

Subject: PLEASE DELAY ACTION ON HAMILTON GROWTH PLAN

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Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Thank you for the work you continue to do under difficult circumstances.

We ask you to delay adopting the proposed growth plan for Hamilton. We need time for good consultation with citizens. Halton Region got a delay in a unanimous vote on Feb. 17th.

We need to delay this until after Covid restrictions have passed and citizens can once again assemble and have an active voice in how our city grows.

We should not lock in sprawl for 30 years by adopting the Ford government's "market driven" policy changes.

-Our agricultural land in the areas outside our present boundary is Class 1 and 2. We shouldn't risk losing these lands to large lots for expensive suburban tract housing.

-Sprawl is the key lever in locking in greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, the CEEP consultant for Hamilton.

-New sprawling subdivisions cost taxpayers more with added infrastructure, as you are well aware.

At the March 29 meeting, please support the motion introduced by Councilor Brad Clark and seconded by Brenda Johnson to ask for a delay.

Hamilton Council should ask the Province to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

With respect,

Rose Janson and Family

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