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Subject: Re; March 29 Decision on Urban Boundaries

I am writing in regards to the Council meeting being held March 29th in regards to expanding our Urban Boundary.

I watched the video created by Stop Sprawl Hamilton and believe they articulated the dilemma that is facing many communities right now. Our green space and our farmland once built upon will never be regained. Most people now are acutely aware of the impact of human sprawl on our environment, its effect on climate change, and the world we are leaving our children and grandchildren.

To develop urban sprawl in the interests of the economy is short-sighted and disastrous for our future.

I disagree completely with any attempts to expand our Urban Boundary and think we should focus on expansion within the boundaries we have.

We could take direction from the Indigenous communities across Canada, including Caledonia and LandBack Lane. We all need to focus on preserving and maintaining our green spaces, and protecting our water.

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