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Subject: Hamilton Needs Housing correspondence on Nov 9 council agenda

SUBJECT: Hamilton needs housing I support the ambitious plan

Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have lived in Hamilton for 3 yrs. I am now due to the last 2 yrs going to be homeless. I am being evicted and i can no longer afford ANY apts in Hamilton or Burlington were i am from. I am 62 yrs old and homeless! The first time in my life having to say that and it HURTS! I work fulltime in Burlington and after 21 yrs make a fairly good wage but can not afford more than \$1000 a month in rent. There are no apts for rent in the core (where my bus to Burlington is) for that amount! If i move farther away then my commute time is more than 2 hrs and cost would put me back up into the over my budget cost! You as the Mayor and Council MUST DO SOMETHING! I am not the only one in this situation but you dont see us because we are not on the streets yet because we have friends to couch surf with. But that is not a permanent position to be in! We deserve safe reliable and AFFORDABLE housing!!

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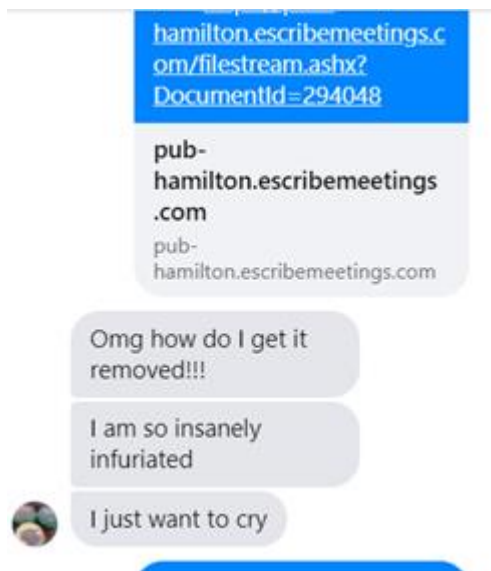
Hello Councillors,

Please read the above letter and ask yourself if you think this is from someone begging council to expand the urban boundary or begging for a safe and affordable home.

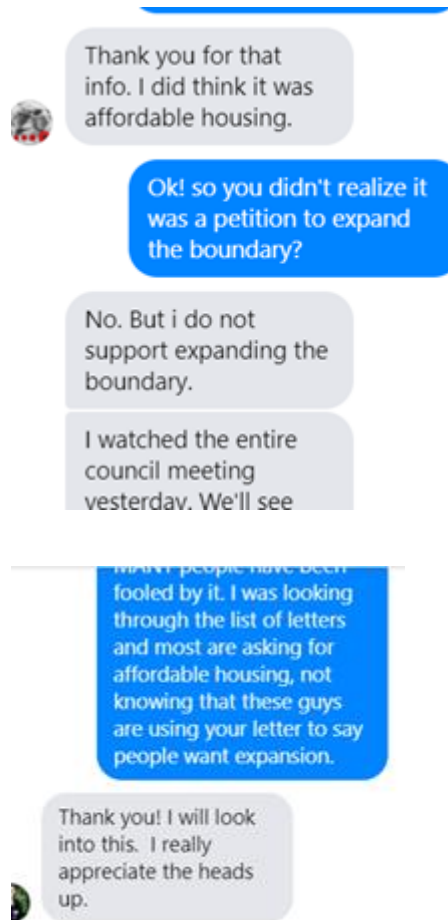
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I was looking through item 4.10 on the Council agenda today. It includes the Hamilton Needs Housing petition and written submissions "in favour of urban expansion". I am literally fuming because if you read through those letters there are dozens from desperate people, some even homeless, who are begging city council to provide affordable housing... because that's what HNH and the "petition" claims to be... a community organization campaigning for affordable housing. And lo and behold those people's letters are being presented to Council as votes for urban expansion. Some people are certainly for expansion but many folks are being tricked and used, and it is unconscionable.

I wrote to four of them that I could find on Facebook this evening, and they all got back to me and are not happy that they were tricked.



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These are just three that I could reach this evening. I am really urging Council to read through those letters, especially the latter half of them as the proponents for expansion are front loaded. You will see that many, many letters never mention expansion or land use but simply beg for affordable housing. It is unconscionable for this developer consortium to prey on desperate people like this. Some of the paid adverts are so disingenuous that they have even tricked people into thinking they are Stop Spraw:

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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

I have been wondering why Hamilton don't try to utilize all the run down and empty properties in the central area of Hamilton instead of taking the easy way out and grab some more farmland. The whole area would benefit greatly from a nice urban development plan that could include mixed income dwellings as well as businesses.

Birgit Mathieson



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Dear Councillors, Mayor, and City Staff,

We need smaller more affordable housing, perhaps some tiny house areas. We can't keep building mega mansions. They hurt the environment, destroy farmland and are unaffordable for the average person, especially seniors and younger folks.

I would love a small home or Tiny home, but little exist, and I can't afford to leave my apartment as rents elsewhere are too high. I am a senior and caregiver in Dundas, so must stay in area. Average selling price 750,000 \$.

Karen Moore



Thank you for reading and please call these people out for this when you can.

Kindly,
Nancy Hurst

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