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**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]We must delay reconsidering Hamilton's growth and development plans, not rush it -- please support Clr. Brad Clark's motion

## Hello Councillor Wilson,

I am writing as a proud Ward 1 constituent but also want every other Councillor and the Mayor to read my comments below.

It is vitally important that we in the City of Hamilton not allow ourselves to be pushed around by the current provincial government regarding our municipal development plans.

As you are aware, the province has revised municipal planning guidelines to include population projections to 2051, lowered density targets for new development and enacted a "market-driven" approach to planning for new residential.

I urge you to support Councillor Brad Clark's motion to **delay Hamilton's Official Review Plans (MRC)**. The region of Halton voted unanimously on Feb 17 to pause their planning. I believe we must follow suit. .

We **must not lock in sprawl until 2051**. Land use planning is the key lever in locking in or locking out greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, a leading energy consultant for many Canadian municipalities including Burlington.

Constituents cannot be properly consulted given COVID restrictions. Many of us do not have internet access or lack the expertise to use Zoom software in order to delegate. Critical decisions which will impact Hamilton for the next 30 years, should not be made while in-person consultation is impossible.

Hamilton's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan commits to community engagement and

states: "Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them".

I believe we need to **freeze the urban boundary** and **direct new development to within the existing built-up areas**. Low density residential development is an economic disaster, as well as an environmental one. Our current infrastructure deficit will only grow as we continue to build out into greenfields, building new roads and water infrastructure that taxpayers cannot support. As well, storm run-off from impermeable surfaces will only increase as the effects of climate change grow. Transportation emissions from these developments will prevent us from reaching our climate targets and should not be considered. We have more than enough land within the current urban boundary to develop complete, self-sustaining communities for future growth until 2031 and should have the flexibility to plan for 2041 using the guiding principles of Places to Grow.

I know that you pay attention to the overarching issues and I deeply appreciate that you are committed as our Ward 1 Councilor to maintaining a healthy, thriving environment for all living beings who we share this place with.

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