



## City of Hamilton

### CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

- \*5.17 Correspondence from Joyce Arthur, Executive Director, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC) respecting information to help Hamilton pass bylaws to regulate graphic imagery of aborted fetuses.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6 of Planning Committee Report 23-018.

- \*5.18 Correspondence respecting Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)):

- \*a. Maxine Morris-Zecchini and Mario Zecchini
- \*b. Harriet Woodside
- \*c. Charles Langford
- \*d. Mary Love
- \*e. Laurel Imeson

- \*f. Robert and Teresa Busch
- \*g. David Williams
- \*h. Ron Joice
- \*i. Christine de Savigny
- \*j. Carmel Mothersill
- \*k. Jen Saunders
- \*l. Sue Yarwood
- \*m. Mike Gill
- \*n. Jen Baker
- \*o. Joanne and Ron Palangio
- \*p. Elizabeth Fedorkow
- \*q. Brenda Broer
- \*r. Julie Palmese and Family
- \*s. Natasha Huyer
- \*t. Peter Appleton
- \*u. Janice Currie
- \*v. Roman Caruk
- \*w. Carolanne Forster
- \*x. Marie Covert

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 4 of Planning Committee Report 23-018.

- \*5.19 Correspondence from Tim Nolan respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot,  
Recommendation: Be received.

## 8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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

- \*8.1 Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget

## 11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- \*11.2 Appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees.

- \*11.3 ATULocal 107 Collective Bargaining Update – no copy

Pursuant to Section 9.3 Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) Sub-section (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Information to help Hamilton pass bylaws to regulate graphic imagery of aborted fetuses

**From:** [joyce@arcc-cdac.ca](mailto:joyce@arcc-cdac.ca) <[joyce@arcc-cdac.ca](mailto:joyce@arcc-cdac.ca)>

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**Cc:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Information to help Hamilton pass bylaws to regulate graphic imagery of aborted fetuses

Dear Mayor Andrea Horwath and Councillor Maureen Wilson,

I'm the Executive Director of Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC), and am writing to strongly support the idea of Hamilton passing a "viewer discretion" bylaw to regulate flyers with graphic imagery, requiring them to be fully concealed in an envelope with a warning label and identifying info from the sender. Thank you to Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson for requesting a staff report on the feasibility of this bylaw, including looking at ways to regulate graphic imagery displayed in public spaces.

ARCC has been working for years on this issue and has developed resources to help cities. May I please provide some background information that could be of help to your staff? Please feel free to forward this email to staff, as well as to other Councillors.

**Graphic Flyers**

The graphic flyers are hand-delivered by volunteers with the anti-abortion group "Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform" (CCBR). The CCBR produces and distributes these graphics, which are sometimes purchased and distributed by local groups on behalf of the CCBR. The deliveries happen in dozens of communities across Canada and cause significant harm, especially to families with young children and people who've had miscarriages or abortions. They also violate the privacy of peoples' homes, essentially forcing them to view these images.

Six municipalities have so far passed Viewer Discretion bylaws to regulate these flyers: London ([May 2022](#)), Woodstock ([Feb 2023](#), see pg 7), Calgary ([May 2023](#)), Ingersoll ([June 2023](#)), Strathmore AB ([July 2023](#)), Okotoks AB ([Aug 2023](#)), and St. Catharines ([Sept 2023](#), see Section 7.3). Further, [Norwich](#), [Oakville](#), and [Toronto](#) are moving towards passing a flyer bylaw soon, while it's now on the agenda of other cities including Burlington, Mississauga, Vancouver, and others.

Notably, these bylaws make enforcement easier by stating that "a director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence." (wording from London's bylaw). This means it's not necessary to identify the particular volunteer who delivered the flyer – instead a municipality can charge the CCBR, which is a registered corporation in Alberta.

**Graphic signage in public**

The CCBR is also responsible for producing and showing the graphic signage shown on city streets, outside schools, and at universities. Several other municipalities are examining this issue:

- **Toronto:** On July 10, 2023, City Council passed a motion and directed the Municipal Licensing and Standards department to report to the April 2024 meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee on how to regulate the unsolicited delivery of graphic images to residences in a similar manner as in London, as well as to report on the feasibility of prohibiting advocacy signs in public that display graphic images.
- **London:** In July 2022, the Community and Protective Services Committee supported a motion to direct staff to prepare a report about potentially expanding its existing graphic flyer bylaw to also prohibit graphic images in

public. In January 2023, city staff with the Building Division, Planning and Economic Development, indicated that more time for research was required but a report is hopefully expected by the end of the year.

- **Oakville:** On June 19, 2023, Town Council directed staff to look at placing restrictions on graphic anti-abortion flyers and public displays. Staff were instructed to come back with recommendations before the end of fall, to allow the matter to be discussed as part of a review of the town's licensing bylaw.

In **Calgary**, due to the CCBR displaying graphic signage in front of high schools, the city prohibited prohibit signage outside schools in a clever way. It passed a bylaw amendment on Oct 5, 2020 to the [Temporary Signs on Highways](#) bylaw (section 3.3.1(a)). The amendment limits signs with advocacy messaging to just 5" x 3.5" within 150 metres of any Calgary school. The restriction applies from 7:30 am to 9 pm on days when students would normally be present, and does not apply on school-owned property or private property. Violators face a ticket and fine up to \$1,000. The city's law department believes the restriction is justifiable under the Charter.

#### **ARCC's resources for cities**

Our updated report to cities on [How Local Governments Can Regulate Public Messaging](#) comprehensively covers all options available to cities to control graphic images and other unacceptable messages. It describes what other municipalities have done, explains how to address constitutional issues related to freedom of expression, and contains Appendices with bylaw excerpts, stories of the harms of the graphic images, and upheld complaints to Ad Standards. (Please feel free to share this report with City Councillors and staff, but not publicly.)

In the meantime, if Councillors receive complaints from their constituents about graphic flyers, they can encourage residents to use our [Provincial Trespass Remedy](#) to protect their homes from people delivering the graphic flyers.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Article 11.2 on Agenda Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)) (Wards 11 and 12)

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**From:** Maxine Morris-Zecchini

**Sent:** November 7, 2023 9:27 AM

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**Subject:** Article 11.2 on Agenda Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)) (Wards 11 and 12)

Please deny this development which will have a disastrous effect on our wetlands. The "Move The Marsh" effort must be stopped.

Maxine Morris-Zecchini and Mario Zecchini  
Ancaster Residents and Taxpayers

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Stay firm

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**From:** Harriet Woodside

**Sent:** November 6, 2023 5:53 PM

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**Subject:** Stay firm

Our City has put up an effective and seemingly successful fight to save natural land, contain urban sprawl and make sensible plans for creating more housing within city boundaries. Let's not lose your resolve now. Please DON'T agree to new roads and buildings in the area around the airport at the Council meeting on November 9th.

Thank you.

Harriet Woodside  
Ward 13

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** AEGD planning proposal needs to be delayed

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**Subject:** AEGD planning proposal needs to be delayed

Hello Clerk and Councillors,

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

Are we going to truly build warehouses on greenspaces during a climate emergency??  
For 39 low paying warehouse jobs per hectare?

1. At that meeting we heard \$75million to be paid by taxpayers? does this sound fair with those kind of employment numbers?
2. The expansion lands have not be removed from this plan. Nothing can go forward until they lands are removed.
3. This plan will cost \$500 Million - some of it will be borne by developers and some by taxpayers up front. What will our tax base pay? how can taxpayers possibly afford more property taxes in this inflationary disaster we're living in?
4. How is the environment and its natural heritage a last resort? to be dealt with AFTER everything is said and done?

Can we please delay this and discuss properly the implications here?

Please delay

thank you



**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** How many times?

**From:** Mary Love

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**Subject:** How many times?

Dear Mayor Horwath and City Councillors,

After all the efforts made by yourselves, the City staff, and countless Hamilton citizens like myself to win back the Hamilton Greenbelt and urban expansion lands, I can't believe we have nature-destroying developers at the gates again!

I think you have been very clear with the Province that Hamiltonians want and expect you to protect Nature, and I am calling on you to be as clear with ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia. In this case the stakes are equally high, though the acreage is lower. If not forcefully protected, we stand to lose the tributaries and headwaters of Ancaster Creek, the beautiful Garner Marsh, and all the wetlands, woodlots, hedgerows, ponds, and other natural habitat that the proposed AEGD "Madster" Transportation Plan would destroy.

We need more respect for nature, not more roads! Biodiversity is under huge threat and is much more important than saving seconds on commutes that should be achieved by public transit and by making new jobs and neighbourhoods within the urban boundary Hamilton voted to keep.

An important aspect of the societal shift we must make in this century is not just reducing the number of cars and roads, but the rampant consumerism these huge warehouses represent. Consumerism fuelled by manipulative advertising uses up too many resources, makes too much waste, and inevitably leads to proposals such as this one that threaten to ravage farmlands, wetlands, and woodlands. More and more consumer products do not make people happier and healthier; they just make a few people richer and richer! Healthier relationships with our fellow humans, the land and its creatures makes people happier and healthier. You as our city's elected officials have an opportunity to foster those healthier relationships in your public messaging, and in your decisions.

There's so much wrong with these highway and warehouse proposals! Reliance on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel is just plain dishonest and profoundly stupid. I saw the same thing in the developers' webinar on widening highway 6. It won't wash anymore!

This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

I feel for you in this confusing situation because the urban boundary lands are in the process of being returned but there they are in the AEGD proposal because it was put together before the Province backed down. Surely a hold should be put on this proposal as not only its heritage markers but even its actual available land parameters are all out of date?

To paraphrase a famous song Pete Seeger loved to sing, Hamiltonians won't stand for this:

Where have all the turtles (hedgerows, marshes, barn owls, farmlands) gone, long time passing?

Where have all the turtles gone, long time ago?

Where have all the turtles gone? Gone for warehouses/highways, every one,

When will they/we ever learn?

As an 8 year old child's sign at a recent Dundas rally said,

"Nature is worth more than money."

Hamilton young people are counting on you to say No! to these kinds of massive developments that rob them of precious and irreplaceable farmland and animal and plant species forever.

We are all treaty people, and I count on you to honour the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Stop developers from taking much more than their share of wealth from these Indigenous lands and from dirtying the dish!

Respectfully,

Mary Love

Ward 7

Sent from my iPhone

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Against proposal for 370 Garner Road E

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**From:** Laurel Imeson

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**Subject:** Against proposal for 370 Garner Road E

Hello,

This proposal relies on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel. Building roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises. Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands is dangerous and destructive industrial sprawl. The proposed mammoth buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots. Moving the marsh is not a solution. As well, we need to protect all remaining farmland.

Thank you for your consideration of this. The province is watching Hamilton carefully.  
Laurel Imeson

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Concerns about warehouse development on wetlands and farmland in Ancaster

From: Teresa Busch

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Subject: Concerns about warehouse development on wetlands and farmland in Ancaster

Good day,

As long time Ancaster residents since 1976, we hereby register our deep concern about the proposal that ONE properties, Urban Solutions, and Sergio's Manchia wish to build massive warehouses onto the Garner Marsh, obliterating the headwaters of the Ancaster Creek and causing permanent injury to its natural wetlands including wildlife, plants, etc., paving over paradise as it were.

In this age of heightened awareness of, and reality of climate change, it makes no sense to us to undermine and destroy wild areas that are desperately needed to help protect us and all creatures who depend on it. It's unconscionable and terribly short-sighted! Surely we can do better, not only for ourselves now, but looking forward to the future generations.

Thank you,  
Robert and Teresa Busch

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Airport area road network

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**From:** David Lloyd

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**Subject:** Airport area road network

Good evening Clerk, Councillors and Madam Mayor,

Please add my email to the Nov 8 2023 Council agenda respecting the Aerotropolis - Transportation Masterplan

I wish to express my surprise that a **\$500 million road network** for the Aerotropolis was passed at the Oct 31 planning meeting with very few questions about how those costs will filter down to taxpayers. It has not escaped my notice that councillors who regularly obstruct progressive policies with far smaller price tags, simply looked the other way and voted to pass this gargantuan expense. What a painfully obvious double standard.

I am requesting that someone put this plan on ice until such time as we know

Exactly who will pay for it and how the costs will be broken down?

Whether any other provincial legislation will reduce the development charges that would be payable?

Whether we will be forced to pay for roads to be built first and collect development charges later?

Whether the cost will outweigh the benefit?

What kind of jobs will the area attract?

What kind of tax base do logistics complexes offer?

Please pause this plan and only proceed once you have asked the right questions and received satisfactory answers.

David Williams

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Airport business park

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**From:** Ron Joice

**Sent:** November 6, 2023 8:08 AM

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

**Subject:** Airport business park

Please stop and consider what damage will be done by this development to our environment. Apply current standards and environmental protection to this project, Stop the destruction before it starts.

Ron Joice

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Roads, Warehouses at the Airport

From: Christiane de Savigny

Sent: November 5, 2023 7:08 PM

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: Roads, Warehouses at the Airport

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am asking you to consider what is at stake if wetlands and sensitive ecosystems near the airport are eliminated in favour of roads and warehouses. Industrial sprawl in times of warming climate and the fallout of it, such as increased precipitation and loss of species will only exacerbate the bad situation the world is in. Paved over wetlands cannot absorb downpours, fauna and flora once lost cannot be brought back. Paved roads, large roof and walls store heat and add to warming. Money could be much better spent for healthcare, especially when we can expect that costs in this sector to increase as the environment heats up.

Please be the councillor that thinks ahead and weighs carefully how that kind of expansion is handled. Be intelligent, be concerned, be considerate and be kind to all species, including humans and their future.

Thank you.

Christiane de Savigny

Ancaster

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Wetlands

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**From:** Mothersill, Carmel

**Sent:** November 5, 2023 4:42 PM

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**Subject:** Wetlands

Please don't build roads through Hamilton's few remaining wetlands.

Carmel Mothersill  
Canada Research Chair, McMaster University



**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Warehouse development on Hamilton farmland and wetlands

**From:** LSAUNDERS

**Sent:** November 5, 2023 3:45 PM

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**Subject:** Warehouse development on Hamilton farmland and wetlands

I am very concerned about the industrial sprawl and the taxpayer's responsibilities to the AEGD.

. [Item 11.2 on the agenda](#). The \$10 Million per km network will be partially funded **through the tax levy** and will blanket the 1300 acre parcel with roads that plough through wetlands, woodlots, streams, hedgerows and habitat. It is a plan designed to suit warehouse developers and based on a natural heritage map of Hamilton that was created way back in 2011 and desperately needs updating.

There are already massive issues with flooding and overland water as a result of the area development

The proposal for 370 Garner Road E demonstrates how buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots.

The [warehouse complex](#) that ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia wish to drop onto the Garner Marsh, headwaters of Ancaster Creek is at 140 Garner Road east in the northwest corner of the AEGD was not approved

Some concerns with the road network are:

-A \$500 Million dollar construction price tag, a percentage of which **taxpayers will be funding**. Exactly what percentage is unclear. What we do know is that future repairs, maintenance, replacement of roadways will be borne 100% by taxpayers. Hamilton is currently behind in infrastructure repairs by \$2 Billion so building more roads when we cannot maintain the ones we currently own would only add to the deficit. Further understanding is required before this expense is approved.

-Three of the roads on the Transportation Master Plan plough through the urban expansion area farmland which the province has now promised to remove from the urban area. This plan should not be approved until the urban expansion area roads are removed.

-Reliance on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel.

This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of climate change

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter  
Jen Saunders

**Subject:** Garner Marsh

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**From:** Sue Yarwood

**Sent:** November 5, 2023 3:14 PM

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**Subject:** Garner Marsh

I call on city council to recognize this historic opportunity to make a bold and precedent setting statement to defend Nature...

even if it adds costs to private development.

Your decision to protect the Garner Marsh ( a natural resource that provides ALL Hamilton citizens with immeasurable value as the headwaters of Ancaster Creek) can place Hamilton on the global map of those willing to protect our increasingly fragile earth.

Requiring that the warehouse proposed for Garner Rd. be built on infinitely less sensitive ecosystems

makes the profound statement that Hamilton takes its part in land stewardship seriously.

I expect a city willing to show such necessary leadership will attract much beneficial attention.

Trusting in your decision to, literally, draw a line in the sand,

Susan Yarwood

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Million dollar roads to nowhere**From:** Mike Gill**Sent:** November 5, 2023 3:10 PM

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**Subject:** Fwd: Million dollar roads to nowhere

I have been reading about this horrible plan to pave over the wetlands at 140 Garner Rd. in Hamilton for many years. It cannot go ahead. You are aware that the wetland feeds Ancaster Creek which runs through 10 kilometers of sensitive environmental lands. This affects hundreds of properties in Hamilton and will have a drastic effect on plants and animals that live here.

I am outraged and it absolutely must be stopped.

Michael Gill  
resident of ward 14, Hamilton, ON

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Save our Streams Hamilton via ActionNetwork.org** <[info+sustainable-steeltown-info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info+sustainable-steeltown-info@email.actionnetwork.org)>

Date: Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere

To:

## MILLION DOLLAR ROADS THROUGH HAMILTON WETLANDS

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan. [Item 11.2 on the agenda](#). The \$10 Million per km network will be partially funded **through the tax levy** and will blanket the 1300 acre parcel with roads that plough through wetlands, woodlots, streams, hedgerows and habitat. It is a plan designed to suit warehouse developers and based on a natural heritage map of Hamilton that was created way back in 2011 and desperately needs updating.

To get an idea of what is coming for the AEGD watch [this short promo video](#) of the proposal for 370 Garner Road E which gleefully demonstrates how their mammoth buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots.

The [warehouse complex](#) that ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia wish to drop onto the Garner Marsh, headwaters of Ancaster Creek is at 140 Garner Road east in the northwest corner of the AEGD (at "H" on the map below). That application ended up at the Ontario Land Tribunal when the HCA refused to issue a permit to "move the marsh".

Some concerns with the road network are:

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This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

Please take five minutes and use [THIS LINK](#) to copy and paste straight into your "To" box the contact emails of all councillors and the Mayor and urge them in your own words to put the

brakes on this multi million dollar roads through wetlands scheme at the council meeting on Wednesday, November 9.

**Please send your email by noon on Tuesday November 8 so it appears on the public agenda for the Wednesday council meeting.**

Read Environment Hamilton's take [HERE](#)

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## **PROVINCE ROLLS BACK URBAN EXPANSION AND GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you to everyone who wrote and called MPPs and Councillors, rallied, attended meetings and generally pressured the Ontario government to backtrack on its plans to develop on the Greenbelt and the Urban Expansion lands. People power has won the day! Stay tuned for a newsletter next week to let everyone know what steps we can take to make sure our urban boundary is restored and 5400 acres of prime farmland is saved.

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Save our Streams team 🌿🐸🐸🦋🦋🌳



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**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

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**From:** Jen Baker

**Sent:** November 5, 2023 2:17 PM

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**Subject:** proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

Hello Mayor and Councilors,

After the incredible wins with reversal of the land grabs through Greenbelt and forced urban boundary expansion, I think it is prudent to take a step back and re-evaluate plans, particularly those that might have some changes with the reversed decisions. This includes the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan.

I believe staff made some changes to the initial plan after the news about the forced urban boundary expansion. Now that Hamilton will be sticking with the no urban boundary expansion, I think that some of the roads in the proposed plan will no longer be needed. Given the environmental sensitivity of the roads going through natural areas, and the cost of each kilometre of road, I urge you to wait until all of the information is available, including updated natural history data for the area. This will allow decisions about the official plan to be made to ensure that the roads development that is done fits with city-wide plans.

It makes sense to pause on this proposed TMP until more information is available, particularly now that Hamilton can make its own decisions again. Let's make sure that the decisions make sense for future planning and not rush forward.

Sincerely,  
Jen Baker  
Ward 1 resident

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Email Hamilton city council — Save Our Streams

From: Joanne Palangio

Sent: November 6, 2023 1:08 PM

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: Email Hamilton city council — Save Our Streams

Good Morning Mayor Horwath and Hamilton Councillors,

Since The Hamilton Spectator first reported on the proposed industrial expansion for a large warehouse project on Garner Road, at the Garner Marsh, my family has been concerned; concerned for the disruption of wetlands at the headwaters of the Ancaster stream system, destruction of habitat for endangered species, proposed roads built through farmland that the province has recently promised to remove from the urban expansion areas, and ultimately costs downloaded to taxpayers associated with this development, both for the development and for future road maintenance.

Also concerning is the recent revelations that Sergio Manchia had met with Premier Doug Ford to have his land removed from the Greenbelt for his development projects. So from an integrity point of view how much of this project is strictly in the benefit of the developers alone.

It is our opinion that this project should be put on hold to further ascertain the value versus the cost to nature and Hamilton tax payers.

Regards,  
Joanne and Ron Palangio



**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Save our streams

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Elizabeth Fedorkow

**Sent:** November 7, 2023 9:43 AM

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**Cc:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Save our streams

**Importance:** High

Dear members of Hamilton Council

I am very concerned about the proposed plan for the road network and have a number of questions that need your response.

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I look forward to hearing from you, your response and the need to put the brakes on this devastation to the the future of our environment.

Regards

Elizabeth Fedorkow

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** warehouse development - garner rd.

From: brenda broer

Sent: November 7, 2023 8:27 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: warehouse development - garner rd.

Hello to all,

I wanted to share my opinion on the proposed Garner Rd. warehouse development. I am very much opposed to this development.

The land around hamilton is so precious we cannot pave over this resource. There are many places to put warehouses which are already part of hamilton's infrastructure. The cost to taxpayers is completely irresponsible. We need to develop in hamilton where empty storefronts, and parking lots are all waiting to be developed. Places where roads, bus service, and sewers exist already.

Do the right thing!

thank you

Brenda Broer

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Roads through the wetlands

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**From:** Julie Palmese

**Sent:** November 5, 2023 10:01 PM

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**Subject:** Roads through the wetlands

From a family of 5 voters,

Kindly pause the plans to build roads through the wetlands until the effect on nature and the cost to the public purse have been assessed properly with enough time to do a thorough job. It's better to avoid making a mistake than have to fix it. Do what is best for the place we all call home. You are our appointed stewards and the people born after us will have to live with your decisions. So be well informed and make educated decisions.

Sincerely,

Julie Palmese and family

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** development on Garner Marsh

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**From:** NatashaH

**Sent:** November 5, 2023 2:07 PM

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**Subject:** development on Garner Marsh

Marshes are fragile ecosystems and yet do a massive amount of work in cleaning our air and water. It is impossible to 'move' such an ecosystem. Please do not develop this marsh.

Thank you,  
Natasha Huyer

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Million dollar roads to nowhere

**From:** Peter Appleton

**Sent:** November 6, 2023 10:54 AM

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**Subject:** Million dollar roads to nowhere

Hello Clerk and Councillors,

We are in the middle of a life altering climate emergency. Our biodiversity has never been in worse shape. Food security is become a serious problem. Freshwater is being contaminated with runoff and microplastics.

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

1. At that meeting it appears they said **taxpayers would have to pay around \$75M for this? Is this accurate, is this acceptable?** Can Hamilton afford this for 39 jobs per hectare? Most of those jobs will be automated within the decade.....
2. Currently the plan they are going to approve still shows three roads in the urban expansion lands which should be removed. **Wait until the urban boundary areas are removed** and the approved and accurate map with no roads in the urban expansion farmland.
3. This plan will cost \$500 Million - some of it will be borne by developers and some by taxpayers up front, but how much? We don't know. How much will it cost over its entire lifetime? Why build more infrastructure when we can't pay for what we have? **We currently have a \$2billion deficit** in worn out infrastructure through the rest of the city.
4. Why is natural heritage the last consideration? Update the natural heritage mapping first then design the road network.  
After the hard work done by scientists regarding Greenbelt removals and expansion lands we know that there are at least **8 federally protected SPECIES AT RISK in this area**. The federal government will be notified about this. The Canadian Wilderness Committee has also been notified and we look forward to presenting this information.

***thank you for your cooperation and i ask that you DELAY the Nov 8th meeting and all approvals***

Peter Appleton

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** AEGD roadworks

From: Janice currie

Sent: November 6, 2023 2:27 PM

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Subject: AEGD roadworks

I have recently read the Spectator article concerning proposed roadworks through the AEGD and the urban expansion lands which the province has now promised to remove from the urban boundary. I would implore you to avoid committing to any decision to approve such roadwork at this time. Any such consideration should only be made once the urban boundary has been (hopefully) finalized.  
Janice Currie

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Warehouse development on farmlands and wetlands

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**From:** Roman Caruk

**Sent:** November 6, 2023 4:20 PM

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**Subject:** Warehouse development on farmlands and wetlands

Scientists across the globe and the United Nations are appealing to all communities to preserve all natural ecosystems and biodiversity.

The masterplan that intends to cover about 1300 acres with roads that will destroy farmlands, wetlands, woodlots, steams, hedgerows and habitats is unacceptable.

The COP15 conference on biodiversity in Monreal clearly mandated countries to protect its own biodiversity.

The cost to the city of about 500 million dollars is not acceptable. This is paid in part by taxpayers. However, 100% of future repair and replacement costs comes from taxpayers.

I know that developers will be running to the Ontario Land Tribunal to get the permits. I appeal to staff and council to oppose this massive use of taxpayers money to appease developers. An environmental assessment will never approve this destruction of our biodiversity.

Roman Caruk

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** AEGD Item 11.2 Planning Committee Meeting November 8/2023 Delegation

**From:** Carolanne Forster

**Sent:** November 6, 2023 4:14 PM

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**Subject:** AEGD Item 11.2 Planning Committee Meeting November 8/2023 Delegation

Dear Mayor Horwath and City Councillors:

This letter is to request a **delay** of the AEGD Transportation Master Plan before your committee today. Information about this plan has put a price tag of \$500 Million dollars with an unknown percentage of which the Hamilton **taxpayers will be funding**. As I drove across Hamilton Mountain, from west to east and back today, for a rare Hospital appointment, my entire trip was on crumbling roads. Clearly Hamilton has a massive infrastructure deficit. With the City in tatters, you are considering barreling **new roads** through headwaters of the **Ancaster Creek**, kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots. All in the pursuit of warehouse sprawl! And at an unknown cost to the beleaguered Hamilton taxpayer.

Three of these new roads plough through the urban expansion farmland, which the residents of this City fought to preserve, and the Province has now promised to restore to farmland.

Lastly, the 'natural heritage map' being used is from 2011 and does not even identify all of the natural features contained within these sensitive rural areas. These facts tell me, and I speak for many citizens with the same concerns, this warehouse sprawl must stop. Fix the roads we have already paid for, and work to **preserve every natural feature that remains**.

Respectfully yours,  
Carolanne Forster  
Ward 12 Resident



**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Next Planning Meeting submission - AEGD - Transportation Master Plan

**From:** Marie Covert

**Sent:** November 6, 2023 4:11 PM

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**Subject:** Next Planning Meeting submission - AEGD - Transportation Master Plan

Dear Mayor Horwath, and Honourable City Councillors,

When discussion of the updated AEGD - Transportation Master Plan occurs at the next Planning Committee meeting, please consider a delay in approving the TMP. Consider a pause, please, until the lands forced into the AEGD by the Urban Boundary Expansion are fully delineated and then removed. That is the only way to make an informed decision: to work with the most correct and current information. In this way, everyone - Planners, Growth Management, and yourselves - do the work only once and do it correctly. This is much more efficient than making interim decisions which then must be re-worked.

As you wait for updated maps with complete studies of streams, wetlands, thickets, and other natural features, perhaps you can consider different ways to approach the TMP.

1. Discover the most productive, least costly method of land use and development:
  - a. Rather than starting construction from the outermost perimeter of the Study Lands and working towards already completed spaces, consider expanding outwards from the areas already completed and closest to the working airport and cargo areas. This is certainly the fastest and most efficient way to access new lands and erect new buildings because of the already existing road work. By starting as close to existing warehouses, as close to runways as possible, expansion will occur only as it is needed and when/if it is needed. Please don't begin the major roadways, sidewalks, trails, bike paths, etc., at the extreme outer edge of the AEGD and then work inwards, destroying everything as you go.
2. Do the least harm:
  - a. From the perspective of climate change and all the protection which these lands will provide to Hamiltonians, please work around all the natural features: the streams (some yet to be mapped), the wetlands, the thickets, and hedgerows which provide habitat for our now endangered, threatened, and at-risk species. Acres of warehouses, pavement, asphalt roads, and cement stormwater management ponds provide NO deterrent from flooding, soil erosion, and landslides. In fact, the construction of them and their mere existent will exacerbate an already perilous situation. Please conduct the Environmental Impact Assessments **first, before drafting a Plan**. That is the only way to guarantee smart development, allowing generous

buffers, planning for safe corridors and tunnels for animals and water creatures – instead of tacking them on as an afterthought – “if it’s feasible”.

- b. Turtles have navigated this earth for 325,000 years but now, 7 of the 8 species of turtles found in Ontario are threatened, according to the Toronto Zoo. Seven out of eight, many of whom reside on the lands under study! After 325,000 years, whole species face annihilation.
- c. The AEGD is home to 4 different watersheds, the Ancaster watershed being the most powerful and significant for Hamilton. As the climate crisis escalates and every city/province faces unknown extreme weather events, the residents need assurance that all offices of the Municipal government are working together to ensure the best outcomes. By pausing any decision making, there will be time to include input from the Biodiversity Action Plan project, the Office of Climate Change, the Tree Canopy Program, and multiple other environmental groups whose experts understand the importance of maintaining as many natural features as possible. In fact, we should be restoring those areas which have become degraded and trying to create more habitat for birds and bats and bees. Hamilton and surrounding areas have been remarkably lucky, so far, in that we have not experienced winds and flooding such as seen in Europe. It is just luck. Now, without the oversight and guidance of the Conservation Authorities, whose powers have been stripped by the provincial government, the expert hydrologists, ecohydrologists, biologists, etc., are no longer on hand to ensure safe water management and safe construction practices. We have been ‘protected’ by the Conservation Authorities for 70 years, and now, when we need them most, they are not available. In the absence of their expertise, you must exercise extreme caution in decision-making as Hamilton residents face double jeopardy with respect to the safety of their homes and property.

### 3. Employment:

- a. While employment must be one of your main goals and consideration, please be wary of promises made by ambitious developers. Ontario has learned, to its detriment, that developers have only one objective and that is NOT the well-being of towns, residents, or even employees. While the promises are alluring, the reality may be very different and it will be too late to call the developers into account when warehouses populated by robots and managed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) engulf our landscape. Please look at this Image of an Amazon warehouse. [Amazon roles out robots to pack orders and replace jobs](#) There are no employees. Amazon proudly shows this kind of warehouse in their online marketing.
- b. The Star reported this week: [https://www.thestar.com/business/more-than-a-third-of-ontario-job-vacancies-remained-unfilled-report-finds-and-sick-days/article\\_d48868a0-b704-590c-b728-ee0ae0781e6c.html](https://www.thestar.com/business/more-than-a-third-of-ontario-job-vacancies-remained-unfilled-report-finds-and-sick-days/article_d48868a0-b704-590c-b728-ee0ae0781e6c.html)



More than a third of Ontario job vacancies remained unfilled, report finds — and sick days are surging too. “Of all job vacancies in Ontario, 36.3 per cent remained unfilled for 90 days or more in the third quarter of 2022, according to the Financial Accountability Office’s report on the province’s labour market performance last year, released on Tuesday.” Jobs are available, but they are low-paying, with no prospect of promotion or advancement and do not allow families to pay their bills. More warehouse jobs will not change this sad scenario.

In closing, this TMP requires much more thought. It states that more land and funding will be required. "Many of the recommended projects are already captured in the Ten-Year Capital Forecast and the Development Charges Background Study, but will **need increased funding to support additional infrastructure to implement Complete Streets elements, wider ditches, additional land, and account for inflation.**" The obvious questions are how much more land? How much more funding? Clearly, the Planning and Economic Development Department is not in tune with Hamilton residents who cannot afford adequate shelter, food, or clothing yet who are asked at every turn to support Food Banks because the shelves are empty. This is a time for belt-tightening - not huge expenditures.

Please take the time to ask more questions, protect our natural features, and tread gently on this good Earth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Covert  
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**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot**From:** Nolan, Tim**Sent:** November 7, 2023 11:36 AM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot

To the Clerk,

The message below is being sent to members of City Council for deliberation at its meeting on Wednesday, November 08, 2023. Please advise of any questions. Thank you so much.

Tim Nolan

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To Mayor and Members of City Council,

The Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (AHA) writes to request Council respectfully reconsider its decision with regard to the HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot.

Should Council and the HSR continue as planned with the Fare Assist program there will be a significant and adverse impact upon persons who live both with a disability and in poverty. The program as cited by the HSR Director will make transit better for across-the-board for HSR passengers. However, for the most vulnerable and economically challenged HSR passengers the program as designed will cause irrevocable harm.

The AHA was established in 2022 to address concerns with accessibility as they affect seniors, persons with disabilities and taxpayers in the City of Hamilton and beyond. The AHA has been supported by many individuals and organizations across the City and province. The undersigned are supportive of this correspondence and position undertaken by AHA on the Fare Assist matter.

There exists an indisputable correlation between disability and poverty. Hamilton has one of the largest populations of persons with disabilities (27.7%) per capita compared with Ontario and Canada. There is equally a strong correlation between disability and poverty with 28% of people with disabilities living below the poverty line (Canada Survey on Disability, 2017) with an annual income of less than \$19,100 annually. The unemployment rate for persons with disabilities is between 24% - 69% depending upon severity of disability (Canada Survey on Disability 2017). The median income for people with severe disabilities is less than half of that for people without a disability (Canada Survey on Disability, 2017).

Many people with disabilities survive with income only from Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program; that means a monthly income of less than \$1,300 or less than \$16,000 annually. Rent alone consumes as much as 77% of total support. This leaves very little for food and even less for transit. Property insurance is nothing more than a passing thought. Transportation then is but a luxury to the most vulnerable disabled.

No cost transit for persons with disabilities, and in particular persons with disabilities living at or below the poverty line, in Hamilton has been a benefit for at least 25 years and as many as 75 years. The City by its actions has established a dependency upon affordable transit which it cannot now simply reverse without some form of substitution for its most economically and disabled citizens. No cost transportation is more akin to an income support mechanism than it is a free ride.

The AHA understands that Hamilton may be the only transit property in the local area which currently grants no cost transit to persons with disabilities. However, other municipalities have granted near 0 transit costs by requiring persons with disabilities pay only a nominal annual fee for transit (e.g. \$10 per year in London). Were a person with a disability to take four return trips weekly aboard a bus, and assuming they qualify for the 30% discounted fare, they would pay \$15.50 per week or \$804 annually. From where is this money supposed to come when their annual income is below \$19,100 annually or less?

According to HSR staff many community agencies purchase bus tickets from the HSR to support people who use their programs. But, typically it is only people with more severe disabilities who participate in community programs. What about the rest of the people who have no connection with community agencies and therefore do not receive any bus fare support? Who covers the cost of this bus fare support to community agencies? The City? A great deal of effort, time and cost can be saved if the City were to simply waive bus fares rather than to transfer funds to agencies to pay for bus fares.

In the opinion of the AHA the Fare Assist program ought to be paused in order that many of the foregoing issues involved in transit for people with disabilities can be more closely explored. However, it is understood that Council may not have the appetite to put a pause on the program.

Council, then, at the very least must respect the significant and adverse affect this program will have upon the disabled poor in our community. In this regard Council must at the very least direct staff, now, to revisit the Fare Discount Schedule with the view to ensuring that the most economically vulnerable disabled members of Hamilton continue to travel aboard the HSR at no cost for the life of the pilot. Additionally, City staff ought to be directed by Council to consult persons with disabilities and advocates (including agencies) about how people with disabilities and their transit practices can be tracked during the life of the pilot such that the HSR has the necessary metrics to make a more informed decision about transit needs of people with disabilities at the conclusion of the pilot.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

The Accessibility Hamilton Alliance  
Above and Beyond  
The Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) Hamilton Chapter  
The Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) National  
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
The Ontario Disability Coalition

40 individuals from the community who also endorse the letter and can be identified upon request.

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# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: November 8, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. CASSAR.....**

**Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget)  
for the 2024 Budget**

WHEREAS, Council has been delegated the power to appoint the chair and vice chair of the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor J.P. Danko, be appointed Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget; and
- (b) That Councillor M. Wilson, be appointed Vice Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget.