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RE: How Should Hamilton Grow to 2051 - Don't Miss the Survey

Dear Mr. Thorne

I have just received a newsletter by email from my Councillor (Wilson) on July 20, which is 3 days before the deadline to submit our response. I had never received the survey and proceeded to ask my neighbors on Jackson and Pearl and friends on Mountain East and Bay St. North if they had. NONE OF THEM HAD RECEIVED ANY SURVEYS!!! I immediately informed Councillor Wilson about my concern about this seemingly flawed and undemocratic process. I am sorry but this is not good public consultation or participation. The Councillor's assistant reply was:

"I'm very sorry to hear you didn't get a survey. It seems there were quite a few delivery issues in our area. My section of Westdale was left out entirely.

There is no online option, likely due to the ease with which online surveys are often skewed, however if you haven't already you can still participate via email following the suggested guidelines in the newsletter which I'm copying here. Also this way multiple members of a household can send separate responses whereas the paper survey only allows for one response per household.

The deadline for submitting the survey to the city's Planning Department is Friday, July 23, 2021. You can submit your response to grids2-mcr@hamilton.ca."

In the Hamilton Spectator, of July 20, 2021, on pg A4 it was mentioned that "The City says Canada Post delivered 230,000 but acknowledges that some households didn't receive them ..."

My questions are:

1-What percentage of our population was sent the surveys, how do you know who actually got them, number of responses?

2-Where is our present green belt protection boundary? How is it protected and enforced?

3-Why should Hamilton grow to 236,000 more people by 2051?

I am respectfully requesting that we need more time and proper public consultations to discuss this very important issue.

Some concerns that came to mind were:

- a) We need to save farmland and support local produce
- b) We should improve and revitalize existing urban areas
- c) We can reutilize existing unused built structures.
- d) All previous municipalities (Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook, Stoney Creek) should take a share of intensification and not just Hamilton city core “corridors”
- e) We should not have to subsidize, as tax payers, the cost of infrastructure for developers in the unused green land
- f) We don't want to turn Hamilton into Mississauga with destruction of farmland and creation of ugly big box malls and unimaginative housing developments

I am sure there are many more concerns but given short time to respond please accept my present submission

Yours truly

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