over, by the world's worst climate offenders under the guise of helping us as the future unwinds.

THIS IS THE CANARY IN THE COAL MINE! THIS DEBT CAN NEVER BE REPAYED! THE PRODUCTIVE LAND WILL BE GONE FOREVER! SPRAWL IS UNSUPPORTABLE!

I beg each and every one of you to begin believing in a new process of making safe communities inside urban boundaries. Get your techies to source other country's information if no Canadian has ever designed better living conditions. (I'm being facetious here.)

I beg each and every one of you to try to educate yourselves on how to make amendments to **protect what is protected!**

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

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Regards

Jennifer

From: Jen Sanges
Sent: September 6, 2023 6:46 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt vs Every Other Option

I'm looking to expose the possibility that Ford's government Did Not explore any other options or bids before deciding to slice through our farmland. This will show Ontarians that due diligence was not followed or even considered by Ford. It would also expose the fact he does not demand the builders to submit viable plans for the future of housing development in already predetermined areas. There are no plans, there's been no other considerations, nor corrections in the previous governments' mistakes in boundaries. It's clearly a bulldozing of the moral code we have, and a nail in the coffin of our distrust for our own government!

This is the canary in the coal mine. If this goes through it will not end with arable land grabs.

Sincerely
Jennifer

From: Marie Covert

Sent: September 6, 2023 12:32 PM

To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: No development on the Greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing a very short, succinct message as my feedback: there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

The provincial government is in a state of unprecedented flux, with new decisions and major changes taking place every day. In this maelstrom of haste, of greed, of arrogance, it is not the time to negotiate with the province. Who knows what will transpire tomorrow?

Please do not make any decisions which cannot be rescinded or which the provincial government may perceive as agreement with their strategy.

Please ask that the Greenbelt Lands be returned in total and that Hamilton's Urban Boundary be restored. We know there is no need for development on these precious lands as Hamilton has more than enough existing building sites to meet all our targets. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Marie Covert,

Dundas

From: Sheila O'Neal

Sent: September 6, 2023 3:00 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: No Development on the Greenbelt

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Sincerely,

Sheila O'Neal

From: Cork Town

Sent: September 6, 2023 3:03 PM

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Subject: No Development on the Greenbelt !

Importance: High

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Co-operatively,

Mary Margaret Kachurowski

From: Luba Petkovic
Sent: September 7, 2023 5:23 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Green Belt

Good morning. I say no to Green Belt because it have nothing to do with the belt. But everything to do with Ford and the rest the around him to make money ,and so many others that well make more . Its all about them, not the regular people . Are they telling regular people we will build homes and sell it for so chip so everyone can afford it? I don't think so. People that make \$20 and even \$25 can't never afford to buy thanks to Government of Canada.

From: Lyn Folkes

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:37 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Save Greenbelt, Restore Democracy in Ontario

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I was at the Greenbelt meeting in Ancaster tonight but was prevented from attending due to an over-capacity crowd for the venue. I was very pleased to see that! I want my opinion on record still, and did sign a list that was presented to all those left outside the Arts Centre building tonight. So:

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The province has been dishonest, admitting the process for choosing development lands was indeed flawed after initially denying the matter. The province has proven that they cannot be trusted to manage our most precious natural resources! They have tried to silence taxpayers illegally, exclude us from the planning process and intimidate us with bullying tactics. This is no way for a provincial office to behave. Their ideas are bad ones, and their motives stink! It is obvious to us that Doug Ford's government has been bought out by rich developers who don't care about Hamilton taxpayers at all. We can no longer abide by their schemes to develop the Greenbelt in Ontario!

I'm relieved to hear that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and that our Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her excellent and thorough report. The Province should have no choice but to reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. Any other decision would harm all of us permanently.

A politician's job by definition is to protect their constituents from harm, so the province is not doing their job which is to look out for the best interests of taxpayers -- not developers!

It's now obvious to us from the auditor general's report, that a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit from Premier Ford. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing these developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our 'former' urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. It's

necessary to build housing that my sons will be able to afford -- both rent places now and intend to rent for life. Expensive homes replacing our valuable Greenbelt is not what we want or need!

It's really crazy that this has been allowed to go this far already. Hamilton taxpayers voted overwhelmingly to maintain our existing urban boundary and preserve our Greenbelt -- so is no one protecting our democracy today?

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If development on these lands goes forward - not only would it mean that democracy is DEAD in Ontario - but the serious negative impacts of this would harm our City and Province forever! It could even mean the difference between life and death for some of us in the future - we need our Greenbelt to sustain our most basic needs of clean water, air and soil to grow food. We can't eat money or concrete.

The climate emergency is no joke and neither are our Greenbelt lands. However, Premier Ford was filmed in the news recently making jokes about the smallest parcel of degraded Greenbelt lands slated for removal in the East end, saying very cruelly that this is what we call our Greenbelt in Hamilton. Why didn't he visit the rare treed Beverly Swamp that he tried to destroy in the name of expanding a fossil fuel pipeline recently or the rich woodlands on Book Rd? He has no idea about the richness of our Greenbelt because he simply doesn't care about it. He laughed and ridiculed us for wanting to protect the most valuable lands we have around our great city! He's completely ignorant of their value to our survival and misrepresented us purposefully in the media, foolishly insulting Hamiltonians in the process. He further denies the climate emergency, dismantled most of our environmental protections and thinks cheap beer is more important than having an environmental commissioner to protect our great province from the likes of dishonourable politicians who want to harm us. I could go on but we all know too well now that our Premier is only acting on his own behalf and that's just terrifying to me.

I have had the privilege to visit several private properties in Hamilton's Greenbelt in recent weeks, particularly large parcels in the largest proposed removal area on Book Rd. Over the last decade of surveying breeding and migratory birds in the Hamilton area, and restoring natural lands around the region with our wonderful Hamilton Naturalists Club, I have to say that I haven't found such healthy mature habitats full of special native species in a very long time. I am not exaggerating for effect and would be proud to escort you to these places to show you what I mean. I have been amazed by the richness of botany, birds, amphibians and other wild species that depend on our preserved Greenbelt for their survival. Every Greenbelt removal land I have visited thus far includes a wetland teeming with life too. These lands need to be preserved and doing so will benefit all taxpayers in the region.

I have seen with my own eyes, Barn Swallows, Eastern Wood Pewees and various other birds, all in serious population declines due to an increasing lack of their insect food sources. Habitat loss, and particularly wetlands, is one of the main reasons for these insect declines. We ignore these issues at our own peril because humans are just another link in the same web of life. If we start losing species at a faster rate, where does it end? The answer is with our own species extinction.

If we make good decisions today, that might carry us through to a more sustainable future. As a retired environmental scientist who has witnessed the incredible changes in our climate over the last half century, I know we are already in trouble. I know that if we pave over our Greenbelt, there is little hope left for our youth and for our world. David Suzuki isn't crazy -- he's right, and he's scared like most of us who have studied environmental sciences. Time is of the essence!

I'm very angry about this sideways Greenbelt land grab for rich developers and politicians to become even more wealthy at my expense, and the expense of everyone in Hamilton. If we can't stop this flagrantly immoral and dangerous Greenbelt development, then what is left for us to hope for?

Our democratic rights as Canadian taxpayers have been violated. From my point of view, anyone involved in this Greenbelt scandal is a criminal. I think they should all be punished severely and removed from office permanently.

I will chain myself to those impressive native giant Sugar Maples, Oaks and Pines on our Greenbelt lands! This whole mess is an unbelievable travesty of justice against the people of Ontario and I take the greatest offense to it!

I want my freedom back to choose what's right for my community's future! I will be heard by people with decency and common sense who will work to restore our faith in provincial governance. We need major change immediately. Please fight hard for real justice and find the light on the other side of the nightmare that Premier Ford has created. He knows perfectly well why his staff is resigning - they're running scared because they were trying to deceive us. It's so transparent now.

Thank you to our fantastic Hamilton Council and Mayor at this difficult time. We support you in this fight for our Greenbelt preservation and our democracy.

Sincerely,

Lyn Folkes

From: Matias Rozenberg

Sent: September 6, 2023 10:20 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

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From: SUSAN B.
Sent: September 6, 2023 7:27 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Re Greenbelt Survey

Good day, I wanted to fill out the survey but don't agree with choices. The Greenbelt Land shouldn't be disturbed period.

Thanks, Susan Button

From: Judy Labelle

Sent: September 6, 2023 6:30 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org

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Judy **Labelle**

From: Tracie D

Sent: September 6, 2023 6:24 PM

To: Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; minister.mah@ontario.ca; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>

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Regards,

Tracie Daigle

From: T Berry <

Sent: September 6, 2023 6:17 PM

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Theresa Berry

From: V. Zess

Sent: September 6, 2023 5:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Victoria Zess

From: Donna Spurr

Sent: September 6, 2023 4:36 PM

To: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

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Regards,

Donna Spurr

From: Alison Niccols
Sent: September 7, 2023 10:26 AM
To: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>
Subject: greenbelt

Please restore protection of the greenbelt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alison Niccols

From: Anne Kopys-Medeiros
Sent: September 7, 2023 11:07 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: OPENING GREENSPACE OPEN HOUSE

Dear Sir/Madam:

Given the tremendous public interest in the Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan affecting our City of Hamilton specifically, and our Province generally, I believe Hamilton City Hall should have anticipated this and chosen a larger venue for the recent Open House.

I hope the size of Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre as the venue for the upcoming Special Meeting of the City's Planning Committee will be reconsidered.

Much appreciated,

Anne Kopys-Medeiros

From: Quinn, James S <

Sent: September 7, 2023 11:48 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt removals are not acceptable

Dear All:

Once lost, greenspace will be gone “forever”. The actions of eliminating important natural lands will not only cost humans essential ecosystem services but will compromise the long-term existence of many species, including our own. We are compromising our future already by dragging our heels on mitigating climate change.

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The term “forever”, as I used it, lasts as long as it will take for humans to become one of the endangered species that we are driving to extinction. Only at that point will habitats lost to construction of human development be returned to nature over a long period of succession, with plants breaking down the roads, warehouses, and houses, that we foolishly built.

Almost like the idea that EXTINCTION IS FOREVER, building human infrastructure on important habitats is ecocide and the loss of those habitats and their services and the added risk to species and natural communities is “forever”. Please hold the line on the urban boundary and block any efforts to build on natural lands. Without conscious protection of our natural world, humans are the greatest threat to our natural world.

Sincerely, Jim

James S. Quinn

From: M Pitilli
Sent: September 7, 2023 11:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt meeting

I'm totally opposed to the development of the Greenbelt. However as the PC gov is going ahead, I don't want to see another 25 story condo go up.

From: Richard Johnson

Sent: September 7, 2023 12:18 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@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>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Skelly, Donna <donna.skelly@pc.ola.org>; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org

Cc: Rick Johnson

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, City Councillors and MPPs Skelly and Lumsden:

I hope that you are all well; the people of Ontario and Hamilton are not well at all under the tainted and self serving Ford government. I have to tell you that there are many Hamiltonians who oppose the Ford government's Greenbelt policy who are tapped out and tired out and have little energy left to deal with an anti-democratic provincial government but I and many others are willing to continue to actively support your recent unanimous position as a city government to oppose Greenbelt development. The Ford government is counting on public fatigue and public indifference to impose their nasty will on all Hamiltonians and Ontarians! Following up on my email of deep concern to you on September 4 as well as three other previous emails, I have included an opinion piece below which you may have already read written by journalist Martin Regg Cohn in the Thursday September 7, 2023 edition of the Hamilton Spectator which states far more eloquently and accurately than I can why I remain deeply adamant that Hamilton does NOT enter into any negotiations with the Ford government (even "under protest") with regard to the use of the precious lands that this government has pulled from the Greenbelt tract for alleged "affordable" home building. The Ford government has simply manipulated the federal government's decision to bring large numbers of immigrants into Canada to their advantage by suggesting that we need to provide homes for these immigrants when in fact, the Ford government has used this not so clever ruse to poorly cover up their plan to further advantage their rich developer friends and big business supporters by profiting on the sale of these extracted Greenbelt lands. This selfish plan is about as low as dirt! Now that the whole ploy has been exposed by our two public watchdogs, it appears that Ford will now conduct a "review" (whatever that might mean) of all Greenbelt lands which suggests that Ford might declare open season on the entire Greenbelt tract. No doubt Ford has been stormed by those developers whom he did not favour and we hear nothing but crickets from those that he did favour! Hamiltonians and Ontarians are outraged about this Greenbelt scandal; we want accountability and we want all lands returned to the Greenbelt - again FULL STOP. Despite all of Ford's and Clark's admissions that the process was flawed at the very least and totally corrupt at worst, we are left with a government that is now doubling down on their plan to allow developers to make billions of dollars by paving over precious farmlands that feed us and the wetlands and forests that protect us from an increasingly greater numbers of climate catastrophes! It appears

that the Premier, despite endless attempts to duck and dive for cover from all of the truth of the matter has declared open season on the Greenbelt initiating a process to "review" every protected acre of land for it's development potential. The Ford government's obsession with the Greenbelt shows where his priorities lie. If solving the housing crisis (alleged or otherwise) is their goal, the Ford government should be starting to build homes on the thousands of acres already approved for development. How stupid does the Ford government think we are!

With all of this as a backdrop including Cohn's opinion piece which is accurately to the point, I reiterate once again that I am 100% opposed to taking any land out of the Greenbelt and in favour of adding lands to the Greenbelt. As well, I am deeply disappointed that our Hamilton City staff, despite all of the findings of the Auditor-General and Integrity Commissioner that point to a government that has manipulated the concept of democracy in Ontario to further their own selfish interests still wants to enter into discussions with the provincial government on how to develop local farmlands withdrawn from the Greenbelt tract. I would ask how much evidence do City representatives need to know that you can't deal with devil who appears to be the farthest thing from fair and reasonable? What more proof do you need that such negotiations would be an exercise in futility as the government has set it's agenda and intend to be the winners in any such negotiations. If this is about gaining political points with Hamiltonians by appearing to be reasonable partners by entering such negotiations, FORGET IT! There is absolutely nothing to be gained by sitting down with this province to hope for a few crumbs to be tossed our way! Other affected areas of the province are looking to Hamilton to be the leader in addressing and putting an end to the Ford government scheme and we have to be leaders; we cannot and must not be perceived by our community partners across the province as simply knuckling under to a bunch of self serving Tories who are using their majority to manipulate the whole democratic process to their sole advantage!

I attended the City public open house at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre last evening and was overwhelmed by the numbers of people who attended. The concern is rampantly spreading and people are realizing that this Ford government is failing us. I arrived promptly at 6:30 pm at door opening time and after waiting in line to get in was told along with about 200 or so others that the doors would be closing! All, on the one hand were disappointed that the City did not provide for all parties to participate but at the same time were so happy to see such supportive public reaction for the event. It appeared to most who didn't get in (as early as we were) that City staff underestimated the turnout for this event and need to consider an alternate larger venue for next week's event. Apologies for non entry from those in charge were courteous but hardly good enough; if you are going to ask sincerely for public input, then you need to know that you need to be prepared to accommodate that input and listen to it. Mass public turnouts are the only way to get the Ford government's attention and action; they pay no attention to small numbers so City staff need to arrange next week's meeting at a more suitable location. For your information, those not gaining entry collectively engaged outside the theatre in repeated rounds of "hey hey, ho ho, Doug Ford's gotta go!" The interest of this group of attendees was not in how we could best develop the Greenbelt but in stopping the extraction of these lands from the Greenbelt. Please keep that in mind for the next meeting on September 14. By the way, did our two local Conservative party MPPs attend the event and if not will they be in attendance on September 14? Thanks for reading my letter of concern and I remind you that these concerns are becoming more public and widespread by the day!

Sincerely, Rick Johnson Mount Hope, Ontario

From: Jim Beach
Sent: September 7, 2023 2:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Special Planning Committee Meeting

I was at the Greenbelt panning amendments public meeting in Ancaster last evening and was very impressed with the large attendance and organization of this important municipal topic. I suggest the venue for the *Thursday, September 14th* special meeting of the planning committee be relocated from the Memorial Arts Centre to the Ancaster Fairgrounds facility if possible.

There is no doubt a larger venue is required to accommodate the more than 500+ interested attendees as well as necessary convenient parking accessibility.

Thank-you.

Jim Beach

August 31, 2023

Re: Provincial Housing Plan Discussion

Mayor Horwath, City Councillors, Steve Robichard

Affordable housing is only possible if more land is made available to lower the high cost of it. Therefore members of council need the correct facts to make informed decisions. Therefore, I am sharing my 18 years of personal experience and knowledge of the GreenBelt Process. As a veterinarian and farmer, in 2005, I supported the idea of a GreenBelt which would protect the environment, wildlife and viable farm land. I also had a personal interest, as veterinarians could not incorporate in Canada, I would be paying double the amount of income tax in Ontario as other businesses did and also capital gains when I sold my practice. Therefore with no benefits or pension plan, I had invested in a piece of development property to use as a pension.

In 2005 at Public GreenBelt Meetings, I was given maps showing my property was in the area for future development and was assured by the MMAH, that it could not be put in without notification, but later it was. In order to grow the GreenBelt fast and large for political gain, the McGuinty Govt. used unreliable satellite images without anyone on the ground checking for mistakes. Therefore my property was put into the GreenBelt by mistake because of a creek on someone else's property. My local MPP (Jennifer Mossop) assured me, that this mistake would be quickly corrected, but the McGuinty Govt. used the 10 Year GreenBelt Moratorium to avoid correcting it. She was so furious by this 10 year obstruction of justice that she pressured the MMAH until they sent out a planner to confirm this blatant mistake, so my property would come out of the GreenBelt when the Moratorium ended. The Ombudsman had no power against this McGuinty abuse of power. Then in 2015, the Wynne Govt. refused to correct mistakes and instead conducted 28 Open Houses across Ont. promoting the Greenbelt, I attended all of them at my own expense to speak out and expose the cover up of mistakes in the Greenbelt. This Wynne Govt. ignored mistakes but removed 360 acres from the GreenBelt for their supporters.

On Oct 6, 2016, Ian Barrett of Colville Consulting and I met with the MMAH Planning Staff in Toronto. Our proposal for removal of my property from the GreenBelt was very well received, but we were told that decisions were controlled by politics. I was not surprised, that the Wynne Govt. was still controlling the GreenBelt Process for political gain. Now in 2023 the Ford Govt. needs to regain trust by correcting mistakes in the GreenBelt to help in the dire housing crisis. My property which I purchased 45 years ago is in the Twenty Rd East Area. It has Hamilton Water and Sewers with public transit and services such as schools, fire, police and Turner Park close by. It is bordered by houses and it has been declared not sustainable for farming. Attached is a survey of my property for review. For the last 18 years my property has been in the GreenBelt only because the dishonest McGuinty and Wynne Govts. refused to correct mistakes. Therefore I am asking Hamilton Council to ask the Ford Govt. to correct this mistake and return my property from the Greenbelt back into the Twenty Rd Area Development Lands where it belongs. If there is any concern with doing what is only right and just, I am also requesting to appear before council and the planning department to answer any questions.

Dedicated to Democracy

Dr. Tom Nugent (Veterinarian and Farmer)