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Sent: March 17, 2021 2:21 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Please delay adoption of growth plan for Hamilton

Dear Hamilton Clerk:

Thank you for the work you continue to do under the difficult circumstances of this COVID-19 pandemic!

We are concerned about the possible sprawl of urban growth into valuable agricultural land beyond the current urban boundary.

At the March 29 meeting, we ask the Council to please support the motion introduced by Councillor Brad Clark and seconded by Brenda Johnson to delay adopting the proposed growth plan for Hamilton. We need time for good consultation with citizens. Note that Halton Region got a delay in a unanimous vote on February 17.

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

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

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.

New sprawling subdivisions cost taxpayers more with added infrastructure that is not offset by contributions from developers.

Please delay adoption of any growth plan for Hamilton and ask for delay from the Province.

Respectfully,

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