

**From:** Lianne Lefebvre  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 8:49 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Stop the Sprawl: Monday's meeting

Dear council members,

I am a concerned citizen of Hamilton writing to you regarding your decision meeting about urban sprawl next Monday. My concern with urban sprawl is its environmental impact since THOUSANDS of acres of farmland and rural lands would be replaced with this low-density residential housing.

At the very least I am writing to ask that you stop the rush to make this decision until in-person public consultations can take place. I am aware that there are two options being considered - adding 4,000 or 5,400 acres to the urban area. I would like to ask why a "climate-appropriate choice" to stop expanding the urban area was excluded from this consultation. Big developers and corporations are getting what they want as the provincial government tears up or replaces all major planning rules that are in place in order to favor THEIR INTERESTS, not the people's welfare, livelihood **OR** health. This is our future and our environment they are messing with!

Scientific evidence is overwhelmingly pointing to the importance of maintaining a biodiversity and the microbiome to support our health. I believe protecting farmlands is important for our future and that corporations and developers do not have that in their minds.

Please ensure that such consultations can occur and I am asking that you do not acquiesce to Ford's insistence that Hamilton's growth plans include 30 years instead of the usual 20 years.

Concerned in Hamilton,  
Lianne Lefebvre