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From: cynthia meyer
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Hamilton's sprawl

Dear Mayor Eisenberg and Councillors,

My name is Cynthia Meyer and I was born and raised on Bold St. in downtown HAMILTON .I left for university and returned 25 yrs ago. In the 24 year interim I lived in Copenhagen, Waterloo, Toronto, Reykjavik, rural India and Bhutan. Hamilton is my home and my community of which I am deeply invested. I ask you to please examine the real alternatives to extending the city limits. Our downtown core offers great possibilities.

The present climate crisis will only be exacerbated by paving and building over our extremely rich farmland. What good is it to have a spacious house when our food supply is in jeopardy or relying on imported food is too expensive to afford?

Mr Braden, a former councillor, wisely suggests allowing Hamiltonians to build 2nd and 3rd stories creating multiplexes . No expensive infrastructure to add and an increased tax income for the city. Why not?

(It was done to the house I live in converting a bungalow to a multi family dwelling but it took a long process of obtaining neighbours' signatures of support and appearing before the Committee of Adjustment etc.) Wildlife and farmland is left intact.

Hamiltonians get to determine how our city will be, not speculators and developers who have no interest in Hamilton other than profit.

I thank you for considering my request and to at least delay this decision for urban development of our farmlands and rural areas.

Cynthia Meyer

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