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Mayor Fred Eisenberger and members of Council Hamilton City Hall 71 Main St. West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Your Worship and members of Council:

We are in firm support of Councillor Brad Clark's motion asking that the province allow the City to delay its report on a municipal comprehensive review of its Official Plan, until full and fair in-person public consultation becomes possible after the pandemic.

We congratulate the City on declaring a climate emergency. If the climate threat is to be mitigated and carbon emissions reduced, then fresh, creative land use planning is vital. Unchecked urban sprawl must give way to firm urban boundaries, intensification of housing within those boundaries, and preservation of prime agricultural lands and green spaces. Do we expect Peru to feed us when those lands are gone?

We are proud that the Town of Halton Hills aims for net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. We are proud that our town and the Region of Halton both unanimously passed motions similar to the one that Councillor Clark proposes. We hope that the City of Hamilton will do the same.

Yours sincerely,

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