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Subject: Sign bylaw item 10.3, Jan 11, 2022

Dear Ms. Kelsey and members of the Planning Committee,
Ms. Kelsey, kindly add my letter to the Jan 11, 2022 agenda for item 10.3

I'm writing with respect to the proposed bylaw that would restrict the use of lawn signs whose purpose is to spread awareness about an "issue". I am urging you to reject the inclusion of such signs in the bylaw.

- People should be free to display their position on an issue on their front lawn, even the part of the lawn owned by the city.
- Your deliberations should not be conducted in a secret closed session.
- There should at the very least be public consultation around this.

Signs on front lawns are true indicators of public sentiment because, as occurred on the Stop Sprawl campaign, every sign that was placed in a lawn or farm layby was *requested* by the resident or farmer. We were aware of the bylaw against signs on public property and never placed them in such locations. If we were alerted to a sign placed in a public space we removed it. We had 1627 sign requests from the public and we distributed 1627 signs to their properties.

Signs such as these are one of the few ways citizens can catch the attention of Councillors in a meaningful and impactful way. Please don't muzzle the public by prohibiting their use.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hurst
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