

## 4.10 (ca)

**From:** Kyle Rozoski  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** No to Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Good day,

Thank you your your attention. I am entirely opposed to any further development, that would pave over farmland. There should be a development boundary of Wilson St, Rymal Road, and Centennial. There is so much infill that could be accomplished within those Hamilton interior borders. I would be in favour of middle density, and high density, as this wouldn't increase sprawl, and therefore taxes to service that sprawl. Thank you again, for your time and consideration.

Yours in Hamilton,  
Kyle Rozoski

Kyle Rozoski

Hamilton, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cb)

**From:** L Tindall  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Urban Sprawl. NO THANKS

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a long time resident of Ward 2 in Hamilton. I lived on the 'Mountain' when the city ended at Mohawk Road. I've seen a lot of spread in the city and it's time to stop. I am saying NO to Hamilton Urban Boundary Expansion. I support a zero urban boundary expansion for Hamilton. I support intensification within the present boundaries.

We cannot pave farmland while also maintaining and supporting local farms, local food supply and reducing food transportation costs. Farmland once lost never comes back.

The more the city spreads out the more the life is sucked out of the lower city. Adding density to existing neighbourhoods in the city will encourage business development and jobs in areas that need it, such as the city core. Surely an important issue for a Ward 2 representative.

Urban sprawl increases the distance from the cultural centre of the city. Citizens tired after a day at work will be unenthusiastic about driving 40 minutes to Theatre Aquarius, to see the Bulldogs or Tiger Cats or attend a concert.

Those same people will not likely drive that same distance to take the GO train but see it as easier to just drive the QEW so add to greenhouse gas admissions.

New subdivisions will add to my tax bill without providing me with additional value for money. I won't drive on those suburban streets, use those suburban parks or attend the suburban schools but I will help pay for them all.

More subdivisions does not ensure affordable housing. Homes in new subdivisions are out of reach for most homeowners. Middle density housing options are more affordable which brings new families to the city to stay.

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Urban population growth through middle density dwellings inside the current urban boundary will increase the usage of public transportation making it more cost effective. Instead of building additional police stations, fire stations and libraries, city funds can go into expanding and improving those present services thus benefiting long time residents as well as new arrivals.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I am following the debate on the issue closely.

This is an election issue for me.

Sincerely,

Lauren Tindall

Citizen of Hamilton for 46 years.

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Hamilton, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cc)

**From:** Laura Joldersma  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop urban sprawl in Hamilton

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Laura Joldersma. I'm a lifelong Hamiltonian and a longtime downtown resident.

I think it's important we make best use of our urban space to fill the need for more housing, especially the urgent need for affordable housing, and avoid ruining the farmland and green spaces of Hamilton.

There is so much opportunity in vacant and underdeveloped properties in the downtown area to maximize this space for housing and to create efficient, liveable neighbourhoods, alongside keeping parks and green spaces available for everyone.

Please stop the sprawl and make better use of our urban space in planning for the current needs and the future growth of Hamilton.

Laura Joldersma

Hamilton, Ontario

## 4.10 (cd)

**From:** Laurie Nielsen

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:39 AM

**To:** Wilson, Maureen <[Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>

**Cc:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Farr, Jason <[Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca)>; Nann, Nrinder <[Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca](mailto:Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca)>; Merulla, Sam <[Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca](mailto:Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca)>; [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:chad.collins@hamilton.ca); Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Pearson, Maria <[Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca)>; Johnson, Brenda <[Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca)>; Ferguson, Lloyd <[Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca)>; VanderBeek, Arlene <[Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca](mailto:Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca)>; Whitehead, Terry <[Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca](mailto:Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca)>; Partridge, Judi <[Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca](mailto:Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: GRIDS 2, the Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment

Dear Councillors,

I was reminded last week that the city passed a motion to declare a climate emergency during the Board of Health meeting on November 19, 2019. It was then passed by Council eight days later along with a motion to form a task force. From the city's own website (<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/climate-change-action>) we have:

*"... on March 27, 2019, Hamilton City Council declared a climate change emergency and directed staff to form a Corporate Climate Change Task Force (CCCTF)."*

The City of Hamilton's Corporate Climate Change Goals (<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/climate-change-action>) includes goal 4, which refers to planning:

*"To ensure a climate change lens is applied to all planning initiatives to encourage the use of best climate mitigation and adaptation practices."*

Other goals also apply as Council makes a decision on whether to expand the boundary:

Goal 2: Active and Sustainable Travel (reduce single use occupancy vehicles)

Goal 6: Protect and Restore the Natural Environment (protect farmlands)

Goal 7: Climate Adaptation (which I translate to meaning avoiding more paving)

Goal 8: Diversity, Health and Inclusion (ensure adequate housing for all Hamiltonians)

We are now in the midst of the UN Climate Change Conference where everyone is being asked to do their part to cut down on GHG emissions. To allow the expansion of the boundary would be slap in the face to all future generations who are counting on the adults in the room to make the right decision today. Please keep in mind the City's Corporate Climate Change Goals and give the majority weight to *Climate Change*, the first of the evaluation criteria for the GRIDS 2, the Municipal Comprehensive Review and Land Needs Assessment. Once we lose farmland there is no going back!

Thank you.

Laurie Nielsen  
Hamilton ON  
(Ward 1 resident)

Please don't print this e-mail unless you really need to.

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## 4.10 (ce)

**From:** Leif Peng

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:27 AM

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

**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Regarding Hamilton's Urban Boundary

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello;

My name is Leif Peng. I'm a home owner and resident of Ward 1 in Hamilton. I'm deeply opposed to the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary. We already have a shocking infrastructure maintenance deficit of over 3 BILLION dollars. Adding additional infrastructure by way of urban sprawl has been proven to only increase this deficit. Analysis in other communities, most recently in Ottawa, have proven repeatedly: sprawl will eventually lead to the bankrupting of communities. FACT: There is no example anywhere you can point to where sprawl has financially benefitted a community once all the real costs and expenses to the taxpayer have been tabulated. I urge you to do your research - study these facts closely - then do what is your number one priority as an elected official: safeguard the public purse by rejecting further boundary expansion.

Leif Peng

Leif Peng  
, Hamilton  
Hamilton, Ontario

## 4.10 (cf)

**From:** Leo Dragtoe  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:03 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** We Need to Stop the Sprawl!

Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing you as a Hamiltonian and resident of Ontario.

I love both my city and province very deeply and I am truly proud to call them home.

Recently, there have been efforts made by various special-interest groups and land development firms to justify the expansion our urban boundary. They argue that this approach is the best way to accommodate for a growing population. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

As you are no doubt aware, The City of Hamilton has numerous opportunities to provide adequate housing by building WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE EXISTING URBAN BOUNDARY.

Not only would this save taxpayers money, but it would also insure the integrity of our farmland and green space, which in turn, would allow the province to retain a safe, local food supply. In these times of uncertainty regarding supply chains throughout the globe, it is imperative that we freeze urban boundary expansion. We cannot allow economic interests of ill-advised land development to compromise the future well-being of the entire province.

The choice we are currently facing regarding the expansion of our urban boundary is a crucial one: it will have lasting effects not only here and now, but also for years and generations to come. I strongly urge you to act in the best interests of all Ontarians by taking steps to freeze urban boundary expansion. We must insure the safety and sustainability of this province. We must move forward together and create a viable, livable future.

We must Stop the Sprawl!!

Sincerely,  
Leo Dragtoe

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Leo Dragtoe

Hamilton, Ontario

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**From:** Linda Lannigan  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:01 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Urban Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Mayor Fred and City Councillors:

As a resident of Hamilton, I am writing to express how deeply concerned and opposed to the expansion of the urban boundary of Hamilton. It has come to my attention that the City of Hamilton is looking at expanding its urban boundary into prime agricultural lands!

I was present during the Climate Change Emergency meeting at City Hall and proud our Council made the declaration.

We need to stay focused and build a brilliant innovative City Plan that encompasses, restores and preserves all life.

I became a New Grand-ma March 3, 2019 of a precious little boy. He is now 2 1/2 years old and already speaks fluent English, knows the Planets in our Solar System, many Dinosaurs, has learned the Human Body Parts, Systems and how DNA makes us different. We go hiking and learn about the importance of the Sun, Trees, Land, Water and Air and how it affects all life on our Beautiful Mother Earth.

He now has a 5 month old little sister.

It is our responsibility to Restore and Protect our Planet for Future Generations!

Humans have already wiped hundreds of species and pushed many more to the brink of extinction through wildlife trade, pollution, habitat loss and the use of toxic substances.

The findings published in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) show that the rate at which species are dying out has accelerated in recent decades.

Gerardo Ceballos González, a professor of ecology at the National Autonomous University of

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Mexico and one of the authors of the study, said approximately 173 species went extinct between 2001 and 2014.

"173 species is 25 times more extinct species than you would expect under the normal, background, extinction rate," he told CNN in an email. He and his team found that in the past 100 years, more than 400 vertebrate species went extinct. In the normal course of evolution, such extinctions would have taken up to 10,000 years!

Environmental groups such as Environment Hamilton, 350 Hamilton, and others are bringing attention to the impact the urban expansion will have on transit, affordable housing, the environment, and vulnerable communities.

As your constituent, I am asking that you vote to FREEZE Hamilton's urban boundary. This action is essential if we have any hope of building a sustainable, climate-resilient, inclusive future for Hamilton!

Thank you for listening to me and the citizens of Hamilton on behalf of all living things and our future generations

Sincerely,

Linda Lannigan  
Fix Our World Team

Linda Lannigan  
Hamilton , Ontario

## 4.10 (ch)

**From:** Lindsay Greene

**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:54 PM

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

**Subject:** NO URBAN SPRAWL...come on guys, have some long-term vision

Clerk City Clerk,

I've lived in Hamilton nearly my whole life - from Waterdown, to Carlisle, to Dundas, and recently to the Durand neighborhood.

I am 31 years old, so I still have a lot of my life ahead of me. I'd hope that as I'm nearing the end of it I won't have to look around sadly reminiscing about the days when I could see nature and farmlands in harmony, in balance with the infrastructure and downtown business around me, instead of paving over and taking over.

This land use decision is going to affect my generation and all the future ones that come after it. Paving over farmland for developers - seriously? How does this short-term money-focused choice play out in reality? We've seen this one before ladies and gentlemen.

The voice of the people must count.

No Urban Boundary Expansion!

Instead, let's be smart and use up vacant, underutilized land already within the boundaries of Hamilton. It's about time to do something logical and beneficial to the wellbeing of the collective human community that MAKES UP THIS CITY.

Lindsay Greene

Hamilton, Ontario

## 4.10 (ci)

**From:** Jonathan Lopez  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:34 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Delegation for Urban Boundary Expansion

Good morning,

I would like to delegate for the up coming urban boundry expansion discussion. My name is Jonathan, I live in Hamilton at

The following is what I would like to submit as my written delegation.

"Hello, I am part of Acorn. My name is Jonathan. I am againsturban expansion as first and foremostthe project is not a solutionas it will take years for completion and its big requirementsis a environmental displacement.

Over the last year its been increasingly obvious that our environment can'ttake any more hits. We need to stand and show every other municipality that our decisions now have the weight of our neighbours as well as ourselves.

I believe also that Hamilton has a large amount of unused property and places that could be repaired, retrofitted or developed that would not require such an aggressive and damaging expansion.

For example, we have the schools being auctionedoff, there already is a foundation and land that has been urbanized. Rather than auctionit as a school near me has, it can be reworked.

The point is, we need to be very consciousof what we consider growth and profit should definitely not be the first definitionto growth.

Thank you"

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**From:** Brent Jukes  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:09 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** STOP the Sprawl!!

Clerk City Clerk,

Lets keep farmland - farmland!!! we do NOT need a sub division on every corner to include a plaza - gas station - drug store etc etc - Hamilton is starting to look like a 3 ring circus!!!! - STOP the sprawl and keep your hands off of the Greenbelt!!!! Lyn G. Jukes

Brent Jukes

Stoney Creek, Ontario

## 4.10 (ck)

**From:** margaret juraj <  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:38 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Sprawl Kills Nature Forever

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Margaret Juraj, and I live just down from Hamilton City Hall. I grew up in sprawl, in Stoney Creek during the 80's. When my family moved into the DeWitt Road area in 1979 we were one in of the very first houses built in this region of newly cleared farmland and natural places. There was, to start, an apocalypse of wild life. One of my first memories as a 6 year old is of the twisted rainbow of a dead garter snake with her many dead babies crushed right out of her body by a passing car, on the newly paved Glen Ashton Road. This was how I learned that garter snakes bear live young as opposed to laying eggs. And how I would learn that sprawl kills.

As more and more houses were built, the land was carved and gouged. In many a puddle formed by industrial earth movers, I saw how frogs, displaced from ponds, laid eggs that turned into tadpoles who swam in the rain water puddles that soon dried up, destroying their chance at life. Every house represented the homes of nature's creatures, extinguished. Newly laid sod of monoculture turf was spread out like death carpet, and at the escarpment's edge, where the woods on the sloping hill met our subdivision, you could peel back the turf to see newts exploring the ever expanding boundary of human habitation. How many newts exist in the forest today?

And so the houses, from open pits like graves, to skeletal wood frames, to rather shoddily built single family homes, became a playground for kids like me. As I grew up I couldn't wait to get out of this hell-suburb of tiny trees and ugly houses, to get to downtown Hamilton where the interesting things happened. But to young tweens and teens, the bus never came on time for well over a decade, out in what were then the hinterlands of the city's never ending sprawl. People talk about how sprawl never pays for itself, with the infrastructure that seems to start degrading the minute it is built, but my heart aches for the loss of natural places and the creatures who have every right to life but can't defend themselves against the violent onslaught of developers. We end up paying for sprawl in ways we can't imagine.

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Today I live just down the road from Hamilton's City Hall. In my own way I am trying to undo that violence to the land by planting native plants on my small city property. Beautiful insects and birds have a home here, steps away from a five lane highway, but it is only a tiny island of nature. Around me condos are starting to pop up like mushrooms, and yet there are no plans for housing for not-so-rich people, as I see evidenced by the homeless tents that are popping up just as rapidly. There is more than enough vacant land within the city's existing boundaries for development for all kinds of people. When will we learn that sprawl kills nature, and the spirit of the future?

One final childhood memory encapsulates the horror of overdeveloping green space: I watched a turtle walking down a paved road. Her pond was gone forever. Where could she go? Even though her house was on her back, there was no place for her to go. The cost of developing green space is incalculably destructive to life. When green spaces are destroyed it is gone. Forever.

margaret juraj

hamilton, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cl)

**From:** Margaret Tremblay  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:19 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Reasons for no urban boundary expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Premier, Provincial and Municipal leaders:

My name is Margaret Tremblay and I reside in Ward 13, Hamilton, ON.

Hamilton is facing a critical decision regarding expanding the urban boundary which will have lasting ramifications on our quality of life, the environment and the climate crisis.

I wish to thank Councilor VanderBeek and others who have stated their opposition to boundary expansion.

I would respectfully request that Premier Ford respect Hamilton's local democracy and planning.

I am asking that Hamilton Council take a deep look at how developing outside current boundaries will affect the climate crisis. Further, as tax paying Hamiltonians, we don't need to subsidize development outside current boundaries which will require more infrastructure, maintenance and transportation costs. It is imperative that we preserve good quality farmland to feed local populations with less reliance on imported food.

Numerous feasible ideas have been put forward to increase dignified, affordable and mixed housing on already existing land in Hamilton. The proposed LRT will also allow development of new housing along its corridor.

We need bold, creative and fearless decision making/planning to further build and enhance a healthy community within current boundaries. The city needs to work in collaboration with developers to encourage their participation in increasing the number of suitable housing stock without expanding boundaries. Again, there are numerous ideas expressed by others that

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would help accomplish this. Please make use of the knowledge and expertise of those who have expressed these ideas.

It can be done!!

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Margaret Tremblay

It can be done!!!

Margaret Tremblay

Hamilton, Ontario

## 4.10 (cm)

From: Kate Winstanley

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:29 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: No More Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

To All Concerned...

Please do not expand our urban boundaries and save our farmland. My family has been in Hamilton for years. My grandfathers family homestead was destroyed when the Red Hill Parkway was built. We have lost enough to sprawl.

Hamilton has plenty of land that can be repurposed or used smarter. Let's use some of our cities best and brightest minds and come up with a better solution that destroying precious farmland.

Please - for my children and grandchildren.

Regards,

Kate Winstanley & Family (Wards 1 & 2)

Kate Winstanley

## 4.10 (cn)

**From:** Laura Cortiula  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:38 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Good Morning

I am Laura Cortiula, a lifetime resident of the Winona area. Over the past 5 decades I have witnessed the loss of precious farmland to urban sprawl. We are at a point where critical decisions have to be made that take into consideration the effects these choices have on the environment and our food chain and not the pockets of the developers. We need to identify the underutilized areas within the urban boundary and make certain they are developed for affordable housing.

It has to be understood that the environment should be of the utmost concern at this point in time. We need to protect farm land because once it is developed it will never be recovered.

Laura Cortiula

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## 4.10 (co)

**From:** margo may taylor  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:05 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** our future

Clerk City Clerk,

my name is margo may taylor... i returned to hamilton just short of 25 years ago .

i have lived in ancaster for all these years thus it is like living with the best of 2 worlds yet it is also a wake-up call to reality .

oh the webs we weave as a humanity as we choose not to face the reality of homelessness & those who are trying to survive on so little . it is interesting that the premiere of ontario & those supporting & expanding our borders seem so quick to choose sprawl over our environment when it comes to our future as a people in reality . their are so many empty homes & factories yet so few housing options for those that truly need homes that are affordable & will allow people to exist in housing that yes allows one to keep their pet their friend their companion . housing that does not alarm one who is trying so desperately hard to escape the realities of drug addiction . thanks to this pandemic many who had jobs have lost that job that future that once may have been a positive turned into a negative .

in the inner city we have lane-ways that can produce tiny housing if given the chance .

building up is 1 thing needing a 32 story condominium on top of a former hotel does not seem to be the answer .

for years those in the housing industry have purchased farmland rented back that land to farmers with the pipe dream of bigger better more costly housing for tar-mac for the cost of additional fossil fuel that 1 will need to travel into the city at the expense of our air quality & the simple thought of adding housing for low income people is in its self a pipe-dream that is simply an insult to those who have been left behind by the mayors & councilors that that would rather hide & eliminate tents than face the reality if we cannot take care of what we have how can we take care of more . our environment is precious... needing farm land to grow crops is important simply because having to ship our food from various countries is incredibly expensive let alone the fact these are treaty lands . urban sprawl is not the answer doing better with what we have that is more humane speaks more to the people that live in hamilton was it not to be a nicer kinder more inclusive city... the hammer was hamilton what we now see is a sad attempt to compete with toronto while we welcome those who just

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wanted a home a community that cared a city that was kinder & gentler & more inclusive . no urban sprawl will not be the answer . doing better with what we have is the answer .

if i rambled i am sorry but i truly believe we can do better as a city... pass on urban sprawl .

margo may taylor

ancaster, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cp)

**From:** Margot Carnahan  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:37 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Stop the Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

As a 30 year resident of Hamilton, my request for elected and appointed representatives is to hold or, at least, indefinitely postpone expanding the current city boundary.

In keeping with the City's Climate State of Emergency, farmland and green space must be preserved.

Intensification within the city boundaries, by making use of existing housing opportunities, as suggested by many, to utilize existing infrastructure and support public transit seems obvious. Building more single family homes on the outskirts does not satisfy any community needs, and does not address affordability directly (increased supply can be addressed within city boundaries).

Margot Carnahan

Dundas, Ontario

## 4.10 (cq)

**From:** Marilyn Marchesseau  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Climate catastrophe in the making

Clerk City Clerk,

We urge you to make the decisions to stop further development of any farmland and green spaces in Hamilton. To do otherwise will definitely have permanent unwanted repercussions immediately and in the future. Those making bad decisions now will be named and not forgotten. For the sake of your own children and grandchildren and those of all the people in Ontario, do the right thing now!

Respectfully,

Peter and Marilyn Marchesseau

Marilyn Marchesseau

Ancaster, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cr)

**From:** Mark Cathcart

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:37 AM

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

**Subject:** Stop the urban boundary expansion over Hamilton's prime agricultural lands now!

Clerk City Clerk,

Good morning. I am a very concerned retired resident of this great country we call Canada and the way our elected government seems to do whatever is in the best interest for them and not the general public. In three days we will remember our fallen soldiers who fought for our freedom. This being the 100 years of our poppy is a very special year. Do you want to be remembered as the elected city council that voted to eliminate forever the 3.300 acres of prime agricultural farmland in Hamilton? You can't eat shingles or asphalt!

City planners, expand where you are building the LRT please.

Mark Cathcart

Hannon, Ontario

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**From:** Mark Wozny  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:48 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Halting Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello from Mark Wozny,

I am a resident of Old Stoney Creek and highly familiar with most of the Greater Hamilton area.

Urban boundary expansion creates a great waste of resources, particularly of our tax dollars and a marked unwarranted destruction of prime farmland.

The current health crisis has seen a huge increase in work-from-home employees. This is especially germane where the 'New Model of Work' is concerned.

This should in itself, cause reason to pause and review planning framework and outmoded frames of reference.

It is time to say NO to Urban Expansion as it serves to the great detriment of the average citizen/rate payer while being of enormous benefit to the speculators, developers, money launderers and sundry organized crime.

Land transfer remains one of the choice forms of money laundering, which by necessity goes hand-in-hand with rezoning.

The legacy of the Dal Zoto family of Tridel fame bears out a history of legal action that many believe to one of self-incrimination. This happened some years ago but still remains critical to many in forming an honest opinion regarding development.

It is high time that the main stream media and politicians stopped catering to 'developers' and provide better service to Joe and Jane Citizen.

Mark Wozny

Stoney Creek,

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**From:** Mary Johnston

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:21 AM

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

**Subject:** Please vote 'No' to expanding Hamilton's urban boundaries

Clerk City Clerk,

I am a senior citizen and life-long resident of the Hamilton area, currently living in Dundas. Citizens have spoken out clearly against urban sprawl. City Council needs to follow their wishes rather than bow to pressure from developers and directives from Queens Park.

Councillor Nann from Ward 3 gets it. I hope that others on Hamilton Council show similar insight and vote 'No' to expanding urban boundaries.

Mary Johnston

Mary Johnston

Dundas, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cu)

**From:** megan armstrong  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:29 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Stop the Sprawl--Save farmland and end urban poverty

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello, I am a professor at McMaster and i have lived in the Durand area (Jason Farr is our councillor) since 2005. I have written before about this matter, I also voted in the referendum for Intensification. I know the vote in the council is tomorrow, and I am extremely concerned that the council might follow the recommendations of the city staff and province over the best interests of the people of Hamilton. Especially after the opinion pieces in the last few weeks in the Spectator, it is extremely clear that those promoting expansion either have a vested interest in those housing projects and/or are unaware that our farmland is a finite space in Canada. Only 5% of Canadian farmland is arable, and moving to self-sustainability is critical to the longterm stability and prosperity and health of Canada not to mention aids in the fight against climate change. Much of Hamilton remains empty parking lots, poorly used spaces that could easily be turned into complex housing projects. Doing so not only will increase the urban tax base but also promote healthy neighbourhoods, increase local businesses and make it more affordable to have public transportation systems. It will help control and ideally long term reduce our carbon footprint, something that is absolutely essential for Canada and the planet to survive. There simply is NO reasonable justification for expanding into the greenbelt at this time, and it would be irresponsible for our councilors to vote in favour of it. Building more track housing out in suburban like models is also simply outdated and will do nothing to help address the housing needs of the urban poor let alone give them access to crucial resources (medical, governmental, workplace, grocery stores) that living downtown in an urban setting can more easily provide.

I am happy to expand on my opinions. My husband also shares my views. We love Hamilton, please vote to develop Hamilton responsibly and not just to help the developers and elite.

Yours Sincerely, Megan Armstrong

## 4.10 (cu)

megan armstrong

Hamilton, Ontario

## 4.10 (cv)

**From:** Melissa Sant  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Stop urban sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello

As a resident and homeowner of Ward 5, I would like to voice my concern about proposed urban boundaries being expanded. I believe that this would be detrimental to our city for several reasons. Selling off farmland that provides our communities of food and not to mention the environmental impact of all the construction when there is already land within the current boundaries that could be used for housing. We must save these natural free spaces for the generations to come.

Thank you.

Melissa Sant

Hamilton, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cw)

**From:** Michelle den Hollander  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** NO Urban Boundary Expansion

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I'm a Hamilton resident in Ward 2, and I'm writing to urge you not to open up the urban boundary for more sprawl. There is no benefit to expanding the boundaries except to land developers who only care about making more money. Downtown Hamilton is EMPTY, there are empty lots, empty parking lots, boarded-up buildings that I see every day in residential neighbourhoods. Increasing density in the city makes sense -- it will produce a more vibrant city, allow for all types of housing such as condos, mid-rise buildings and townhouses. It will add value to the city. In contrast, expanding the boundary into agricultural land and other natural areas makes no sense, right now we are in a climate emergency, and have precious little prime agricultural land. As the population increases, we will need more agricultural land and more ways to mitigate climate change. I can't understand why you would even consider allowing development in these areas at this time. We need long-range plans for the increased population that center our health and the environment. Paving over our agricultural land, reducing green space, and increasing fossil fuel use will ultimately make all our lives worse -- we are in the middle of a climate emergency. I beg you to think about the future generations, and how they will be living on a planet that is covered with concrete. I realize developers put pressure on politicians for their own short-term financial gains. Please don't allow this short-term, capitalist greed to sway you from the morally correct decision. Please put our collective futures first, and make decisions today that will benefit the next generation and the environment. Every decision we make now will have a lasting impact and we cannot undo these decisions and unpave nature. I will be watching this closely and needless to say your decisions will strongly impact my future support and voting choices.

Please, please do the right thing and don't allow expensive and environmentally irresponsible urban boundary expansion.

Sincerely,

## 4.10 (cw)

Michelle den Hollander

Hamilton, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cx)

**From:** Michelle Piano  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Say 'no' to sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I am writing to you today to advocate for the freezing of Hamilton's urban boundary. I am a resident of the Durand neighbourhood. There are various reasons to vote for the freezing the urban boundary. Governments benefit from cost savings on public services (fewer roads and streetlights, less distance for water/wastewater infrastructure to support, easier to institute public transit) --- one only needs to research the impacts of urban boundaries in Atlanta, Georgia, USA vs. Barcelona, Spain (similar population but Barcelona has a much smaller footprint). Denser-populated cities are more livable with thriving communities. Freezing the urban boundary also helps ensure farm land remains close to Hamilton residents so local, fresh produce remains accessible. Importantly, there are huge environmental benefits from the Hamilton population continuing to grow and evolve within its existing boundaries. We need to protect wetland, forest and prairie ecosystems before it's too late. For any individuals still on the fence as to which direction Hamilton should take, I highly encourage you to read *Walking Home* by Canadian urban planner Ken Greenberg.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter and give it careful consideration.

Take care,  
Michelle Piano  
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## 4.10 (cx)

Michelle Piano  
Hamilton, Ontario

## 4.10 (cy)

**From:** Mike Fox  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:07 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Stop Urban Sprawl

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello all,

I am writing to you to cast my vote on stopping urban sprawl in Hamilton. This city has plenty of un-utilized grey spaces in which we could build sustainable, affordable housing to support our core. We are investing in a light rail system, for the very purpose of supporting a regeneration of a downtown core. Stop urban sprawl. We need the farm land. Of city council decides to approve sprawl, you expect a measured push-back from your city.

Mike Fox

Dundas, Ontario

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## 4.10 (cz)

**From:** Monica Palkowski  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:45 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]NO SPRAWL

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

My name is Monica Palkowski and I have lived in Hamilton all of my life. I am writing to you today to express my deep concern over the potential loss of some of the best, most fertile agricultural land in Canada. There are better, more innovative ways to create affordable, livable homes for Hamiltonians within our urban boundary. We are at a tipping point in the climate crisis, and we know that sprawl negatively contributes to a number of climate and environmental issues. On top of this, a number of studies have proven that sprawl does not create a positive economic benefit to municipalities - in fact, it costs taxpayers more. In terms of the irreversible environmental and economic impacts, we just cannot afford sprawl.

As a lifetime citizen of this community, and one who cares deeply about its health and wellbeing, I DO NOT support sprawl. Please listen to the voices of your constituents and not those of developers, who hold profits above the wellbeing of communities.

Best,

Monica Palkowski

Monica Palkowski

Dundas, Ontario

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