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**Subject:** Preventing urban sprawl

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Dear Council,

As a Ward 3 Constituent, I'd like you and fellow councillors to consider delaying the city's growth plan as Halton Region did recently in a unanimous vote on Feb. 17th, 2021.

With Covid restrictions, folks can't actually be consulted properly. Many residents in Hamilton lack internet access to participate or have issues with spotty service or rural connectivity.

We can't lock in sprawl for 30 years with Ford's "market driven" policy changes. Sprawl is the key lever in locking in greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, the CEEP consultant for Hamilton.

As well, Sprawl costs taxpayers more in the long run with added infrastructure as you know. Our agricultural land in the areas outside our present boundary is Class 1 and 2. We shouldn't risk losing these lands to large lots for expensive suburban tract housing.

Please consider making a motion to stand up against the Ford government's recent firehose of changes which allow more low density development and lessen our existing smart intensification plans. Hamilton Council should ask the Province to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement as well.

Thanks,  
Yuki