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**Subject:** Urban Planning

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I want to add my voice to others in raising concern over the proposed growth plans for our City.

Having lived in Waterdown for 30 years, it was heart rending to watch so much agricultural land being exploited as a resource for housing people when it was clearly suited as a source for providing food for people. Especially when there are other ways to house people.

That's why, now living in the City Core, I ask you to delay adopting the proposed growth plan for Hamilton. We need time for good consultation with citizens. Halton Region got a delay in a unanimous vote on Feb. 17th.

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.

-Our agricultural land in the areas outside our present boundary is Class 1 and 2. We shouldn't risk losing these lands to large lots for expensive suburban tract housing.

-Sprawl is the key lever in locking in greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, the CEEP consultant for Hamilton.

-New sprawling subdivisions cost taxpayers more with added infrastructure, as you are well aware.

At the [March 29](#) meeting, please support the motion introduced by Councilor Brad Clark and seconded by Brenda Johnson 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,

Don Brown

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