

4.10 (ba)

From: Denise Duvall

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:46 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

No to urban sprawl! The people voted! I support local farmers by buying their produce, local apples, pears, berries, corn, peppers, tomatoes, straw, honey, maple syrup, jams, fruit drinks, woolen goods from local alpacas (yes even woolen goods from local alpacas, great Christmas presents!) , eggs, meat, etc. It's amazing to see the variety of goods from our local farmers, who have supplied us for generations, contrary to what the survey by millionaire builders, not the concerned citizens as they claim, pushing for "housing geared to low income families", would have you believe. It's picked daily, is fresher and therefore, more nutritious. In these times of covid, I prefer to buy fresh local produce, since I know where and how it is grown and harvested. The carbon footprint is almost nil, unlike imported fruits and vegetables, which are picked green and shipped sometimes thousands of miles, by air even. I would rather pay the farmer, who has worked hard to grow it, than let all the middlemen get the profits.

Denise Duvall

4.10 (bb)

From: DOC - CANADA

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:52 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Vote for Option 2: No Urban Boundary Expansion

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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.

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4.10 (bc)

From: Peter Hall
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:47 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop the sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Peter I've been in Hamilton for 16+ years. We cannot afford the sprawl and must preserve farmland as an utmost importance. Our earth and our farms must be saved and we do not require sprawl , our city is done and can manage as it is, other areas like Toronto, can build up. I do not support this sprawl and feel very strongly .

Peter Hall

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4.10 (bd)

From: Isabel Margetts
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:05 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Sprawl HamOn

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Isabel and I have recently returned to live and work in Hamilton after 5 years away. I grew up here in Westdale and currently live in the North End (Ward 2). Please reconsider creating further urban sprawl which requires higher cost resources and less affordable housing for young families and environmental impacts. Instead by focusing on infrastructure that is already in place this would provide lower carbon footprints and a more livable, affordable sustainable city.

Yours sincerely, a young professional who would like to be a homeowner in Hamilton one day,

Isabel

Isabel Margetts

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4.10 (be)

From: Mary Walihura

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

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I love Hamilton !!

I see so much land within the city that could be developed for housing.

Let us have the riches of green space and farming land to support our City of Hamilton.

Mary Walihura

4.10 (bf)

From: Rowan Cotton

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:20 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Rowan, I am living in the North End (Ward 2) while I finish my aviation diploma at Mohawk College. I plan on living and working in Hamilton after college and I would love to see my tax dollars be put to better use than urban sprawl. I would love to be able to afford a home in the near future in Hamilton, by investing in the current infrastructure that is dilapidated in and around the downtown core and leave the farmland and wilderness alone. We don't need more city taking away from the farmland and natural beauty that surrounds this area.

Kind Regards

Rowan Cotton

4.10 (bg)

From: Gerten Basom

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:32 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: NO Sprawl!

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Mayor Eisenberg and Councillors!

As a rural resident of Ancaster for the last 40 years, I see day to day in our farming community how precious farmland is. All farmers in our area, be it local dairy, beef, chicken, goat, vegetable, or soya bean, corn, winter wheat or hay, are feeling the pressure in seeking extra farmland to grow their goods. One farmer competes with another but can not compete with the loss of extra lands or the price of saleable acreage due to developers driving up costs. Developers are gobbling up Ontario's best and most productive farmland, our food belt and livelihoods!!! In my area we have 4th generation farmers! I implore you to keep these lands for farming communities and feeding our Canadian people. There is ample space as presented by SSHO and Environment Hamilton, to creatively build homes in urban centers of Hamilton, keeping down taxpayer's costs and utilizing existing infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Gerten Basom

4.10 (bh)

From: Mary-Jane McKitterick
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:11 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

My Name is Mary-Jane McKitterick and I am a homeowner aka 'taxpayer' in the Homeside neighbourhood of Hamilton. I moved here almost 5 years ago from Toronto so I was one of those people that the Ford government thinks will come to Hamilton and live in a mega mansion suburb, without amenities and drive to big box stores. I can tell you flat out I would never want to live like that and my many friends and colleagues in cities across Canada would not either.

I moved here in good faith because of the LRT and expansion of Go Service between Hamilton and Toronto. I moved here because I could see that Hamilton could be that dynamic liveable city that in many ways Toronto used to be. Affordable but prosperous. Places to live, work and play for EVERYONE. But I have to say I continue to be shocked at the level of empty boarded up buildings and unused parking lots across the lower city. Actually it's heartbreaking. There are acres and acres and acres of land and buildings fully supported by infrastructure (roads, sewers, electrical lines etc) sitting empty - waiting to be homes for many different community members! They could be single family homes, condos and missing middle housing, along with purpose built rentals and deeply affordable supportive housing. Alongside parks, bike paths, cafes, grocery, daycare and community centres.

Instead we are being asked to let them sit there while you develop our precious farmland in the midst of a climate and food crisis so that a few families can have McMansions requiring brand new infrastructure that we will pay for! As I write this my jaw is dropping!

With respect I ask you to please step back and think about what you are doing. Do not expand the urban boundary. Stop this "Mad Tea Party" and build on what we already have.

Mary-Jane McKitterick

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (bi)

From: Terry Basom

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:04 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]NO Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

I have been a resident of rural Ancaster for over 40 years. I don't farm but I live in the middle of many farms. The farmers have such a hard time as it is, with available land, making a living. We have some of the richest soil in Canada. Don't pave it over! We need to be able to produce our own food, and it's imperative we save our resources.

There is not the need to spread the city out. It has been proven there is enough existing space set aside, and the builders have so much land they are sitting on already, wanting to make a huge buck. It's all about money for the builders, with no thought as to the results that our kids and grandkids have to face. DON'T DO IT! Please stop now and use what is already set aside for building..

Regards

Terry Basom

4.10 (bj)

From: Sheila Van Leusden

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:13 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Urban Boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello , my name is Sheila Van Leusden and I voted to keep the urban boundary where it currently exists.

There is room to grow within our current boundary, as shown in the yellow areas on the map of Hamilton as seen in the Hamilton Spectator in recent days. The costs of paying for new infrastructure for new developments are high. The costs of encouraging commuting during a climate crisis are even higher.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.I live in Ward 13, and care deeply about this issue.

Sheila Van Leusden

4.10 (bk)

From: Alexander Szlafarski

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:19 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: 3,300 Acres

Clerk City Clerk,

Elected officials,

I've spent a great deal of my life in Hamilton. Being born at McMaster Children's Hospital, being baby sat in the east end while my mom worked in the attic office at the old Youth Employment Building at Victoria and Main, my first hockey and football games, my first concerts (both in the audience and on the stage) to eventually opening a music studio downtown in 2014 and buying my first home on the mountain in 2016, has given me a perspective that is all too familiar to so many others like myself.

A city with incredible roots and potential, constantly pruned and twisted in ways that go against the core of what makes this city great - its people. The ones who you come to know by name at your local corner store, your crossing guard, the sweet old ladies at the passport office, the elderly couple making samosas in the back of a tiny grocery store.

All of this is dependent on affordable housing. And that means making use of the thousands of acres of currently vacant or decrepit space throughout the city's current urban boundary.

The prospect of growing the suburbs at the expense of crucial farmland may appear once again to be charming and lucrative, but it will be at the expense of the people who already live here, and the people we depend on to provide us with rich, local industry.

When I was 8 years old I met with Burlington Mayor Rob Mackenzie to discuss the decision to level acres of land at the old brick refinery south of the 403 near Hidden Valley (remember that place?). Unbeknownst to the city or developers, the area had become a Bastion for wildlife supporting the Cootes to Escarpment RBG ecosystem. Now that land is gone forever and exists only in the form of inefficient, enormous suburban homes and bottle necking traffic through a small side road (Unsworth) which was once a simple access road for the RBG. It is not a miniature highway carved right through the middle of one of Canada's most diverse ecosystems.

The City of Hamilton needs to listen to the people who are raising their voices. What the City is proposing is irreversible, and plays critical role in the global efforts against climate change, poverty and lack of housing.

I implore all of you to seek other lucrative avenues that would better suit the whole population of Hamilton, not just the developers who stand to line their pockets whichever way this goes.

Be on the right side of history.

Alexander Szlafarski

4.10 (bk)

4.10 (bl)

From: Joyce Muir
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:22 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Stop this ridiculous sprawl.

Clerk City Clerk,

I am Mrs. Joyce Muir. I am 85+ yrs. old. I have lived in Hamilton all my life. It's is extremely upsetting to see what has been happening to my city. Even though I have been removed from one beautiful building on Bay and Herkimer, because owner decided to turn it into condos, and moved on Bay St. near Main and was yet again being forced out so the rents could be raised beyond belief, I still cannot go along with developers wrecking our farmland. I have seen the horrible townhouses taking over my mountain. Boxes and more boxes being built. When will this stop? When will government (the PC'S) realize that the public does not approve. I wish the election was next week. Never again, will I vote for the Conservatives. I have another name for them. This just breaks my heart. I have lived in what I call the four corners of Hamilton. Born in a house on Gordon St., the east end, then east mountain. Moved to west mountain and then to a home in west Hamilton off Queen. I know Hamilton. Please, please think of what you are doing.

Joyce Muir

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bm)

From: Judy McCollum
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:28 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello

I am a resident of Dundas. I am hoping that you will vote against urban sprawl.

I work a a family operated farm market on the Dundas hill. We have so many people that come from Toronto, Mississauga, Milton and many other areas. They come for what they do not have. Rural life. Families bring picnics. Their children run in the grass. Everyone comes for a selfie with the sunflowers or the corn field.

Urban sprawl will take this away

Respectfully

Judy McCollum

Judy McCollum

Dundas , Ontario

4.10 (bn)

From: Justin Minett
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:17 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Hamilton Needs Densification not Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Justin and I am a resident of Hamilton.

Hamilton residents responded loud and clear that we do not want a boundary expansion. It is not right for our city and more importantly, it has IRREVERSIBLE effects. Once our farmland is lost, it cannot be regained. At the end of my street, there are several abandoned buildings and empty lots. You cannot drive through Hamilton without passing boarded up buildings that could be converted to infill housing.

If Doug Ford and his Ministers are really "for the people" then they will listen to the people of Hamilton instead of pandering to a handful of speculative developers.

If councillor ferguson is reading this, I can assure you it's not a bot or automated message, and that I am writing this myself. I have in the past used email templates to send my thoughts on this matter because (shockingly) most of us have day jobs and don't have the time to email government reminding them to listen to their constituents.

Hamilton city councillors, if you make the ill-informed decision to vote for sprawl (boundary expansion) tomorrow, know that Hamiltonians will remember you voted against their interests.

Conduct yourselves accordingly,

Justin Minett

Justin Minett

4.10 (bn)

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bo)

From: K Pingree
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:37 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No to "urban sprawl".

Clerk City Clerk,

As a Waterdown (Hamilton Ward 15) tax-payer of 20+ years I am writing to express my growing concern about directions being taken for development in Hamilton.

Waterdown has grown beyond the village we moved into, but we can (and do) still walk to all our activities: groceries, eateries, doctor, dentist, optometrist, library, YMCA, theatre, shopping etc.

That is the ideal you need to target - walkable cities.

We need to increase people spaces, not increase demand for parking spaces.

If we spread beyond the existing boundaries, how will that help existing businesses and spaces? Build a core that is welcoming and inclusive for pedestrians and provides public transit; look at housing over the sprawl of one-story malls; get developers to finish the projects in the core that they started (Get it Done or lose approval to develop. No variances); add green spaces.

Rural areas need to be safeguarded for farming and agriculture, not turned into more built up areas that will need even more roads and highways for cars and parking (that leads to increased infrastructure and maintenance costs for the city without ANY benefit to urban core).

I was happily surprised to see Hamilton showcased on 'Life Sized City'. A televised show that looks at cities around the globe and how the cities are working (or not) to be places which attract citizens and visitors by creating inviting, people-focused areas. There was Hamilton, Ontario right there with Paris, Copenhagen, Sao Paulo and Barcelona.

Consider a quote: "no one shops at 50 km per hour"; if we 'drive' people into far-flung areas where they need cars to visit the core of a city we aren't BUILDING anything to improve inclusion in the city. We will be compounding the decline of the core as a "drive through".

4.10 (bo)

Council needs to consider what will enhance Hamilton as The Best Place to Raise a Child and make a decision for the parents raising those children. This is not a decision for developers, and not for the province.

K Pingree

Waterdown,

4.10 (bp)

From: Karin Gordon
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:55 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: GIC Urban Boundary Expansion Written Delegation

To the members of the General Issues Committee Meeting,

I'm writing to you today about the future of our city's growth plans to express my support for the No Boundary Expansion option. I am a graduate of McMaster's Civil Engineering and Society program (meaning not only do I have my Bachelor of Engineering, but I spent an extra year studying sustainability and social responsibility). I've done many projects and done many extracurricular readings throughout my time in my undergrad on how we can build sustainable and happy cities.

As you probably know, not long after the invention of the private automobile, the way we built cities changed. They went from being compact and walkable to being spread out and mostly only accessible to those with their own motorised vehicle. The thing is that while having a more spacious suburban yard sounds like it would increase happiness, each homeowner a king in their own realm, that actually is not what usually happens. Human beings are social creatures and thrive in community. The thing is that when you live in the suburbs you tend to have cursory relationships with your neighbours and do all your shopping at big box stores. Seeing as you have to drive your car to those big impersonal stores and didn't get a chance to talk to anyone on the way there or back you have very few opportunities to build relationships with the people living in your neighbourhood. We think, thanks to the hedonic treadmill that our happiness will skyrocket when we are living in the suburbs but study after study has shown that it does not.

Not only that, but economically and environmentally it makes very little sense to continue to adhere to an urban sprawl method of growth. I understand that the Ambitious Density option suggests some improvements over the conventional sprawl, and I suppose that's something. Still, if we expand our suburbs into farmland we will be creating a further burden on our infrastructure, needing roads, sewer systems, powerlines and services. All of which need to be built and maintained on the city's dime. While the big houses you tend to see in suburbs do have big tax bills, they also require more kilometers of sewers, roads and powerlines.

4.10 (bp)

It seems to me that we can't afford to add more infrastructure to our maintenance list when the roads we have now are covered in potholes, and when our outdated sewer systems overflow into the lake during big storms. Adding more roads and roofs over existing farmland will only increase the amount of runoff that our sewers have to deal with.

I suggest instead that we focus on *truly* ambitious density. Density that builds thriving neighbourhoods out of existing sprawl and brownfields. Density that focuses on building compact city living, investing in community green spaces and multimodal transportation. Yes, it's easier to start fresh on virgin land, but just because something is easy doesn't mean it is right. Doug Ford put cities across the province in a difficult position of having to figure out where thousands of newcomers will live at the drop of a hat, but that doesn't mean that we have to do what is easy. We can rise to the occasion and build a more sustainable city that will inspire other North American cities to build in a way that is future friendly.

Thank you for your time,

Karin Gordon
Ward 3 Resident

4.10 (bq)

From: Kate Whalen
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:03 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kate Whalen, and I'm writing on behalf of my husband, Jamie Madden, and myself. We live in downtown Hamilton, Ward 1.

We want to keep our farmland. We want less car traffic. We want better air quality and a better environment. We want to grow old and age successfully here. We want our city to address the climate emergency, and we want this to include our elected officials voting against urban sprawl.

Please make the decision that will put you on the right side of history.

Thank you,

~Kate

Kate Whalen

Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (br)

From: Katharine King
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:33 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hi,

I hope you are well. Please please please, do not expand Hamilton's urban boundary. I am a young person living in Hamilton and am extremely worried about climate-related issues impacting people who live in heat islands like Hamilton (I think about it everyday). It is now, finally (!), lay knowledge that climate science is real. Firming our urban boundary is the most sustainable and humane option. We need a firm urban boundary to secure a future for our children that has substantially less suffering than it could. The IPCC report says that we have a decade to lower emissions before catastrophic events start to occur. Firming the urban boundary is the option that will result in the lowest carbon emissions. This is the right thing to do.

Thank you kindly,

Katharine King
Hamilton, Ontario
Ward 3

Katharine King

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Hamilton, Ontario

4.10 (bs)

From: katie rees
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:09 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Cc: Gmail 2 <katierees@gmail.com>
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.

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Kind regards,

Katie Rees

4.10 (bt)

From: Kay Chornook
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:25 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Greetings from a Ward 2 constituent, Kay Chornook. I have been following the question of urban sprawl in Hamilton, which can also be called agricultural and green space destruction, or Why do Developers matter more than our future? We have plenty of brown spaces and underdeveloped spaces within the city. I understand that increasing affordable housing in the city will take actual creativity on behalf of our politicians, whereas selling out to the developers, contractors and speculators is both profitable and an easy way to go. Don't you think it is time that we get serious about saving what is left of farmland (which also means supporting farmers in economic ways if we are to support our local communities with food production); what is left of green space (no one needs to be told how badly we need our forests, waters and nature for our future, do they?) and focusing on improving inner city infrastructure as opposed to spreading out and creating a system that will need to be updated in a short few years. Come on folks, get real, get smart and get creative. Hamilton could be the coolest place in the country if the City Council and provincial and federal governments put their minds to it. And cool attracts entrepreneurs and creatives and that means cash too.

Thank you, Kay

Kay Chornook

Hamilton,

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4.10 (bu)

From: Kelly Brouwer
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:43 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]No Sprawl in Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Kelly Brouwer, I am 30 years old and living in the Stinson neighbourhood in Ward 3. I am passionate about Hamilton after living here for about a dozen years now. I urge leadership in Hamilton to keep city borders where they are and not expand into farmland. This land is becoming far more valuable environmentally and in regards to our relationship with indigenous communities. We cannot afford to give this over to developers. Please make the choice to develop downtown dead spaces. There is SO much unused space downtown. Please grow UP and not OUT.

Kelly Brouwer

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bv)

From: Kelly Ebers
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:46 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: No Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kelly Ebers. I moved to the Homeside neighbourhood (Ward 4) in June of 2019. I chose to buy in Hamilton as I could no longer afford Toronto. Hamilton drew me in for its urban feel, but its easy access to nature and trails, its wonderful bike lanes, and its potential for great city living at an affordable price.

I started seeing signs for "No Urban Boundary Expansion" and immediately looked into what that meant. I was disappointed to see that the City was considering expanding its boundaries to create more urban sprawl. I immediately pictured those ugly neighbourhoods built on farmland where every house looks the same and there are no trees. If I wanted to live near that, I would have moved to Milton, Maple, Vaughn or any other characterless region.

As I walk around Hamilton I can't help but notice tonnes greyfields; empty parking lots, cement everywhere, boarded up abandoned buildings. Hamilton is constantly referred to as Canada's 'Detroit'. Why hasn't the City of Hamilton considered using these underutilized lots? Why not buy the abandoned buildings and empty parking lots along Main Street, Queenston Rd. etc. to create affordable housing?

We are in a climate crisis. We are no longer approaching one. It feels as though you need to be reminded of that. Let's use what we have before we destroy more to create a bigger footprint. Isn't that saving the climate 101?

I'd also like to know how much Indigenous consultation there has been about this expansion. Surely you know Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation both have equal claim to the land in Elfrida. Can you put yourselves in their shoes for a moment? How much more pain can you create for these communities?

4.10 (bv)

To put it bluntly, this boundary expansion seems incredibly tone-deaf to Canada's climate crisis and Indigenous Reconciliation.

Kelly Ebers

Hamilton, Ontario

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4.10 (bw)

From: Kelsey Worboys
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:26 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: No boundary expansion for the City of Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

With experience first hand working in the land development sector, I have seen the needless sprawl of non-sensical contemporary housing communities that the City of Hamilton again and again allow to not only be developed, but do so with only the bare minimum assessments on environmental impact. A 300+ year old tree, whose value is innumerable to life on earth, was cut and chipped without regard on the newly developed sections of the Ancaster Businesses Park - a "park" now sitting with empty offices as the modern world moves to teleworking.

As the youth representative for Canada at the last Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, it is up to the municipalities and provincial governments of Canada to uphold our international commitments to safeguarding life on earth and an expansion of the City's urban boundary goes exactly against this commitment. Thank you for your time, as a proud born and raised Hamiltonian who looks forward to raising their family in a green city.

Kelsey Worboys

Kelsey Worboys

Hamilton, Ontario L8k1v3

4.10 (bx)

From: Kim Dunlop
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:04 PM
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Kim Dunlop
Hamilton, ON

4.10 (by)

From: Kim Newcombe

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:49 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Save Resources for Future Generations

Clerk City Clerk,

Good Morning! My name is Kim . I am a longtime resident of Hamilton- here for 34 years. I've lived in Westdale, Dundas and currently on a rural property that straddles Ancaster and Dundas.

Although being able to sell a Rural property for development would be an immediate and huge financial gain for the owner and developers it would be incredibly short sighted . Farm land is not renewable. It is expensive to develop , adequately service and not self - sustaining.

Resources used to create Sprawl would be better invested in intensification of already developed lands.By Adding to and amending current infrastructure and services.

Pick the greenest path forward. Future generations and current ones will not understand our backward looking planning - when we know that Climate Change is here! Pick the most Sustainable development plan. Imagine 10 years from now, 20 years ahead, 50 years in the future.

The way we have done things in the past will be judged - it's time to Change and look at a bigger less immediate picture.

Wishing you courage to do the right thing,

Kim

Kim Newcombe

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From: Krystyna Shoveller
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:44 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: [****POSSIBLE SPAM]Urban expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Krystyna Shoveller and I live in an adult community on the boundary of farmland which currently sits vacant . Most of these properties have already been purchased by developers. We are not forward looking if we think we should pave farmland for housing. There are many costs associated with developing this land for infrastructure while the lower city's infrastructure is crumbling. Why not take this opportunity to infill properties with high density where all services are in place. Driving down Barton Street is only one example of properties that could be infilled. Living here has made me realize that everything I need is a car ride away and that just increases my carbon footprint. We don't need more shopping malls but we do need our agriculture outlets where we can support local farmers that are trying to feed us good food. Building more housing out here is counter productive and harming our environment. Destroying watersheds in sensitive areas will cause issues in the near future and only the developers will be served by expansion. The price of housing will not be impacted by urban sprawl because of the cost of development alone. Let's not be a puppet of the Ford governments mission to make rich people richer. Let's be forward looking to where will our food come from in the future. Let's make it local!

Krystyna Shoveller

Mount Hope, Ontario