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Subject: FW: Waste Water at Old Dundas Road Pumping Station

Sept 20,2021

To: City of Hamilton ATTN: Councillors

RE: Overflow pipe for untreated sewage into Ancaster Creek

Members of City Council,

Hope this message finds you well on the Federal Election Day.

I understand that the Public Works committee will be reconvening today to discuss the option of adding an overflow pipe for sewage into the Ancaster Creek.

When this was discussed in 2014 the up grade of the Pumping Station and the overflow chamber was deemed a suitable resolution to meet a 100 year extreme climate event. Since then additional studies have supported this. Also, it was a conclusion of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans that it wasn't suitable to the sensitive creek to purposely dump "sanitary water" into the creek.

I am wondering if the City council has budgeted for the Legal Cost and clean up of such an unforeseen event?

Also, since the pumping station upgrade is almost completed, why this this even an issue.

It recently came to my attention that 100's of potential condo units are being proposed just up the street on Wilson Street. Will the waste water and sewage now be directed to this pumping station? Was this considered in the original plan. How many properties are serviced by this pumping station at present and how many more are to be considered? This may suggest that a lapse in planning would be the problem, rather than preparing for a climate event.

Please consider this seriously. If Hamilton is to grow, it should be in a well managed manner. We can circumvent future issues by avoiding short cuts and a patch work approach. There are limitations to the amount ratepayers can absorb and additionally, environmental shortfalls reflect on our community which is striving to be green in an industrious city.

Best Regards, John Chaffey