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Subject: devastation in BC: the climate emergency is here

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Clerk City Clerk,

Dear Mayor Eisenberger, Premier Ford, City Councilors and Members of Parliament,

The photos of the devastation wrought in BC are shocking. For one of the only times since 1885, every Canadian land route to the Pacific has been cut. How did we get to a point where we've damaged our climate so badly that disasters like this are happening to us, with increasing frequency?

The answer is simple: by doing what we've always done, afraid to act differently because we think that's the rational approach. But that business-as-usual approach means that now, our livelihoods and our lives and our futures are actively being damaged and destroyed.

Sprawl is a huge part of the problem: car-dependent communities create, by definition, more driving. Carbon emissions from transportation are over 1/4 of Canada's total!

Building more sprawl means we're not taking this emergency seriously. The consequences of that approach are tragically visible in BC today. It will be Hamilton's turn tomorrow.

Your vote on this issue is either a vote for the status quo that got us here, or for the kind of new approach that we desperately need to get us out of this disaster.

Sincerely,

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