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**Subject:** Urban boundary expansion

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I'm a resident of Ward 2, and I'm writing to you today to urge you not to expand the urban boundary and to pause any long-term land use planning decisions until in-person public consultation can safely take place. Expanding the urban boundary to meet market demand for single-family homes benefits developers, to be sure, and perhaps those few residents left (or coming) who can afford these homes. But in a time where the crisis of the pandemic has laid bare the inequities of the climate crisis and the housing crisis, we must all work in the broadest sense of the public interest, which I trust you all strive to do. The type of housing that would be built on these lands will not solve the affordable housing crisis, but it will irrevocably turn rare land where food can be grown into land where it cannot.

I worry for the future, especially for the world I'm part of building and leaving to my child. Please, for the sake of all Hamiltonians present and future, I urge you to slow this decision-making process down and consider it carefully and with full, in-person public consultation when it is safe to do so with regard to pandemic conditions.

Sincerely,  
C.A. Klassen