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Subject: Fwd: ECO-LOCKE ASKS FOR DELAY ON HAMILTON GROWTH PLAN

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

For the last six years, 'Eco-Locke' (Eco Churches of Locke St.), has been raising awareness about environmental issues in our congregations and communities. Eco-Locke represents five Churches: St. Josephs, St. Johns, Melrose United, Blessings Church and the Unitarian Church of Hamilton.

We ask you to delay adopting the proposed growth plan for Hamilton. We need time for good consultation with our members. We need to delay this until after Covid restrictions have passed and citizens can once again assemble and have an active voice in how our city grows.

We should not lock in sprawl for 30 years by adopting the Ford government's "market driven" policy changes.

- We need to preserve precious farmland, as growing populations will need local food.
- We need to focus on affordable housing within the urban boundary, that is not car-dependent
- Our City should not be investing in expensive 'sprawl' infrastructure

At your March 29 meeting, please support the motion to ask for a delay. Hamilton Council should ask the Province to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

With respect,

Rose Janson
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