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Subject: Is the Farmland Feedback HARD to understand?

Clerk City Clerk,

My name is Kerry Arnett & this will be the THIRD time I've given feedback on WHY farmland is important to protect REGARDLESS of whatever alternative is deemed necessary to replace it. NOTHING is more important than food as an essential for survival. How many more times will the same feedback be requested? The answer doesn't change! No means no

In 2015 Samsung wanted to use farmland for solar farms. This decision was based on Samsung's Google search & what would be the easiest for Samsung & MOST PROFITABLE! This information came directly from Samsung representatives at the Carlisle Hall Community Open House.

I was involved in that particular farmland fight & when the likes of Councillor Judi Partridge are involved we all should be extremely cautious. She had trouble counting the names on our local opposing petition (40 in total) and yet Judi could only count 18 ... maybe that's as high as she can count? No surprise that she was pushing for this project to get Flamborough on the 'green' map, a feather in her cap but better yet to make herself look like good. She has no shame when attention, media & impromptu opportunities to talk on ad nauseum about something she's less than knowledgeable about present themselves. As a transplant to Flamborough she should get her facts straight before she thinks she can adequately represent constituents in a rural area.

Despite the blurb from her website - "Agriculture is also a \$1.5 billion industry in Hamilton, with much of it located in Flamborough, and continues to increase with several new farm-related business expansions" I question her motivation & certainly don't trust her to do what in the best interest &/or greater good of all. When was the last time she had her hands in Flamborough soil?

She'd argue the class of the farmland makes a difference but I bet when food scarcity is an issue (be assured never in her household) after farmland is our NEW 'they paved paradise, put up a parking lot' (thank you Joni Mitchell for your foresight 50 years ago) that attitude will change. Farmland is NOT something we can re-create, plain & simple!

I raise the above example as a parallel to the current situation, which would have McMansions on farmland not solar farms. End result is the same - ease & greed should NOT be the motivation for handing over 3300 acres of farmland to folks who can well afford to bring their 'A' game & do something a tad more creative, innovative & imaginative! Shame on those for even considering this option. Where will it end? Let's use our foresight and know farmland is for sustaining our future NOT growing solar farms &/or McMansions end of story!

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