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**Subject:** Stop the Sprawl !

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Good day all,

I attended a meeting the other night where I learned about the above topic.

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 agree with their choice.

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 impossible. Hamilton's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan commits to community engagement and participation and 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.

Kindly,

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