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Sent: March 17, 2021 2:43 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Save our farmland + greenspaces

Dear Clerk,
I have pasted below a copy of the letter I have sent to our Mayor and all Councillors.
Thank you.

Dear Councillor

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it has made crystal clear how the LACK OF PREPARATION can lead to disaster.

Politicians have been ignoring science for decades because such cautionary advice gets in the way of “doing business”.

But recent events are waking us all up to realize this is not the way to a healthy future. The historic loss of power across Texas (the most energy rich state in the USA!) during a sudden and rare deep freeze, EXPOSES the reckless behaviour of many politicians who show little regard for a stable climate and the overall common good.

Now the Ford government is proceeding “Texas-style” as they push to pave much of our valuable farmland and green spaces in the name of “doing business”. But people are starting to understand that the reckless promotion of our economy often leads to a small number of people getting richer while the vast majority foot the bill for the poor vision of such policies.

The pandemic and climate change disasters have taught us we will pay sooner or later for such short-sighted planning.

If a sudden disaster were to hit Hamilton, I don’t think a new housing development or new highway is going to help us.

We need our farmland to supply a basic food supply. In light of a changing climate, it would be reckless to rely on the global food supply to meet our needs.

We need our greenspaces to help provide clean water and clean air for our community.

Greenspaces have also played a critical role in getting us through this terrible pandemic. People need outdoor recreation to keep our hearts and minds healthy. My walks through the RBG trails have literally kept me from going crazy during the pandemic!

What does Hamilton really need?

- A FIRM URBAN BOUNDARY
- A PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY
- PROTECTED FARMLAND
- PROTECTED GREENSPACES

The City of Hamilton needs to stand up to the irresponsible tactics of the Ford government.

I implore you Councillor to act in the interest of your community, not in the interest of money-making projects that only benefit the few and lead to unforeseen disaster into our common future.

I look forward to your reply and I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Tina Di Clemente
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