

4.10 (da)

From: Pamela Robinson

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:08 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop the Sprawl, my 5th ato all of the reasons for no sprawl not the money grabbing
sustainablesteeltown@ssho.ca

Clerk City Clerk,

Tip: Introduce yourself and write in your own words why you don't want an urban boundary expansion [DELETE this Tip before sending]

Pamela Robinson

Hamilton, Ontario

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From: PAT WILSON

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:07 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban sprawl.

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello. My name is Pat Wilson and I am a long time resident of Ward Two. In the thirty years I have lived here we have welcomed a diverse and ever growing population to our neighborhoods.

Growth brings challenges but also opportunities for governments who are forward looking enough to embrace it. Rather than trading some short term inconveniences while density is being increased we must look beyond that to the benefits we will all enjoy. More people in walkable neighborhoods served by improved transfer. Repairs and upgrades to our existing infrastructure rather than stretching our dollars to purchase and pave over important and scarce LOCAL farmland. Development dollars do not cover the entire cost of servicing suburban expansion. Nor does the increased tax base cover the ongoing costs of servicing the areas.

Lets fill our neighborhoods with children and seniors and everyone in between. There is always time down the road to look at expanding the urban boundaries, WHEN we fill in our existing areas. It is not a bold idea to ask our developers to fill in the spaces we have. They have already picked all the low hanging fruit, lets fill in the problem areas for the greater good.

Vote NO to urban expansion.

PAT WILSON

HAMILTON, Ontario

4.10 (dc)

From: Patricia Banderado
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:44 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Boundary Expansion.

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Patricia and I am a mother of 3 living on the Hamilton Mountain. I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the upcoming vote to extend the urban boundary. I wanted to let you know that as a member of your constituency I am against any extension. I would love to know how you plan to vote on this issue.

We are in a state of emergency environmentally. The residents and future generations do not need more housing built on farmland.

Patricia Banderado

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (de)

From: Paul Shaker
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:34 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Endorse No Urban Boundary Expansion

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to urge you to endorse the No Urban Boundary Expansion option as the preferred growth scenario for the City of Hamilton moving forward in this planning process.

We are at a critical juncture in this important debate. Council needs to provide clarity and direction to City staff on a growth scenario to present to residents at the upcoming public meetings in the new year.

You have two options for consideration: the preliminary scenario developed by staff ("Ambitious Density") and the No Urban Boundary Expansion option. These two choices were put out for public consultation and the results were clear. There is a strong preference for the No Urban Boundary Expansion option as witnessed by the results of the official City survey which showed over 90% of 18,000 respondents choosing this scenario. Further, there appears to be a consensus at Council that No Urban Boundary Expansion is the preferred scenario. It is encouraging to see agreement on this issue between Councillors whose wards abut the urban boundary and those whose wards encircle downtown.

Building on this public and political consensus, the next logical step is for Council to endorse No Urban Boundary Expansion as the preferred scenario, which would empower staff to focus on articulating the plan more fully. This would allow a number of important items to be explored:

1. The Peer Review of the Land Needs Assessment identified important information gaps

The peer review of the Land Needs Assessment identified important information that is missing in the current analysis. This includes the evaluation of building permit data to analyze actual shifts in housing to higher density forms, which could have an important impact on implementing the No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario.

The City of Hamilton should gather the missing information as identified in the peer review of the Land Needs Assessment.

2. LRT is the key to accommodating growth within our current urban boundary

Light Rail Transit is the largest infrastructure project in Hamilton's history and it is a game changer in how we will be able to accommodate our anticipated growth over the coming decades. Just the hint of LRT is already having an impact. Between

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2016 and 2021 the city handled 16 applications from developers hoping to build high rises of at least 20 storeys and most are on, or within close proximity, to the planned LRT line. This follows the pattern found in every other city that has decided to invest in this type of transit infrastructure. This is only the beginning.

The City of Hamilton should fully analyze what the impact of LRT will be on attracting more infill development and leverage this massive project to help achieve the No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario.

3. Urban sprawl costs money while infill development actually makes money

A recent study by [Hemson Consulting for the City of Ottawa](#) clearly showed that urban sprawl is a significant cost to the city, whereas infill development actually makes money. That study showed it costs each person in Ottawa \$465 each year to service new low-density homes built on undeveloped land, over and above what it receives from property taxes and water bills. In comparison, higher-density infill development pays for itself and leaves the city with an extra \$606 per person each year.

The City of Hamilton should enlist Hemson to conduct a similar analysis on the cost of sprawl in order to accurately understand the economic advantage of the No Urban Boundary Expansion scenario.

City planning at its best brings a community together to have an inspiring conversation about what the future can hold. The current vibrant discussion around Hamilton's growth over the next 30 years is evidence that this type of planning is possible in our community.

I urge you to endorse the No Urban Boundary Expansion option as the preferred growth scenario and let's keep this conversation moving forward.

Regards,

Paul Shaker, MCIP, RPP
Principal

4.10 (df)

From: Phil Van Impe
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop the Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello; my name is Phil Van Impe. I am a resident of Ward 3. Hopefully council is listening to the majority instead of the 1 % who tend to rule the media. It is time to do the right thing and stop taking our valuable farmland and as the song goes" paving over paradise".

LRT will be far more successful with a build up of the core and utilizing brown fields. Let's face it, developers are not going to build affordable housing in Binbrook and Flamborough.

Phil Van Impe

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (dg)

From: Robert Wakulat
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:37 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

As a resident of Hamilton with a young family interested in having clean, productive ecosystems and abundant access to local food, I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as “McMansions” over the next 30 years can be used to create more modestly-sized (e.g., semi-detached) homes rather than just one larger one. This untapped potential is discounted in the present 30-year Land Needs Assessments, even though governments from California and Oregon to New Zealand are already reforming zoning to unleash it.

Second, the large area of unused “Designated Greenfield Area” that was sacrificed to sprawl in previous Municipal Comprehensive Review processes (roughly 4500 acres as of 2019) should be developed at the densities (90-100 people and jobs per hectare) typical of ground-related “residential” neighborhoods in southern Ontario that we know allow most residents to get by largely car-free. The current Assessment plans for densities even lower than the 80 pjh legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

This summer, the City’s approved process showed 90% of residents (16,636 of the total 18,387 who responded) want No Urban Boundary Expansion. The only way for Hamilton Council to respect this decision, or even to keep its future options open, is to formally adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (0 ha) on November 9th.

Thank you,
Robert

From: Ryan Strang
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Do the RIGHT thing tomorrow.

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi council,

Tomorrow is the day. Do the RIGHT thing. You have heard from an overwhelmingly number of citizens who don't want urban sprawl. Let's maximize the unused space in lower Hamilton before moving to farm lands.

If you care about climate, food security and budget, the right and smart thing to do is vote against urban sprawl.

Don't let developers and provincial government dictate how you properly serve the community.

Ryan

Ryan Strang

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (di)

From: Sara Perks
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:20 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

We must preserve the farmland and green areas around Hamilton. We need the farmland for food, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to preserve wildlife and Hamiltonians' well-being, and for our future generations.

We have many options for increasing housing within the city, which is already served by public transit, schools, libraries, etc.

Now is not the time to expand the urban boundary -- not even a little. To do so would be reckless and a dereliction of your duty as a councillor

Sara Perks

Hamilton , Ontario

4.10 (dj)

From: Sasha Katz

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:47 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Re: Delegation - General Issues Committee Nov 9

I am writing today to add to the many voices of support of FREEZING Hamilton's existing urban boundary.

Long story short, there are far too many development and infill opportunities within the existing city limits to require the need for expanding outwards.

I have lived in different parts of Dundas and Hamilton in the last few decades and currently reside in Ward 2. I have watched this city transform over the years and it has been exciting to see the development and influx of people choosing to live in Hamilton, which has helped turn this underrated city into an exciting and beautiful place to be. Hamilton is such a special place in consideration of the many things it has to offer and its close proximity to beautiful green space.

As wonderful as Hamilton is, it could be so much better.

The epidemic of homelessness must be solved. The exorbitantly rising housing and rental market crises must be solved. The lack of affordable housing is a crisis that must be prioritized.

Why are we even considering sprawl when there is so much to fix and just as many reasonable solutions? There are so many vacant spaces, empty concrete lots, derelict buildings and shuttered schools that could be developed and many commercial properties that could house residential units on top. Sprawling outwards and building single family dwellings that will cost in the upwards of \$600-800k (or more!) will not help or fix any of our problems. Folks who can afford those prices are already able to move to rural areas and/or large homes if they wish. The existing boundaries have something for everyone (who can afford it).

We need AFFORDABLE housing close to the amenities of the city including transportation and employment. We need less cars on the road, not more. We need more folks downtown who can support all of the amazing small businesses and restaurants. We need to fix the existing infrastructure across the city. In what way will sprawl help anyone but those making profit off the new development?

Of course there are just as many environmental reasons to freeze our urban boundary. Local food should be a human right not to mention the importance of green spaces to aid in flooding and erosion. We are still letting raw sewage overflow into our beautiful bay! We saw so many large rain storms in the last year - it will only get worse. This city declared a climate emergency yet our council keeps making decisions without this factor in mind.

I have had the privilege of traveling to different cities around the world and seeing what makes a city great and worth visiting. To me, the best destinations are those with easily accessible amenities and activities and more fundamentally, happily living civilians.

Lets make our city the best it can be and save our glorious farmland and prime soil from development!! Paving over farmland is irreversible.

Yours truly,
Sasha Katz

4.10 (dk)

From: Scott I.T. Downie
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:27 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion
Importance: High

Hello,

I am writing to urge Hamilton City Council and the General Issues Committee to adopt the No Urban Boundary Expansion Scenario (total assessed land need of 0 ha between 2021 and 2051). In order to protect what remains of our “white belt” farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton’s 2050 climate obligations, you must reject trojan horse plans for “phased” settlement area boundary expansion, and direct staff to accommodate the entire projected demand for homes and workplaces, including single- and semi-detached homes, within the existing settlement area boundary.

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Sincerely,
Scott

4.10 (dl)

From: Shannon Webb
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:13 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Farmland is precious, being less reliant on outside farms is amazing!

Build smarter in the existing borders!

No sprawl!

Shannon Webb

Hamilton,

4.10 (dm)

From: Sherrie Coulson
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:10 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Sherrie Coulson and urban boundary expansion is not what is needed in Hamilton. We need to build affordable housing but also we need to preserve the farmland that feeds us by Farmer Markets, local produce drop off etc. We do not need anymore 4000sq ft homes we need affordable homes for all people. I understand that this is a symptom of a greater more complex problem but doing what we have always done does not fit with our ever growing city.

Thank you

Sherrie Coulson

Sherrie Coulson

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (dn)

From: Stan Nowak

Date: November 8, 2021 at 4:00 AM

Dear City Clerk:

My name is Stan Nowak and I live in Dundas (Ward 13) and wish to respectfully submit this letter as my written designation against expanding our city's urban boundary for The Big Decision on November 9th.

On March 27, 2019, Hamilton City Council declared a climate change emergency and staff formed a Corporate Climate Change Task Force (CCCTF). The CCCTF has made some positive strides, but this decision will truly prove if the City is serious about dealing with climate change in an impactful manner. A recent *Hamilton Spectator* editorial (November 13, 2020, "Don't give free rein to Ontario's developers") suggests that "...the interests of the economy, development and money have to be balanced with the interests of our environment. And where they can't, the interests of the environment should prevail."

Expanding our urban boundary flies in the face of everything that the CCCTF is supposedly against: expanding our carbon footprint; the loss of irreplaceable prime agricultural land; sustainability - the environment is definitely not getting any top priority here!

Arguments have been stated on both sides of this issue, but economically and logistically, it just makes to make the best use of 'our own backyard' first; this is an "Eat your supper first, then get dessert later" mentality - and we are nowhere near finishing our metaphorical plate! For us, the municipal taxpayers, we simply cannot afford it! "Your taxes are going to rise exponentially the further out you spread because you have to provide the schools, the roads, the sewers, and the water lines." to quote Mayor Fred Eisenburger. Any substantial economic benefits will be reaped only by the developers. "But Ontario should, as the song says, be "a place to grow." But it should be a place to grow healthy environments, not just developers' bank accounts" (cited from the aforementioned *Spec* editorial).

As I wrote earlier, I am strongly against expanding our urban boundary right now, but acknowledge that we may have to expand eventually. But that option shouldn't even be on the table right now!

Sincerely and
Respectfully,
Stan Nowak

4.10 (do)

From: Susan Frasson
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:00 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Urban sprawl and expanding urban boundaries

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello I am writing to you as I live in Dundas , Hamilton.

Preserving our precious land and the decision that will be made soon , by Hamilton councillors , about expanding the urban borders into this precious land should not even be an option.

Please encourage these councillors to make the correct choice for our children and the future of Ontario. Parkland, farmland should NOT be for sale , not used for more housing.

Thanks you for your time

Susan Frasson

Susan Frasson

Dundas, Ontario

From: susan tournidis
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:17 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Objection to Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Good day, I have been a lifelong resident of Hamilton and seen many changes in my lifetime. The loss of our countryside and farmland to developers over the years is not new to me. I do not support an urban boundary expansion as the loss of our precious natural greenspace and our infamous farmland is precious and should be protected from developers and others who have no concern to preserve the integrity of these lands. Although more housing is needed to accommodate the increase in population, urban sprawl is not the answer. Urban sprawl will not reduce the cost of needed affordable housing as the cost of housing will remain in the hands of developers. Concentration of providing housing should be in urban areas which would allow downtown growth and improvement as well as provide affordable housing for those in need without increasing our taxes. Urban housing would benefit our infrastructure as improvements are desperately needed. There are many urban sites and areas within the City of Hamilton that could be utilized by developers that would not be detrimental to our precious rural areas.

Essentially Urban Sprawl is a grave error on the part of all who support it. Please ensure our countryside and farmland is safe for future Hamiltonians to enjoy.

Sincerely
Susan Tournidis

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hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (dq)

From: Susan Willis
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:44 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: I vote NO SPRAWL for Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

I live in Hamilton and am very concerned about the upcoming vote regarding the decision to expand our boundaries.

Historical data has shown that urban sprawl costs us more money in the long run. It creates more infrastructure that needs maintaining long-term, while not solving the problem of aging infrastructure in our downtown that could otherwise be addressed by choosing to revitalize available spaces in our downtown.

Traditional suburban housing developments are neither environmentally friendly and contribute to poorer health as people rely on cars for transportation. We need to think progressively. Suburbs are NOT a healthy long term solution. Just because this has been done historically does not make it ok to keep doing it this way. We need to evolve.

The area around Hamilton is prime farmland. Despite people saying that Canada is 'vast', farmland is NOT. It is foolish not to protect this land.

I am worried that politicians are being heavily influenced by developers who stand to profit immensely from these developments. The record of political contributions by developers, the tactics of misinformation and manipulation by expensive high profile advertising companies hired by these developers all make me very worried that our politicians are more interested in catering to their political contributors rather than making the choice that is best for the people in the long term.

It is our politicians' job to listen to their constituents, understand the historical research done on urban sprawl and make the choice to keep their communities healthier in the long term, NOT pander to the developers who stand to profit immensely from expanding the boundary.

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I do hope I our councillors make the right decisions to protect our community on November 9th.

Thank you, Susan Willis and Alasdair Williamson
Dudas, ON

Susan Willis

Dundas, ON, Ontario

From: TANIA TURNER
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:59 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello. I am Tania Turner and I live in Dundas Ontario. I originally grew up in the small town of Lynden, where there has been some expansion but the population has stayed about the same. The lots are large so bigger homes have been built in some areas which has increased the taxes that can be collected but it still looks like a village. It was so nice to be able to take my children back to the family hobby farm and let them have the best of both worlds. They could be close to nature and observe wildlife but at the same time be close to amenities like school and shopping where I had moved in Dundas to be closer to work.

My children have grown up now and yes it is difficult for them to purchase homes but they agree with me and don't believe that building in the farm lands will help. They both would not like to live long distances from where they work. A long commute to and from work is lost time that can not be recovered. I have worked in downtown Hamilton in the Effort Square building for the past twelve years. There are a lot of boarded up buildings and empty lots that could be used for housing. It would make the downtown core more appealing to businesses and and people who want to purchase new homes if they didn't have to look at those eyesores.

At a time when we are talking about reducing our carbon footprint and cutting emission gases how can we even consider making longer commutes for people by expanding the urban boundaries.

Another issue is, If we destroy land that can feed the people locally and also reduce the costs of food by not having to transport it a long distance. Why would we even consider this. Once the land for farming is gone we can't get it back.

I could go on and on but my intension is only to let you know that myself and my family of six other individuals living under my roof are opposed to urban sprawl.

Than you

TANIA TURNER

Dundas, Ontario

4.10 (ds)

From: Tanya Reid
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:39 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Tanya and I was born and raised on the Hamilton West Mountain/Ancaster area.

I'm writing to plead for no spread. After university I moved around for post secondary education and work. Having lived in populous areas of the UK, Australia and the US (and let's throw Toronto in there), my husband and I returned home to raise a family because of the landscape, space and values. Urban sprawl will change all of that and not for the better.

Please do not do this.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tanya Reid

Tanya Reid

Ancaster, Ontario

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4.10 (dt)

From: Tim O'Connot
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:10 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Sustainability Is Essential

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Tim O'Connor, long time rural Ancaster resident. Our councillor is Mr. Lloyd Ferguson. I am writing on behalf of our family and my wife's family who are several generations of farmers from this area. We strongly oppose Urban Boundary expansion. This is a proposal that if agreed upon will take away these beautiful lands that provide food, employment and a way of life that creates community among the residents in the country. Our lands green provide well needed oxygen with our trees, fields and growing of foods. We need to preserve growing lands to support local food production and food security. At a time when fresh local food is becoming more and more scarce, we need to rally more than ever to preserve this vital asset to our community, Money and development should not out weight food security, generations of families continued commitment to working this beautiful land and overall well-being and health.

Stop the Sprawl

Tim O'Connot

Ancaster, Ontario

4.10 (du)

From: Tom St. Michael
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:48 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: NO URBAN SPRAWL

Clerk City Clerk,

We are Tom and Teresa St. Michael. We live at in Ancaster. We have been residents of Ancaster for our whole lives. We grew up with farms and surveys side by side. Ancaster was a nice town until developers bought up every piece of land they could to build Monster homes. That type of home did nothing to ease the housing shortage in Hamilton. Instead of using up our much needed farmland, we suggest Council look at a Revitalization Plan for downtown Hamilton. The infrastructure is there. It's just old and needs an overall to accommodate new construction which should include a mix of townhouses, condos and apartment buildings. It's a city that needs to offer new home buyers affordable housing in the downtown core. There are enough empty buildings that could be refurbished to attract young people to live there. Every other big city does everything it can to have a prosperous and vibrant city centre for people to live, work and be entertained. Why is Hamilton any different. Urban Sprawl of our outlying areas is not the answer to our housing problem. We are already seeing traffic congestion on Hwy 403, Wilson St and Garner Rd which is caused by nothing but increased volume brought on by the amount of cars on our roads. Downtown Revitalization Plan is what should be done to address the housing shortage.
NO URBAN SPRAWL

Respectfully,
Tom and Teresa St. Michael

Tom St. Michael

Ancaster (city of Hamilton), Ontario

From: Victoria Quirino
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:16 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Victoria Quirino. I live along Rymal Rd West in Ward 8. I and my family are opposed to urban expansion on farmlands. We are happy and content to live in Hamilton, since the primary food source, the farmlands, are just less than 10 kilometers away from where we live. Urban expansion can take place on existing developed areas. We believe that Mayor Eisenberg, all the Councillors, and Premier Doug Ford are hounourable and intelligent leaders who will do what is right for us and the future generations.

Victoria Quirino

Hamilton, Ontario

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From: Wendy Darby
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:25 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Protect Local Farmland and Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Wendy Darby and I have lived in the Hamilton area all my life. Expanding the boundaries around Hamilton cannot continue, for two reasons.

First, if the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we must be self-sufficient and not dependent on other countries for supplies, especially food. Continuing to develop on the remaining farmland is dangerous, in the face of another pandemic and climate change.

Second, Hamilton already pays high taxes and the city has an infrastructure deficit. Housing development within the city uses exiting infrastructure. Please do not give in to developers, so they can make money, and leave the citizens of Hamilton to maintain the high cost of sprawl.

Thanks,

Wendy Darby

Wendy Darby

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (dx)

From: Zoe Green

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:46 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Fiscal responsibility means not expanding the urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

We have land within the existing boundary - some of it already approved for housing - that can be used for development. Use what we already have, fix what we have, and do not keep adding more costly infrastructure and burdening the tax base with even more infrastructure deficit.

The right decision for the future of Hamiltonians is No Urban Boundary Expansion. You know this is what the accounting and science is telling you. The choice is clear and you have the support of the people without question.

A decision now affects the next 30 years. You do not have to lock in now. Especially when the land use process in Ontario already provides a mechanism for municipalities to re-visit on a regular basis their land needs and growth strategies. Changes can be made, that's how the system was designed. Do not lock in now for 30 years.

Do not let bullies at the provincial level take our future. Hamilton knows the right path forward, your leadership will get us there.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this important issue.

Zoe Green

Dundas, Ontario

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