



## BISHOP OF HAMILTON

September 12, 2016

City of Hamilton - City Council  
71 Main Street West,  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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Attn: Mayor Fred Eisenberger and Members of City Council

**RE: September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Planning Committee Item 8.4, Coordinated Provincial Plan Review (Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Greenbelt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan – City of Hamilton Comments on May 2016 Draft Plans (PED15078(b))**

Your Worship and Members of City Council:

I understand that at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting, a resolution was passed to place lands in the Book Road West/Shaver Road area into the Greenbelt, and that this resolution will be considered at the next City Council meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton which represents approximately 150,000 Catholics in the Hamilton area owns 38 plus acres in the Book Road area that is the subject of this resolution.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton was not informed that the Planning Committee was considering putting these lands in the Greenbelt. I am very concerned that by ratifying the Planning Committee resolution at the next Council meeting, our property will be prohibited from further development related to Diocese activities.

I respectfully request that City Council defer any decision on this motion until the Diocese has an opportunity to consult with Council and staff.

Yours very sincerely,

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Bishop of Hamilton

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Episcopal Director of Finance and Administration

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