

Mayor Eisenberger and all Members of City Council

Re: Municipal Comprehensive Review and GRIDS2

The importance of the decisions before you cannot be understated. Committing to a sprawling growth plan that encompasses 30 years is extremely irresponsible. The effects of this plan are long lasting and will potentially prevent Hamilton from being resilient and sustainable. The ability to mitigate climate change is rapidly disappearing. We can no longer tolerate growth; let alone the type the provincial government is forcing upon municipalities.

It is very arrogant of us to think we understand and can recreate all the complex natural systems we are a part of and rely on. Our history books are filled with countless examples of our civilization's ignorance. The number of problems culminating are almost unthinkable and it's a wonder any individual could continue to bear them. Expanding on to undeveloped land will only expose us to more of the same issues we face currently such as... flooding, food insecurity, runaway infrastructure costs, inequitable access to public services, ineffective mass transit, and generally an unwelcoming and dysfunctional city experience.

While I don't agree any growth should be entertained; the public deserves to be consulted. During a pandemic is not the appropriate time to do so. With so much inequality currently, it would be impossible to have a true representation of the citizens will.

Expansion of Hamilton's Boundaries are incompatibility with council's declaration of a climate emergency. Our right to clean air, water, and food will not be purchased for any price

Sincerely

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