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Mr. Thorne,

You are likely aware, the province has revised municipal planning guidelines to include population projections to 2051, lowered density targets for new development and enacted a “market-driven” approach to planning for new residential.

I am requesting that Hamilton City Council delay Hamilton’s Official Review Plans (MRC) at your upcoming meeting. The region of Halton voted unanimously to pause their planning on Feb 17 and I believe we should follow their example.

We cannot lock in sprawl until 2051. Land use planning is the key lever in locking in or locking out greenhouse emissions according to Yuill Herbert, a leading energy consultant for many Canadian municipalities including Hamilton.

Constituents cannot be properly consulted given COVID restrictions. Many residents do not have internet access or lack the expertise to use Zoom software in order to delegate. Critical decisions which will impact Hamilton for the next 30 years should not be made while in-person consultation is not possible. Please ensure that Hamilton’s 2016-2025 Strategic Plan honours its commitment to community engagement and participation which states: “Citizens are consulted and involved in making the decisions that impact them” .

For this action to be effective, councils around the Golden Horseshoe will need to pass similar motions and as it started in Halton, I hope it can continue to Hamilton and beyond.

Please make a motion to stand up against the Ford government's recent onslaught of changes which allow more low density development and lessen our existing smart intensification plans. Please request that the Province suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement.

Sincerely

M. Knott, Hamilton resident