

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to express my concerns about the government's plans to expand our urban limits into our greenspaces and farmlands.

We know the Ford government is taking advantage of the distraction of the pandemic to push forward short-sighted. Agendas. These will result in the loss of protected areas and more sprawl, while a few developers and other citizens profit from these reckless and quickly implemented decisions.

Greenspace is necessary to the health and well being of every community. We need only look at our situation through the winter months to notice that people and communities rely on these spaces. I see more and more walkers, cyclists, joggers and families taking advantage of our green spaces in order to combat the frustration, loneliness and tedium brought on by the pandemic.

The loss of such spaces will be disastrous to the environment as well. It will create an ever increasing dependence on cars, and thus an increase of the deadly emissions we are attempting to contain.

Sprawl will not solve our housing crisis, nor will it assist our aging population, of which I am a member, in accessing essential services and amenities.

Hamilton needs: A FIRM URBAN BOUNDARY
A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY
PROTECTED FARMLAND FOR A RELIABLE FOOD SOURCE
PROTECTED GREEN SPACES

I am hopeful that our Council will see past the shortsighted, self serving plans of the Ford government and do the right thing for Hamilton's future.

Thank you for your attention to my request. I look forward to a reply and to learning that our council is truly working for the good of our wonderful city.

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