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**Subject:** Hamilton Planning - Plan Review Special Meeting Dec. 3, 2015

Dear Chair Partridge and members of the Planning Committee.

Thank you for acknowledging the importance of the Coordinated Plan Review and holding a Special Planning Meeting on Dec. 3, 2015 to discuss the City Plan Review Proposals.

If I am able to attend tomorrow, I would like to be considered as a speaker in order that I may be part of any possible process that this review may have going forward. I understand that sadly, in general, there is no process in place that provides a further public comprehensive process but I can hope that something may happen. This review is important.

In the event that I am unable to attend and/or speak, I offer the following. Due to a shortage of time during this busy season to fully review Report PED15078(a) I will highlight some issues.

1) *page 13 of 25 in the report 3.2.1 Remove Lower Stoney Creek Area (104 ha) We are part of Block B. The Chart on Page 13 states Urban uses can take advantage of existing and planned transportation and infrastructure (hard and soft) in close proximity. As an 'expert resident' of Block B, I can assure you that we have been told for over 30 years that sewers for our homes that face onto Highway 8, Fifty Road and Barton Street do not exist because a pumping station is required. Taking this area out of the Greenbelt will mean that the City of Hamilton will have to finance the urbanization of this land as there is very little developable land in this quadrant.....I would guess at approx. 10 Acres if the residents were to sell off the rear portions of their lots. Be careful what you wish for.*

2) Page 46 of 91 of the Dillon Report states Area R1 – Lower Stoney Creek is Not Suitable for Removal because

- \* Contains some Natural Heritage features (City)
- Contiguous with existing Greenbelt.
- Greenbelt Plan Designation: Tender Fruit and Grape.
- Official Plan designation: Specialty Crop.
- Allows for some rural amenities and assets (i.e., Winona Gardens)

Couple this statement with Strategic Priority #3 and the end result for the use of our property is extremely unclear. Sorry, again due to time constraints I can not find the exact reference to Strategic Priority #3 at this time

3) We respectfully remind the Committee of the email of agreement between ourselves and Staff, dated June 2010. Therefore Strategic Priority #3 makes us very nervous.

4) While I applaud the City's attempts to involve the public in this process, I am once again concerned about that process. Except for landowners looking to develop in Block B, I feel strongly that the majority of our neighbours are unaware of the Ramifications of the City's proposals. The better way to inform is with direct mail. Councillors Conley and Pearson will recall the problems in the former City of Stoney Creek regarding the OP in the Winona Area when the farmers were only circulated with a newspaper-like notice.

5) Also having attended one of the Open Houses for the Review, I voice strong objections to the process used at it. The majority of those present were those who had something financial to gain not those who may lose in any way; again due to the process of notification possibly. The process at the Open House favoured those who stand to gain financially.

I submit this for your review and hope that I will get an opportunity to finish my review of Report PED15078(a)

Respectfully,  
Georgina Beattie