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Subject: Urban Boundary

From: Fix Our World
Sent: March 27, 2021 1:34 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Dear Mayor Fred and City Councillors:

As a resident of Hamilton, I am writing to urge councillors to delay a decision on the urban boundary until after COVID restrictions on in-person public meetings end! Especially when our Citizens need to participate in major decisions like Urban Boundaries that affect all of us for the next 30 Years!

I am concerned about the expansion of the urban boundary of Hamilton. It has come to my attention that the City of Hamilton is looking at expanding its urban boundary into prime agricultural lands!

I was present during the Climate Change Emergency meeting at City Hall and proud our Council made the declaration.

We need to stay focused and build a brilliant innovative City Plan that encompasses, restores and preserves all life.

I became a New Grand-ma March 3, 2019 of a precious little boy. He is now 2 years old and already speaks fluent English, knows the Planets in our Solar System, many Dinosaurs, has learned the Human Body Parts, Systems and how DNA makes us different. We go hiking and learn about the importance of the Sun, Trees, Land, Water and Air and how it affects all life on our Beautiful Mother Earth. He will have a little sister in May 2021.

It is our responsibility to Restore and Protect our Planet for Future Generations!

Humans have already wiped hundreds of species and pushed many more to the brink of extinction through wildlife trade, pollution, habitat loss and the use of toxic substances. But the findings published in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) show that the rate at which species are dying out has accelerated in recent decades.

Gerardo Ceballos González, a professor of ecology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and one of the authors of the study, said approximately 173 species went extinct between 2001 and 2014.

"173 species is 25 times more extinct species than you would expect under the normal, background, extinction rate," he told CNN in an email. He and his team found that in the past 100 years, more than 400 vertebrate species went extinct. In the normal course of evolution, such extinctions would have taken up to 10,000 years,

Environmental groups such as Environment Hamilton, 350 Hamilton, and others are bringing attention to the impact the urban expansion will have on transit, affordable housing, the environment, and vulnerable communities.

As your constituent, I am asking that you vote to FREEZE Hamilton's urban boundary. This action is essential if we have any hope of building a sustainable, climate-resilient, inclusive future for Hamilton!

Thank you for listening to me and the citizens of Hamilton on behalf of all living things and our future generations

Sincerely,
Linda Lannigan
Fix Our World Team