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Subject: The Climate Emergency Needs An Emergency Response

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Good Morning Mayor and Councillors:

It is common knowledge despite what the shrinking group of climate crisis deniers say that our world is deep into a climate crisis. Scientific facts have made it clear that if we are to continue to exist on this planet that we have to take clear and tangible action to stop the process of climate destruction and as it should, this emergency response starts at the grass roots level with our city councillors and Mayor providing the leadership as the peoples' representatives! As a city, Hamilton has done very little recently to move forward in putting into practice the necessary response to do our part in combating our climate emergency; as a deeply concerned citizen of Hamilton, I strongly urge you to move this emergency climate response to the top of our list and dedicate more city resources into successfully meeting the climate emergency that we all face. Money is not important but life is and whatever it takes to address our problems locally needs to be done immediately. The devastation in California and now British Columbia not to mention the issues in Atlantic Canada speak to this emergency and it is just a matter of time until we in Ontario and in Hamilton will face some form of devastation. Let's get the ball rolling right now and do what we need to do to successfully help ourselves. Stopping the Sprawl to prevent paving over precious farmlands was a great start and a great role model for the rest of the Golden Horseshoe and now we need to further this great start by taking concrete local climate emergency response action. We can't wait for the Ford government to do this as they are only interested in helping themselves and their rich supporters; we did not wait for them when we Stopped the Urban Sprawl and we should not wait for them now. As Council has recently found out, there are a lot of citizen eyes out here watching you do your jobs and we again need you to continue to do what is best for Hamiltonians. On Wednesday, December 8 starting with the staff update, it is time to get resources into play and position Hamiltonians to be able to respond successfully to the climate emergency. Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to seeing and hearing Council swing into action by prioritizing our climate emergency response!

Sincerely,

Rick Johnson