

October 5, 2015

Planning Committee, City Council and Hamilton Planning Staff,
City of Hamilton,
71 Main St. West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

**Re: Rural Zoning By-Law 15-173 / SE 253, and Associated amendments regularizing illegal
Landscape Contracting Establishments**

Dear Hamilton City Council, Planning Committee members, and Hamilton Planning Staff,

As you may know, our organization, the Coalition for Rural Ontario environmental Protection ("CROP"), has filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board concerning Special Exception 253 in by-law 15-173. CROP opposes the Special Exception's attempt to regularize illegal Landscape Contracting Establishments in rural Flamborough.

As you know, both our legal counsel and land use planner concur with the City of Hamilton's Planning Division staff that "this Special Exception is not in conformity with the Greenbelt Plan". The Staff Report PED13167(d) for the October 6, 2015 Planning Committee meeting recommends amending by-law 15-173 to include 23 additional illegal Landscape Contracting Establishments.

Please note that CROP opposes this by-law amendment, and should it be passed by Council, will appeal it the Ontario Municipal Board.

Best regards,

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