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This email is meant for the May 17th, 2022 Statutory Public Meeting

Hello,

I'm writing to ask for NO URBAN BOUNDARY EXPANSION.

I live in xx, on xx Road, Mount Hope, which is directly across the road from a proposed development (white belt lands) if the urban boundary expansion is approved. There are so many opportunities for building and development within the current City boundaries that there is no need for an urban boundary expansion. For one example, just look at the numerous parking lots that mostly sit empty, especially since Covid and so many people working from home and that will be continuing to work from home. These lands have infrastructure available.

We need local farmers so that we can be self-sufficient to supply our own fruits, vegetables, meat etc. The prices of everything is going up and part of the reason is the cost of transporting goods to us. We need to be able to buy locally.

The land across the street from our complex had a farmer working it all weekend, digging, fertilizing and planting. The land is owned by a developer and I assume is leased to the farmer. I have seen ads in our local paper from farmers looking for lands to lease. If farmers are leasing lands for planting, there is still a need for the land.

The above property is just one example that would be affected if the urban boundary expansion is approved. This property includes species at risk, ie. butternut trees and wildlife, significant wildlife habitats and aquatic habitat. There will soon be signs put up on our road to beware of turtles crossing.

The developers don't consider lands they own as being prime agricultural lands as presently only corn, soy beans and sod are grown on the lands. The lands are leased to farmers who are aware that the property will be paved over one day. Those are the easiest crops to grow on land that the farmers know they won't have access to in the future.

I'm not opposed to development but have concerns about the impact that an urban boundary expansion will have.

Regards,

Lynn Prince