

October 14, 2021

Mr. Charlie Toman
City of Hamilton
Planning and Economic Development Department
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Dear Mr. Toman:

We are writing in response to the notice we received regarding the zoning and by-law amendment affecting 173 Highway 52, Flamborough. (File numbers: RHOPA-21-017, ZAC-21-040). While we have no objection to the amendment itself, we are writing to clarify the establishment of precedent.

The proposed property severance comes as no surprise to the owners of adjacent properties. When the property changed hands last year, the previous owner expressed concern that the property would be severed, with the severed portion being converted for commercial use. We now find ourselves in the process of fulfilling this very prophecy.

We worry that the ease with which this amendment is being processed is not based in objectivity but is instead strongly influenced by the reputation of the applicants. We expect that any future requests from adjacent property owners will be treated with identical levels of cooperation from the City of Hamilton. This case has set a new precedent, and we will insist that any future requests be considered through this lens. All adjacent properties owners should have the right to sever their agricultural lands, should the City value equity and equality to any degree.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,