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Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:18 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: GRIDS2/MCR May 17th Public Meeting

This letter is in reference to the GRIDS2/MCR plan and is meant for the May 17th Statutory Public Meeting.

My husband and I are very concerned about the climate emergency. We support the protection of farmland as well as climate resilient, inclusive urban neighbourhoods in our city.

We know that urban sprawl will just speed up the suffering that our future holds today for all of us. It's inevitable because Ontario is not doing its part to reduce GHG emissions and Canada has not met even one of our promised national emissions targets to date.

It's simple, the people making lots of money by harming us just don't care. Many developers have only a short-sighted view of a world paved in concrete that will make them rich quickly. They think that they can buy themselves out of being impacted by global warming somehow -- but they are dead wrong! And we will all be dead sooner if we don't stop this destructive blind-sided thinking.

Plans to freeze our urban boundary go before Hamilton's Planning Committee for final approval in the mandatory Statutory Public Meeting on May 17th. I certainly hope that our municipality holds its ground on stopping urban sprawl -- like the residents of Hamilton clearly supported by a vote.

The Ford PCs say they can't be told what to do by the Liberal Federal government -- that it is illegal for Prime Minister Trudeau to step on Premiers' toes. So why then, does Doug Ford think it is fair for his government to use illegal tactics like MZOs, and dismantling good provincial environmental protection systems, to stomp all over the rights of municipalities?

The provincial government are dangerous bullies that we need to stand up against. We don't want to see our beautiful city and green belt both ruined by poorly-planned sprawl! It's already happening with new urban developments popping up quickly all around our smaller centers -- Mount Hope and the Airport lands have doubled in paved area recently, and even Caledonia next door has cleared huge areas of farmland. This is happening today around many urban centers whether they want it or not! Residents' voices mean nothing to our provincial PC government and that has to be illegal!! We pay taxes here to protect our home and Doug Ford is abusing his powers to limit ours.

Something has to be done to stop this ABUSE! Please continue to JUST SAY NO and take every action possible to stop the bullies and protect the citizens of Hamilton. Please, we beg our entire municipal government to keep pushing back and never give in to this complete insanity!!

This is not our Ontario! Our beautiful Ontario is being scarred forever -- the licence plates should never have been changed. Everything the PC provincial government touches is degraded and destroyed.

Donna Skelly does not deserve a say in Hamilton politics if she aligns herself with this kind of insulting provincial government. I will never trust her government and I will never vote PC again as long as I live.

This is from Hamilton residents who are beyond concerned for our future - we're going to lose hope soon if we don't take the climate emergency seriously in Ontario soon! Hamilton must take a very strong stand regardless of what the Ford government wants. We need to set an example for other municipalities to follow.

Please stand strong with your voters, the taxpayers of Hamilton and say NO forever to the big bully who is Premier Doug Ford. We hope he loses the election!!

Sincerely,

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