

## 4.10 (aa)

From: Jennifer Brasch

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:51 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Vote No to urban boundary expansion of Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I grew up in North Burlington and have lived in Waterdown for almost 23 years. I have raised 4 kids here, and worked in Hamilton for over 23 years. I am writing to ensure you understand I do not want to see any expansion of the urban boundary for Hamilton. Use of quality farmland for free standing homes, or townhomes, is inefficient use of land, requires costly city services to support, and is environmentally unfriendly. Often it is ugly--the sprawl through Waterdown has left a community without a "town centre", crowded roads and houses that public transit cannot reach. One of the reasons I support LRT is because it will make it easier to get around Hamilton if you live close to the LRT line--it encourages housing density. I am very concerned that expanding the urban boundary will erode one of the best benefits of living in Hamilton--access to undeveloped areas, views of lush farmland, and knowing that it is possible to easily reach trails and conservation lands in rural areas. Adding to urban sprawl will diminish the community for all of us.

I urge you to vote against ANY expansion of the urban boundary for Hamilton.

Thank you.

--jenn brasch

## 4.10 (ab)

From: David Wallis

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:57 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Councilors & Members

As a resident of Ancaster it concerns me greatly of this decision to expand Hamilton's Urban Boundary.

We have plenty of land available within the current boundary that should be utilized first, before expanding on farmland or areas outside the city itself.

Building more homes on land that is farmland and needed for food, only benefits the developers that are clamoring to get their hands on it. Generally, people will not be able to afford these homes they are proposing to build anyway.

I am disappointed in Mr Fords approach to resourceful development and his counter part Mr Clark for interfering in what is clearly Hamilton's decision to make.

David Wallis

## 4.10 (ac)

**From:** Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 3:09 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Why i'm against any expansion of the urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

To the Mayor and Hamilton City Councillors, to my MPP and the other local MPP, to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, and to the Hamilton City Clerk,

I'm one of your constituents. My name is Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar. I live in Hamilton. I'm writing you to express my strong opposition to expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary. You represent the people of Hamilton, and should respect our wish that the current boundary be maintained, NOT expanded. We want to preserve our local farmland and open spaces, and increase density within the existing urban boundaries. There are plenty of parking lots, empty lots, and underutilized spaces suitable for densification within the existing boundaries.

Mr Premier, please respect Hamilton residents, planners, and our Mayor, and don't try to intimidate or bully us.

City Councillors, the overwhelming majority of city residents have expressed opposition to the boundary expansion option. Please respect our wishes, and don't kowtow to developers. You weren't voted into office by developers, but by ordinary residents.

Please support Option 2: No urban boundary expansion

Hamilton is already spread out geographically, and doesn't need to grow outward. It can grow within the present urban boundary. Please vote to freeze the urban boundary and save all 3300 acres of our precious farmland.

Thank you!

Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar

## 4.10 (ad)

From: Linda Ellis

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:15 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long time resident of Ward 1. The survey that went out weeks ago showed overwhelming response for NO sprawl so why are we continuing to fight for this? Was it not the answer Mr. Ford wanted to hear? Why is our City council so weak on making decisions when your constituents have spoken. Building these million dollar homes on farmland is only going to help Mr. Ford and his builder friends make a profit and will destroy much needed farmland. The earth is in SERIOUS trouble. There are many areas within our city that we can develop for housing. Did I not just read 8 schools are closing? We need to build within the city to promote more walking, cycling or public transportation not out where you can only get from A to B by using a car. Come on city council, finally do something right and STOP THE SPRAWL!

Linda Ellis

## 4.10 (ae)

From: Carol Walrath

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:05 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Totally against expanding urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello. I am a resident of beautiful Carlisle. I bought a house in this community because I treasure the rural nature of the area.

Please, please don't allow the urban sprawl to continue!!!! While it is estimated that we will be needing more housing to accommodate people moving into the region, exactly how long will such housing be required?

I am part of the Baby Boomer generation. As my cohort passed through the grades during the 60's, many schools built additions or new buildings to accommodate all the students. Well, it didn't last. Once the bubble passed through, all that school space was no longer needed. Now we are stuck with many surplus schools.

The huge bubble of Baby Boomers in our area will eventually be gone. Our population distribution currently is upside down. We have many more over the age of 65 than ever before. Once this bubble of seniors pass on, will we really need all that additional housing?

Don't dig up precious farmland to accommodate a housing bubble that might be only temporary in nature.

Please vote to stop the sprawl!!!!

Thank you.

Carol Walrath

## 4.10 (af)

**From:** Marie Christine Nixon

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 4:25 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Urban Sprawl, Hi my name is Christine and I am voicing my opinion on the topic of Urban Sprawl, which is not needed or wanted. There are so many areas in the downtown core that could be developed instead of using good farm land. We have a crisis going ...

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]

Marie Christine Nixon

## 4.10 (ag)

From: Barbara McKean

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:28 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban boundary expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

As a long-time resident of Hamilton, who have raised our family here, we are shocked that in this day and age, knowing what we do about climate change and what the modelling shows for our food security in the future, that anyone who cares about their children and grandchildren could even ponder a move to build on some of what little remains of Canada's good arable land, especially in a community where sustainable development is quite possible given the large amount of our post-industrial legacy - brownfield land.

Building a case for lack of affordable housing seems like a smokescreen, when few developers choose to build homes that are small/affordable or built to last long and use minimal energy, and we know the long term costs associated with servicing farflung suburbs; this creates another financial burden for an already overburdened city with infrastructure that can't handle its current demands without, for example, spilling sewage into the eventual source of our drinking water all too regularly. Yet some folks obviously think we are ready to add thousands more homes and hard surfaces?

Look at the research and future projections for climate change, not just here in Hamilton, but in California and Florida, and the Prairies and the US midwest - all the source of much of the food that we currently eat. And we were told early in the pandemic, if the supply of food from across the border were to be shut off, we would quickly run out as there is less than a week of food stored here; grocery stores rely on just-in-time delivery rather than warehouses. Forest fires, deep drought and water shortages as glacial meltwater stops feeding major rivers, rising oceans and flooding; these areas we rely upon are all going to be disrupted, and we have the capacity locally to be able to grow and irrigate crops because we have good soil and proximity to the lake. An agricultural reserve is a much better use of the land to protect the topsoil and the watersheds that feed the lake. And considering our status as a biodiversity hotspot, it's a fitting complement to what we now steward locally.

Please show some vision and be creative in urban renewal that will change Hamilton from a post-industrial city to a model green community with a fully sustainable urban core that also protects productive land in its biodiverse, healthy watersheds - build a new kind of community rather than more same-old subdivisions and strip malls sitting on what used to be land capable of feeding a huge number of people. It's fitting that this vote will be taking place in the midst of the UN's Climate Change meetings. Stop this proposal to increase the urban boundary as a bold climate change action and show the world that Hamilton is serious about climate change action. We certainly aren't going to get other chances to create spaces that enhance food security as we head into the unstable, uncertain future. Failure to hold the urban boundary and keep these lands intact is just one more way of fanning the flames of a precarious future for your children and grandchildren, and ours.

John Hannah and Barb McKean

**4.10 (ag)**



## 4.10 (ah)

From: Linda Kajganic

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:39 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

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.

## 4.10 (ai)

From: Sydney Davis

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:02 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: SAVE FARM LAND

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Sydney Davis and I am writing on behalf of my family and my neighbors. My grandparents, my uncle, my parents, my sister, and myself all live in Binbrook/ West Lincoln. We have chosen to live here because the country and rural way of life is important to us. Over the past little while we have heard the talk about the development of Elfrida and this has caused us great distress. We feel like our area, space, and way of live is being taken over. My parents and extended family have told me that if development was to encroach our neighborhood, they would move up north. This would effectively mean that my family is torn apart. I do not have the means to follow my parents, nor do I want to. Binbrook is my home...

All of us stand very firmly against any boundary extension. Farm land and green space is extremely important and should be preserved, not only for the sake of the people who have chosen to live here, but for the environment. These so-called "neighborhoods" that developers create are lifeless. I cannot think of anything more depressing than to live somewhere so jam-packed and cookie cutter. To some this may sound appealing, and I respect that, but the feelings and wishes of the people who have already settled into a rural way of life should be respected too...

If you opt for boundary expansion, this decision cannot be undone. It is my opinion that there are many other areas within Hamilton that can be used for housing and there is no need for boundary expansion at this point. Why not turn towards Barton Street or elsewhere within the city? After all we are getting the LRT, no? If the goal is affordable housing, it makes much more sense to first turn to the city where there is existing infrastructure and amenities close.

#SAVEFARMLAND

Sydney Davis

## 4.10 (aj)

From: Jane Glatt

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:10 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Freeze the urban boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

hi

My name is Jane Glatt and I am a Stoney Creek resident.

The farmland in this part of Ontario is some of the best in the world and must be preserved so we can feed ourselves.

As current supply chain issues are showing, we cannot always count on foreign goods. Where I live there are plenty of open areas that could be built on and intensified and it would reduce the costs of city services.

Do not expand the urban boundary just so developers can have it easy.

Climate change and our food production need farmland.

Regards

Jane Glatt

## 4.10 (ak)

**From:** Lori Ciotti  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Lori Ciotti. I live in Ward 11 in Binbrook. I grew up on a farm in Binbrook. There is not one single farm still actively farming within the community that I grew up in. There is also very few fruit farms left as well. I am very concerned about our food security and loss of farming resources. The housing is not affordable and Binbrook is so congested, our streets are so busy. Everyone has to have a car to live in the rural areas which again contributes to our climate issues. I realize we need homes but I think new solutions need to come forward and not using prime Agricultural land. I hope our elected council is really listening to our opinions. Urban sprawl really does need to stop!! Thank you, Lori Ciotti...very concerned  
Resident

Lori Ciotti

## 4.10 (al)

From: Kathy Ferguson

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:15 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Please Vote No to Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kathy and I live in Dundas. I feel it is very important for our younger generation 's future and for those of us aging that we do not expand urban boundaries. We need to explore multi level housing that will accommodate young people and those aging that don't have the kind of resources required to purchase large homes that require car transportation to meet basic needs like medical appointments and food security.

Please use a lens of mental well- being to make decisions for everyone to have meaningful and healthy lives.

We need communities with diversity where we can be connected !!!

Thank you

Kathy

**4.10 (am)**

From: Reuven Dukas

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long time Dundas resident and both I and my family enjoy the surrounding green space and agricultural land. The city of Hamilton has plenty of space for adding numerous housing units within its current boundaries. All areas within a few blocks of the light rail corridor can accommodate tens of thousands of residents. Such intensification will save money and enhance the well being of Hamilton residents.

I and my family members strongly objects to the paving of any additional green space.

Reuven Dukas

## 4.10 (an)

**From:** peter Guahie  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Stop the Sprawl .

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there as a young man in early 1980s i used to take flying lessons out of Mount Hope and I noted while flying over Highway six the sprawl from Toronto had crept all the way to Highway six. It was like black and white the north side of six all paved over and with houses for miles, the other side of six was green beautiful pastors. I still fly Today and I now see the sprawl is bottlenecked on Centennial Parkway to Elfida. So 40 years later the sprawl has come to Centennial Parkway the east side of the parkway is some of the best land in our province and it must be protected! I ask you to vote sprawl down.

Peter

peter Guahie

## 4.10 (ao)

**From:** Alexandra Gabaldo  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:32 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl!

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Alex Gabalro of Ward 2 in Hamilton, ON. I am writing to you to urge you to vote no to expanding the urban boundary in Hamilton. There are plenty of vacant spaces for developers to build within the existing boundary that doesn't result in the loss of farmland.

This is also an expansion that Hamiltonians have largely expressed that they are against, that we do not want to expand as proven by the mailed survey.

Please consider doing what is right as our governments are supposed to represent the wants and needs of the people, not developers.

Thank you

Alex Gabaldo

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## 4.10 (ap)

**From:** Rita Knapp  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:45 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Hamilton Council;

This week you have the power to make very, very crucial decisions for the future of our city and surrounding area that will have long lasting impact for many children. Your own children and grandchildren expect you to make the right choices to protect their futures on this earth.

Like Greta Thunberg recently said at COP26, “ we’ve had enough “blah, blah blah”. It’s time for real transformative change”. I and many citizens of Hamilton and of Canada agree, time for change is now- no time to delay.

A few years ago, Hamilton declared a “climate emergency” to recognize the urgency of the climate change impact on our city. Many experts have written you to provide clear rationale to stop sprawl. They have provided statistics and data to clearly support their argument and have done so with more expertise than mine.

I don’t believe for one minute that developers are building homes for the future generations. The cost of housing, taxes, infrastructure and fuel have made it impossible for most people to buy new homes. A variety of affordable housing types with in current city boundaries is imperative for most people to live in Hamilton. There are many open and available spaces to build such homes.

Furthermore, we must protect and improve our local and Canadian food security. Climate change is profoundly impacting fruits and vegetable production across Canada and in some USA states. Families have to deal with the increased costs of those healthy foods and make difficult choices for their children.

Leaders must respect the future of our children who do not have any control for decisions that current politicians are making for them. Leaders must honour and respect their well being and

## 4.10 (ap)

create a healthy environment for generations. It's not just about making the developers richer and richer. Leaders must set the tone- so please don't be tone deaf!!!

Stop Sprawl. Stop paving the farmland.

Build affordable housing within current city boundaries. Build homes, services and retail that will support a vibrant city that can use the LRT and other public transit options. It can be done but there has to be the will from decision makers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Knapp

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## 4.10 (aq)

**From:** Marin Hudson  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:20 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Urban Boundary Expansion Isn't an Option

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Marin and I am a small business owner and resident of Ward 3.

I am emailing to express that urban boundary expansion simply isn't an option in Hamilton. It goes against the majority of resident wishes to protect our farms and green space while ignoring the ample space we have for growth within our urban boundary.

With countless vacant spaces in our urban core, it is a no brainer to utilize those spaces for urban intensification. We have space for homes, are desperately in need of accessible housing, and current and future residents deserve the improvement of existing infrastructure.

We must protect our farmland and green space if we want to be leaders in establishing a city fit for families. We are not looking to build a concrete metropolis — our residents and visitors love Hamilton for the balance of a city surrounded by trees and waterfalls. Let's not ruin what we have and instead invest in our urban spaces and grow within our existing boundary.

Marin Hudson

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## 4.10 (ar)

**From:** K Doehrin

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:24 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

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). Councillor Ferguson, there's no need to hesitate, we can't accept more sprawl like the disgusting big box sprawl on Wilson St. Density and planning for housing could have made that a beautiful area for people to live and shop within walking distance.

In order to protect what remains of our "white belt" farmland and natural heritage, and meet Hamilton's 2050 climate obligations. Please reject 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. Build in and over big box stores and the sprawl we've seen through Ancaster. There's space.

Firstly, through simple and purposeful bylaw changes, most of the tens of thousands of post-war lots already set to be redeveloped as excessive Mansions 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 p/h legally required by the Province prior to the summer of 2020.

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Climate change and our futures require this. Please make the hard decision to stop expansion.

Thank you,

Karly Doehring

## 4.10 (as)

From: Geoff Wilson

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:25 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello, my name is Geoff and my family has lived in Hamilton (ward 1) for a decade.

Do not extend the boundary. Instead, mandate that any home demolished is replaced by a minimum 2 family dwelling. Better yet, appropriate adjacent lots and build low rise city owned rentals.

Enough, keep our farmland. Stop giving it away to developers that take advantage of all of us.

Thank you for reading.

Geoff

Geoff Wilson

## 4.10 (at)

From: Joanna Sargent

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:01 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long-time resident of Hamilton, a home-owner on the West Mountain. I am very concerned about the possibility of more urban sprawl around Hamilton. I urge you to freeze the urban boundary immediately for many reasons. Planning for growth must consider climate implications, food security and sustainability. Expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary will have only negative effects with regards to climate change. Further expansion of Hamilton's boundaries is completely incompatible with council's declaration of a climate emergency. Freeze the urban boundary immediately and instead encourage higher density neighbourhoods within existing boundaries.

Low-density urban sprawl worsens the climate emergency in multiple ways. It increases car dependency. It replaces rural carbon sinks with urban carbon sources. It replaces vegetated areas with pavement and buildings. It overuses land, making the city more spread out and increasing distances travelled. It is impossible to efficiently service with transit. It increases the urban heat island effect. It increases stormwater runoff and consequent flooding. It requires millions of dollars in new roads, pipes and other infrastructure that consume already very scarce city finances. Of course it reduces food security by permanently eliminating more foodlands. Its car dependency excludes affordable housing and lower income residents thus further ghettoizing residents. It also degrades wildlife habitat and makes ecological restoration more difficult.

I applauded your good judgement when you recognized & declared the climate emergency. Now you have an opportunity to act on this declaration to stem this crisis.

Joanna Sargent

## 4.10 (au)

From: jillian vieira

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:16 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Say NO to urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there,

My name is Jillian Vieira, a resident of the Strathcona neighbourhood in Hamilton.

I am writing to urge you to say no to urban boundary expansion in Hamilton. As a newer resident of Hamilton, I am encouraged by all the land opportunities ripe for high-density housing already here in within the boundaries. There is absolutely no need to take over green farmland and create more sprawl. Also, as a mom, I want preserve these spaces for my child and all future generations. We only have one opportunity—THIS opportunity. Do what's right for forever, not for right now.

Looking forward to hearing back from you. Know that the residents of Hamilton—your constituents—are keeping their eyes peeled on this decision. Your reputation, your fate as a leader, is linked to how you respond in this situation. I do hope that you make the right choice for our children and all our futures.

Thank you,

Jillian

## 4.10 (av)

**From:** Natasha  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:29 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Merulla, Sam <[Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca](mailto:Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

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Ward 4 has a lot of opportunity for building new housing in all the vacant land and underused commercial areas. The Losani Homes site at the old Woodward Ave school is a great example of good use of land. I would love to see the City intensify density and make Hamilton a great place to live! I saw this happen while living in Toronto for 25 years - they decided to use existing land to build on and Toronto has become fantastic, whereas previously it was decaying from the middle. Hamiltonians really want the existing city to be improved upon and do not want to pay more for people to live far and wide. They deserve better!

Yours truly,  
Natasha Huyer



## 4.10 (aw)

From: Naomi Newton

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:35 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Voting Against Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Naomi Newton and I am a nursing student at McMaster University. I live in ward 1. I also work as a clinical extern. I am writing to express my opinion against urban sprawl and expanding the urban boundary. As has been seen by an Ottawa report, sprawl and suburban development are unsustainable and more expensive than densification in urban centres. Creating more housing in the city in low density areas will be beneficial for everyone and allow for more livable, walkable, and bike and transit friendly areas. This is especially important for me and many of people living near me without access to cars to get to work. It would improve many areas to add missing middle housing instead of single family housing, to make it more affordable as well as providing density with keeping shared green space. This will also allow people to be able to live in city without a car, which is currently inconvenient and unwelcoming.

Thank you, and please vote no for expanding the urban boundary.

Naomi Newton

## 4.10 (ax)

**From:** Nicole Tollenaar  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:40 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Urban boundaries

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi there.

I'm a resident in ward 2 and i highly urge you to vote against the boundary extension. The downtown core has so so much underutilized space and decrepit buildings that can be developed in a way that people are closer to their work, transportation, public services, ect. Also, the farmland surrounding hamilton is a beautiful and bountiful and definitely is part of the charm of living here. That and arable land/good soil is something we need to protect and celebrate as the rich resources they are.

Nicole Tollenaar

## 4.10 (ay)

From: Catherine Raso

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:59 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No to Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Our names are Catherine and Joe Raso and we have lived in Hamilton all of our lives. We love this City and we urge you to not allow urban boundary expansion to protect our green space and to find innovative ways to use existing space within our City's existing boundaries to accommodate the high demand for those who want to live affordably in this wonderful City! Please vote no to urban boundary expansion.

Thank you for your consideration

Catherine and Joe Raso

## 4.10 (az)

**From:** Naomi Neufeld  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:53 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Please Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a young adult living in Hamilton and I feel strongly about the need to conserve the precious farmland that surrounds our city. The fertile countryside of the Greenbelt is a resource that should be treasured, and it's preservation is essential for us to move forward towards a sustainable future. The environmental transformations caused by climate change will stimulate food shortages, and we will need this farmland to grow food for ourselves and our children. This is prime agricultural land that should not be destroyed in order to construct unnecessarily large homes when there are other beneficial means of solving issues surrounding housing in the city. The city of Hamilton would benefit far more by focusing on the revitalization of the downtown core, refurbishing buildings and houses in areas of the city that are run-down and dilapidated instead of developing beyond the city's borders. Please exploit the potential within the city itself rather than destroying a precious resource that will be necessary for our future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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