

**From:** Coleman, Daniel

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 9:42 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Email delegation re: Council items 10.8 and 11.4

Dear City Councillors,

I am writing to thank you for the strong stand you have taken in resisting the provincial government's pressure towards urban boundary expansion based on the clear majority of votes in favour of maintaining urban boundaries and meeting housing needs by means of intelligent density.

The smoke we have all been breathing over the past weeks reminds us that global warming is a real thing and that we need to do everything we can to reduce carbon emissions and increase earth's capacity to sequester carbon and create oxygen.

To do this, I urge you to resist urban boundary expansion (item 10.8) that is being forced upon the city of Hamilton by the provincial government's developer friends and respect City-led planning so that the highest levels of good planning are attained. If developers submit their own secondary plans for the expansion lands in the greenbelt and beyond the city boundaries there will likely be little to no public engagement and planning will be for profit, not for Hamiltonians.

Furthermore, we urge you (in relation to item 11.4) to resist the invitation to have city staff work with the Province to come up with new expansion plans. I believe this will be a misallocation of staff resources and time as well as taxpayer dollars which could be better spent doing what Hamiltonians voted for our new Council to do: Build density and complete communities where we already have services and infrastructure to address the ongoing housing and climate crises: within the former urban boundary.

We know this is a difficult situation for City Council, given the pressure to "cooperate" with the Province, but we hope you will stick to the mandate you were given by Hamilton voters to plan for a city that meets our challenging housing needs while creating a sustainable future for the city and its future inhabitants.

Thank you,

Daniel Coleman

**From:** HERMAN DAVID BOUWMAN

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 2:23 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Greenbelt Lands

To the Councillors of the City of Hamilton:

I am not in agreement of the city's staff to cooperate with the provincial government in hopes of securing better conditions while the Greenbelt is being developed. I do not live in the area which has been removed from the Greenbelt. I live in Westdale in a protected, so far, area because of the RBG. If this land is developed, we will have fewer acres of farmland and this action will destroy the established biodiversity. We can never go back and retrieve this land once developers seize it.

My other concern is why should I subsidize new housing for homeowners because developer fees are being covered by Hamilton taxpayers? I believe the legislation does not, as far as I know, requires developers to decrease the cost of the houses for new buyers. If they don't who wins in this situation? Developers, of course. This is not fair taxation.

It is my understanding that Ford's task force looking into this issue stated: it was unnecessary to develop the Greenbelt as there is sufficient land within urban boundaries to accomplish this.

Hold strong against the Ford government destroying the Greenbelt forever.

Kind Regards,

Karen Bouwman  
Ward 1

**From:** Alex Matheson

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 10:52 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Greenbelt Meeting - July 11/2023

I am writing to ask that you protect and save the greenbelt. I don't want more sprawl. I urge you to save the farm land that is on good productive soil.

I suggest we focus on:

- lower cost housing
- utilizing available space within the urban boundary
- amend the bi-laws to facilitate more secondary dwellings, allowing for smaller units.

Thanks for considering my requests.

Alex Matheson

From: Rose Janson

Sent: July 6, 2023 1:02 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Greenbelt- So important to Protect!

Hello, thank you for all you do.

In this time of climate disasters, it's crucial that we \*expand \*wetlands. farmlands, forests and green spaces.

Bad air is damaging the lungs of our children now!

We do not want Council to support any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers.

\*Expand the Greenbelt!

Focus on building within the urban boundary.

\*Yours truly,

Rose Janson and Family

**From:** GERALYNNE KEECH RMT  
**Sent:** July 7, 2023 8:17 AM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Item 11.4 July 11th Green Belt Grab

Good morning,

As a citizen of Hamilton for fifty plus years I am deeply concerned about the nearsightedness of the Provincial Government regarding Urban Expansion and the paving over of the protected areas of the Green Belt. Protecting natural areas and saving farmland for growing our food locally should be the highest priority in the face of Climate Change. Creating sustainable Urban Densification with walkable neighbourhoods and convenient affordable transit is the only way forward. We need to encourage developers to be more creative and more sustainable in their designs by making them work within the restrictions of Urban Densification. Not simply allow them to continue building in the same suburban car centric sprawling manner that has been happening for way too long. People need safe clean well thought through spaces within the city they live to live in and not an endless cycle of expansion and loss of farmland and natural spaces for wildlife.

Hamilton has an opportunity to do better and be better, to set an example for other cities with mixed residence styles and better urban planning that will allow for a better quality of life for its citizens. Stop the Sprawl. Build better Urban Developments. Make Hamilton Great.

Sincerely,  
Geraldynne Keech

**From:** Michelle Tom

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 12:50 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Cc:** Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Item 11.4 Planning Committee, July 11th, 2023

Office of the City Clerk  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main St. W., 1st Floor  
Hamilton, ON  
L8P-4Y5

Dear Members of Hamilton City Planning Committee;

Re: Item 11.4, Planning Committee, July 11th, 2023

After watching the last Planning Committee, I was heartened to watch a careful, deliberate and courageous response from Planning Committee members to a vague expectation from the Premier and Minister Clark to force Hamilton City Council to ‘wear’ a decision to accept an undemocratic Greenbelt Grab. The tactic from the province seems to be to dangle undisclosed “carrots” to force council to accept what is intolerable to Hamilton citizens and the public at large in our province.

The Ford government campaigned, just last May, on a promise to protect the Greenbelt. What has happened since then?

Even if carrots are dangled, they will not come close to making up for the immeasurable costs that will be incurred by developing outside our urban boundaries on this Greenbelt land.

The Greenbelt was designed to provide local fresh food, biodiversity, watershed protection and environmental protection from flooding, high winds and to help keep our emissions lower. In fact, land use planning is the best tool municipalities have to lock in or lock out emissions. A study published this week is cause for concern. Globally, we are at risk of the collapse of harvests world-wide. We can’t afford to pave any of our precious Class 1 and 2 soil in the most fertile region in Canada. We are so lucky to have adjacent fresh water and a long growing season.

Once gone, we can’t get our farmland back. Please show courage and stand up to the province.

Sincerely,

Michelle Tom  
Hamilton, Ontario

**From:** Wyn Andress

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 9:24 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** July 11 re:11.4

Council: I am writing to express my concerns regarding 11.4, & request that Hamilton Council works to preserve our Greenbelt to ensure we have green spaces and farmland to support our future generations. I am definitely not in favour of any land grabs!!

There are many older buildings that can be retrofitted to support our growing population.

Namaste 🙏 & Be Blessed ❤️

Wyn Andress Life Coach & Soul Doulah....

Rebirth your Soul & Step into your life with more ease & Flow by clearing the pain, suffering & limitations of your personal past, past Lives and Ancestral past; while embracing the gifts.

From: Richard Johnson  
Sent: July 6, 2023 3:28 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Cc: Rick Johnson  
Subject: Planning Committee Meeting with regard to Item 11.4

Dear Mayor, Ward Councillors and Planning Committee Members:

It is my understanding that the Planning Committee members are meeting on July 11, 2023 to receive staff recommendations on how to respond to and participate in the province's shameful grab of Greenbelt lands under Bill 23; the Ford government has tried to justify this land grab suggesting that it will allow them to build affordable homes for an alleged population growth in Hamilton up to and including the year 2050. Hamiltonians know differently. We all know that the homes to be built on the Bill 23 lands will not be affordable to future buyers but is simply a not very clever ruse on the part of the Ford government to further enrich the large land developers who are the influential supporters of the Ford government. The Ford government has not been truthful with Ontario's citizens in the past on many counts and is not being truthful with respect to their intentions in regard to Bill 23 and the lands grabbed.

It is my understanding that the City of Hamilton staff recommendation is to participate in a provincially directed process with the hope of achieving some form of community benefit for Hamiltonians despite the fact that Hamilton will have no guarantees that we will derive any positive outcomes from participating in this exchange with the province and Ford government. As a resident of the provincial riding of Flamborough-Glanbrook and likewise a resident of Ward 11 in the City of Hamilton, I oppose participation in this process by City representatives with Ford government representatives in any way, shape or form. The Ford government is one which has not acted democratically in the best interests of all Ontarians at any time and has never acted with honesty and integrity at any point in their time in office; even Premier Ford himself has been outed for lying to the people of Ontario regarding his intentions with regard to the Greenbelt lands. I cannot think of one reason why the City of Hamilton should trust the Ford government in any form of negotiation; the Ford government has proven that it has zero interest in listening to anyone but it's own supporters when it comes to doing what is best and right for all Ontarians including the people of Hamilton! Why would such discussions be any different?

Any and all staff resources and time that might have been allocated toward this meeting with the province is wasteful at best and could be better used to address how we go about building more affordable homes within the current city boundaries. The Ford government's public report has even said that the Bill 23 lands are not needed to accommodate future population growth and that there is plenty of land already allocated for such growth! Do not engage in any negotiations with the Ford government in the hope that this government will become well intentioned and well meaning partners; the Ford government has a track record of acting only to achieve it's own ends by it's own means. The Ford government's purpose in having Hamilton participate in discussions with them is a selfish and political one in that such participation would appear to legitimize it's intentions with Hamilton with regard to Bill 23 lands. This is not about striking a fair deal for Hamilton. I do not support any removal of Greenbelt lands under any circumstance and it is imperative that Hamilton continues to provide provincial leadership against the Ford government with respect to opposing any and all of Bill 23. Hamilton must continue the fight as once we lose our farmlands and our environmentally sensitive lands, Hamilton can never get them back. So, once again, I am firmly opposed to Hamilton participating in any discussion process with the Ford government thinking that we can gain some positive outcomes for Hamilton! Thank you for your kind attention.



Yours sincerely,

Rick Johnson

**From:** E Elson

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 3:32 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Planning Committee meeting, Tuesday July 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Please register my written request to Council Re: (Item 11.4) as to how to respond and participate in the province's shameful Greenbelt grab in Hamilton. The staff recommendation is to participate in a provincially directed process in hopes of achieving some form of community benefits despite the fact we have no guarantees that we will get any positive outcomes.

I fear that this will be a misallocation of staff resources and time that could be better spent doing what Hamiltonians voted for our new Council to do: Build density and complete communities where we already have services and infrastructure to address the ongoing housing and climate crises.

On Tuesday I am requesting Council to not participate and validate the province's land grab - The province is seeking municipal buy-in so they can justify steamrolling our local democratic rights - participating in this farce only affords them the illusion that the City and public support their plans. Please I encourage Council to do what Hamiltonians have voted for our new Council to do. Build density, where complete communities already have services and infrastructure. It has been proven we have enough space within the urban boundary to do so. Doug Ford campaigned on a promise to not touch the Greenbelt. We are stewards of this land for future generations. Please do not allow him to lie and destroy this precious land and eco system. Once gone it cannot be replaced. To quote Joni Mitchell, let's not pave over paradise and build a parking lot.

Elaine Elson

Homeowner in Ward 3

**From:** Dieter Klaus  
**Sent:** July 6, 2023 12:06 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Cc:** Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

RE: 11 July 2023 PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA 11.4 Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

I want to express my strong opposition to expanding city boundaries and to encroach on the Greenbelt.

- While I recognize that we need to accommodate more housing and increase city density, I believe there is more than enough room and opportunity to grow within the present city boundaries. Extending city boundaries is not the answer.
- The Greenbelt was established to be a green buffer for generations to come; and we need to respect that intent and preserve as much green space around our cities as possible for the sake of our children and grand children, who already will have to deal with our legacies of climate change, pollution, and species extinctions, to name a few.
- We also know that building more suburban single family houses is more expensive for city services, and thus more costly to us as taxpayers, than to build out and up within the existing city already served with infrastructure. - Thus, if anything, the city needs to change zoning laws to accommodate higher density neighbourhoods. That means high rises in the city centre, medium high rises around that and along major streets/roads and three to five story housing units for 6 or more family units beyond that, all to a scale appropriate for the surrounding already built up areas.

The latter will also provide the opportunity to include subsidized/social as well as affordable housing, including mini units to house those who are now living in encampments due to not being able to afford the present super high market rents. ( Apart from those individuals who are out there who need mental health care, addiction support etc. and need to be "housed" in a structured and supportive environment )

I know from conversations with my neighbours, that many feel the way I feel and expect the city to resist the short sighted and destructive policies of the provincial government, and plan more prudently and for the long term health of our city, with green spaces, trees, and human scale development with people as the priority, but also including the cities financial health.

I hope the city council has the courage to say NO ! to encroaching on the Green Belt.

Thank you,

Dieter Klaus

**From:** T Hancock

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 9:36 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Save the greenbelt comments for meeting

Submitting comments related to expanding the greenbelt. Full disclosure that I live in Binbrook.

How will sprawl provide affordable housing? We are overpopulating in binbrook with lack of services, poor infrastructure (roads, water, no gas stations, no recreational facilities). I live on a rural property and bought out here to have distance and quiet between my neighbours.

I also work in Toronto, my commute time is ridiculous, if we sprawl how will the roads support an already overwhelmed road system.

Also, if we eliminate all green space where will we grow our produce, once the property is gone there is no replacing it. The LRT was approved and people should live around it..how successful can an LRT system be if no one lives near it.

It's unlikely that developers will build affordable, the houses going into these green spaces are not affordable to low to middle earners.

I hope the city will stand firm and use existing spaces before jumping to sprawling. There also needs to be larger fines against developers who cut down trees or clear space without the proper permits.

Sincerely,

Tracey Hancock

**From:** gus mihailovich

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 5:16 PM

**To:** Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Cc:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Urban Expansion / Greenbelt - Items 10.8 and 11.4

**TO: Hamilton Planning Committee**

As a citizen who has called Hamilton, 'home' for 60 years, I strongly voice my advocacy for preserving local democratic rights, and a sustainable vision regarding urban expansion and Greenbelt land.

- I do not support collaborating with the Province to enable *any* removal of Greenbelt lands for developers
- the City, not developers, must lead any secondary planning for urban expansion areas
- Climate change considerations and preservation of agricultural land must be our priority
- Robust public consultation must accompany any decisions concerning urban expansion or Greenbelt land

Thank you for your ongoing leadership,

Gus Mihailovich

**From:** Allison Barnes

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 5:26 PM

**To:** Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Cc:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Written Delegation re: items 10.8 and 11.4

Dear Hamilton City Council,

As a concerned Métis citizen of Ward 3 in Hamilton, please consider this my written delegation. I would like to speak to Items 10.8 and 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting:

-I do not support collaborating with the Province to enable any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers.

-The City, not developers, must lead any secondary planning for urban expansion areas.

-Climate change considerations and preservation of agricultural land must be our priority.

-Robust public consultation must accompany any decisions concerning urban expansion or Greenbelt land.

I do not support any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers. We must do the right thing for our environment and future generations.

Sincerely,

Allison Barnes

Ward 3 Resident

**From:** Jill

**Sent:** July 6, 2023 12:10 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Written Delegation

*I'm writing to provide delegation regarding Item 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting.*

*Dear Clerk, and members of Council,*

It is imperative that we stand up against Ford's Greenbelt plans. It can't be in good conscience that any development happens on prime farmland, wetland and other ecologically sensitive lands, **especially** when we have so much potential for smart growth and densification within the existing urban boundaries, where supporting infrastructure and public transit is close at hand.

This is clearly an (illegal) money grab for many developers and those who would carelessly ignore the obvious damage to future generations for their own personal gain. The damage would be irreversible, and extremely irresponsible. This is NOT how to govern a province, and does nothing to support our ecosystem during a declared climate crisis. And so this desperately needs to be rallied against by everyone, including the City of Hamilton.

Sincerely,  
Jill Tonini

**From:** Andra Zommers

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 11:38 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Written submission Re: Item 11.4 - July 11th Planning Committee meeting

To the Planning Committee of the City of Hamilton,

*Regarding the Agenda Discussion Item 11.4: Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan  
(Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3)*

There are many reasons to feel deflated by Premier Ford's decision to steamroll our overwhelmingly supported municipal decision to commit to development within our existing urban boundaries.

However, as our city's elected leaders I urge you to hold onto your values, and not to compromise on this decision - supported by multiple municipalities - to protect our Green Belt and the farmers' fields and habitats they encompass (aka "nature", the thing that makes a city more than a concrete jungle).

I understand your options are limited - but please do NOT give up the fight yet. The voters who put you into office have not relented yet on this issue and neither can you.

The reality is that hastily-built suburban homes reliant on cars will not relieve urban rental prices or homelessness. They will exacerbate food crises and ecosystem collapse. Ford's plan is out of touch with the municipal needs of the cities he claims to be serving. Please DO NOT EMULATE THIS BEHAVIOUR.

City Councilors, as a multiple-generation Hamiltonian and also rural Ontario hobby farmer, I urge you to continue mining your creative resources to find solutions around the Greenbelt Grab!! This is a true crisis of provincial leadership, and we need you.

*Sincerely,  
Andra Zommers  
Hamilton resident & defender*



**From:** Robert Wakulat

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 12:15 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Cc:** Denise Pinto; Jesse Elders; Charles-Francois de Lannoy

**Subject:** Written Submission to Speak to Item 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee Meeting

Dear Council,

Please accept this note as a written submission speaking to Item 11.4 of the July 11th Planning Committee meeting:

My name is Robert Wakulat and I chose to move to Hamilton about 5 years ago from Toronto. I am a father, neighbour, lawyer, and concerned citizen. Among other reasons, I was attracted to Hamilton's strong urban culture alongside its easy access and celebration of its neighbouring rural areas. I recall growing up in Etobicoke and having delightful access to Pick-Your-Own produce farms along Eglinton Avenue in Mississauga, not to mention the quick access to rural experiences up Airport Road. As we all know, those land uses have changed considerably.

Should this Committee, and Council writ large, acquiesce to the provincial government's development plans, we will continue to lose elements of Hamilton life that make it unique and special. I understand we can meet considerable housing needs through infill development and would hope we start there. Alongside alley-way housing, tiny houses, and multiplexes/mid-rise development, I have to believe there is already considerable room to grow on the currently occupied urban landscape.

Furthermore, and I'm not sure at whose feet this responsibility should lie, it is unclear to me that we have a provincial arable land strategy. Is there any sense of the available productive agricultural land we have and what happens when we continue to lose this land? In service of more housing (and I hesitate to believe that housing would even be considered "affordable"), it stands to reason we will make food less accessible to those who need it as supply dwindles or the cost-to-market increases. Surely, a provincial or regional arable land strategy is prerequisite to these kinds of decisions.

I also have grave reservations about the impact on clean air, clean water and the climate if we continue to lose our green space in favour of more pavement. As the father of a 4-year-old, I have to imagine these are worth considering and fighting for. Please do right by the future and support a sustainable growth strategy for this city. Once we lose these treasures, I fear they are gone forever.

Thank you,  
Robert

Friday, July 7, 2023

**Office of the City Clerk**

City Hall  
71 Main Street., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8P 4Y5

**Re:** | Planning Committee – Staff Report PED23046(a)  
| Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan amendment no.3)

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On behalf of the Book Road West Landowners Group (the “BRWLG”), Corbett Land Strategies is pleased to submit comments with respect to the Staff Report PED23046(a) relating to the amendments to extract lands within the City of Hamilton from the Greenbelt Plan. The BRWLG represents land holdings of approximately 728.70 hectares (1,800 acres) located in south-west Hamilton (“Subject Lands”). The lands abut the City of Hamilton’s existing Urban Boundary adjacent to the Ancaster community. More specifically, the lands are bounded by Shaver Road to the west, Fiddler’s Green Road to the east, Garner Road West to the north, and a property line that runs mid concession between Butter Road and Book Road to the south.

**History**

The BRWLG has been in existence for over 20 years and has been continuously involved in successive Official Plan reviews and related Ontario Municipal Board proceedings. Historically, the membership of this group has been generational land owners who have been interested in having the community included in the City’s urban boundary.

The BRWLG was actively involved in the 2016 Provincial Policy Review that addressed the boundaries of the Provincial Greenbelt Plan in Hamilton. In that review, staff initially recommended against the Subject Lands being included in the Greenbelt Area. The Province, nevertheless, included the Subject Lands in the Greenbelt Area in 2017 without documented planning or environmental justification.

In December 2022, the Province removed the subject lands from the Greenbelt Plan area as part of the Province’s efforts to make lands available for the construction of 1.5 million homes across Ontario by 2031. The affordable housing supply issue is a province-wide issue which significantly impacts the quality of life for Hamiltonians. As such the urbanization of the Book Road area presents a significant opportunity for the City to participate and deliver solutions to the housing supply issue. In this regard, the Province is requiring significant progress on planning approvals in 2023 and the commencement of construction by 2025. The BRWLG supports the province’s efforts to tackle the housing crisis in Ontario and is prepared to do everything it can to help combat that crisis. This includes making every effort possible to meet the province’s 2023 and 2025 timelines.

It is important to note that since the preparation of the staff report, Bill 97 received Royal Assent on June 8, 2023. The amendments to the Planning Act through Bill 97, give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing authority to approve new urban developments through an Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) within rural areas.

### **Process**

The Province removed these lands (and others) from the Greenbelt to rationalize the boundaries of the Greenbelt Area and on the expectation that they would make an immediate and significant impact on addressing the housing shortage. If Ontario is to make a real dent in the housing crisis, we all need to do our fair share. Doing nothing will not get the job done. The BRWLG is willing and able to do their share and to provide real assistance to the City to help it do its part as well.

The BRWLG appreciates that the City has many important objectives and the BRWLG is offering to help ease the City's burden by providing technical and planning assistance. BRWLG believes that a better outcome will result if we all work together to achieve the province's timelines. The BRWLG hopes to work co-operatively with the province and the city to establish a development plan that would provide for needed residential and affordable housing and a complete community. The BRWLG wants to work with the city towards a mutually beneficial development plan and community benefits package that will exceed the maximum requirements set out in the Planning Act and related legislation. The intent is to work with the City to develop a signature community that will quickly add housing supply and deliver a community benefits package that would assist the City in accomplishing Council's recently adopted top strategic goals and priorities, all within the province's timelines.

### **Conclusion**

The BRWLG agrees with city staff that it is in the City's best interests to be part of this planning process. The BRWLG encourages City Council to accept the staff recommendations and agree to be part of this important process.

**Sincerely,**

*John Corbett*

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**John B. Corbett, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.**

Corbett Land Strategies Inc.

President

[john@corbettlandstrategies.ca](mailto:john@corbettlandstrategies.ca)

**From:** Martha Howatt  
**Sent:** July 5, 2023 6:17 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:**

I am writing to express my wishes that the City of Hamilton be firm and forceful with the Provincial Government and refuse to expand onto the Greenbelt. Many reports have come forward to show that it is not necessary and that we have the land to expand within our boundaries.

Do not pave or develop on farmland or the Greenbelt.

Thank you for your time.

Martha Howatt

From: Jim and Janet Fraser  
Sent: July 6, 2023 4:15 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Cc: Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>  
Subject: Citizen input re Greenbelt

Hello ,

It is my understanding that the city is requesting input regarding the greenbelt .  
As you know the majority of us had voted to freeze the urban boundary and of course the protect the greenbelt. That has not changed. The city is being pressured by the Provincial government to agree to their reckless decision to open up the greenbelt for developers.

I would just like you to know that , as citizens of Hamilton , we disagree that the greenbelt should be taken away and used for development. We also disagree with the expansion of the urban boundary of Hamilton . The most wonderful thing about Hamilton is our green spaces, woodlands, waterways, and surrounding farmland which must be preserved for future generations. This can never be replaced once destroyed. This is some of the most fertile land in Canada and must be protected. Our great lakes and the waterways that drain into our lakes must be protected.

As seniors we feel this is one of our greatest priorities ...to preserve this land for our grandchildren. We know that there is plenty of available space within the urban boundary to build housing. We also know that , as elders in our seventies, there will be a great many homes for sale, as the baby boomer generation moves out of their homes and into care homes (or worse).

Thank you for your time,

Janet and Jim Fraser

**From:** Baier, George  
**Sent:** July 6, 2023 11:34 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Doug Fords Greenbelt Grab  
**Importance:** High

Hello Councillors. I am a refugee or sort. A refugee of development. We lived in front of Linden Park elementary school which provided proximal and quick access to my child in JK. Once we heard the school was on the chopping block we moved out of there. Sackville Hill was supposed to be donated lands for recreation by the Sackville family and that is not what happened. Majority of the greenspace, Park, and school were obliterated in the name of development. So sad. We were in walking distance of a school and that was taken away from us, so we moved, and so did others.

We moved to a place where there is greenspace for our kids to play in and schools are in walking distance. Now that is up for development as well. Where do we go now? And how can we afford to move?

I live in Hamilton because there is room to breathe, unlike the compact living in Toronto and surrounding areas. Don't make us move again. Greenspace is way more valuable than people give credit to. But its also an easy target and that's why we need councillors to hear our voice and fight for our right to have nature.

I beg you please, greenspace is more valuable than something as common as money.

George Baier  
Dundas

**From:** Anna Vermaat  
**Sent:** July 6, 2023 11:45 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Ford's land grab

Dear Sirs/Madam,

We are 100 % against taking over farm lands and protected lands for development.

We have so many buildings that are empty, in need of repair/replacement, parking lots not used to full potential, housing development along the future LRT, empty schools, etc.

The last thing tax payers need is more roads and all that goes along with the expansion of suburbia which will be unaffordable anyway and then we are stuck with the maintenance tax bills, that a very high percentage of us do not want.

Only the developers want the land grab for the almighty \$\$\$.

As long as the city makes sure that all development includes mixed affordability so all levels of the social ladder have access to a home they can afford.

PLEASE DO NOT PAVE OVER THESE LANDS - with the population growth, we are going to need our farm lands and green spaces.

A. Vermaat and family  
Ancaster, Ontario

**From:** Patricia Cole-Stever  
**Sent:** July 6, 2023 12:58 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** re: Greenbelt Planning Committee Meeting July 11/23

Hello to the Greenbelt Planning Committee/ City of Hamilton Reps

I wanted to express my concerns along with those who have, via video or voice recording, for your meeting today, July 11/23.

**I TOTALLY OPPOSE ANY ACTIONS WHICH WOULD REDUCE, OR REMOVE OR RELOCATE ANY OF THE GREENBELT..... PERIOD.**

I am not an environmental expert nor city planner but, I **am** an extremely concerned citizen and tax payer within the City of Hamilton. I don't know when the environment and our Greenbelt became an item of political debate? It is NOT for people with a political agenda to control the use of. Leave that for professionals~ those who are educated in these sorts of affairs and who care for the future, not only locally but globally. Persons who know and understand the NEED for natural spaces and farm lands. These people have studied and gleaned information from past experiences and experiments, trial and errors. I have no trust in the current proposition to pave over parts of the Greenbelt in the Hamilton area for Secondary Housing Units. This is not a political issue... although, sadly it has become one, hence, your meeting today.

It should also not matter if you see or hear me as I express my concerns; the time that I take to write these words should more than qualify my concern and yes, I have written and shared my concerns in the past.

I really don't have anything new to post or present to you in opposition, I trust that the SSHO has done a good job of that. I support their efforts all the way. You, the reps of the City of Hamilton know the reasons why we need to retain the Greenbelt, not let it be destroyed to fulfill someone's political promise and make those in the construction industry richer in the process.

I totally support the SSHO which has more than adequately and continuously shown, to the present government, of all levels, the reasons why the Greenbelt is so precious and fragile. The SSHO has presented reasons why paving over the Greenbelt is a horrific, ill guided, small minded approach to a larger, provincial and federal issue. Leave our Greenbelt out of future growth plans... this is real life, not a political life full of ill-fated promises.

Best regards,  
Patricia Cole-Stever



**From:** Margaret Tremblay

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 5:39 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Hamilton Planning Committee Items 10.8 & 11.4

Dear City Clerk, Mayor and Councillors,

Re: Items 10.8 and 11.4 Hamilton Planning Committee

There are two critical areas of concern with regard to these items: one is the preservation of our existing natural areas and farmland and two, the full functioning of democracy.

The Ontario Auditor's state of the environment report indicated that 'deforestation, contaminated air, polluted water and the loss of wetlands are a growing concern' as reported in The Hamilton Spectator, May 17/23. I do not support collaborating with the province that leads to any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers, lands that are necessary to preserve the health of the environment and by extension, human health. I do appreciate city staff's concern that by not agreeing to work with a provincial facilitator, an MZO could be used to push through the province's development plans without city input.

Use of Greenbelt lands for development should only be considered when all existing land within the city's former urban boundary is developed and then only with full public participation and consultation. The city must lead any secondary planning for these expansion areas to ensure that the highest level of good planning is attained. This must not be left to developers. The city is responsible to taxpayers and residents and needs to remain firm on being able to uphold this responsibility. Our local democratic rights must be preserved and not undermined by the province.

I respectfully submit my comments and look to council's decisions made in the best interests of all Hamiltonians, the environment and democracy.

Margaret Tremblay  
Dundas, Ontario

**From:** Lois Corey  
**Sent:** July 7, 2023 5:17 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Item 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting

Hello,

Please consider this my written submission of comments regarding **Item 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting.**

I strongly encourage the City of Hamilton to not participate and validate the province's land grab - Doug Ford and his developer friends are seeking municipal buy-in so they can justify steamrolling our local democratic rights - participating in this farce only affords them of the illusion that the City and public support their plans. It is vital that Hamilton continues to lead and fight back against these land grabs - once we lose our natural heritage and farmland, we cannot get it back.

We have some of the richest farmland in Canada within the greenbelt, and as populations grow and the environmental and economic cost of transporting food from elsewhere becomes unviable, it is essential that we preserve the farmland that we have left, so that we can feed and sustain ourselves now and in future generations.

Also, as we have seen with the recent hottest temperatures in world records, and the highest number of forest fires in history, global warming is an emergency that cannot be ignored and must be acted on immediately, not only to save our own lives, but those of our children and grandchildren. Those who wish to develop the greenbelt will experience perhaps short term financial gain, but will end up losers along with the rest of us, when our planet becomes inhabitable. It is the very future of our species that is at stake. Those who have children and grandchildren cannot in good conscience condone Doug Ford's land grab if they care about their loved ones. We need to think about the world they will live in.

The lie we are fed is that this is being done to address the housing crisis. This reasoning is illogical as the only houses that will be built on the green belt are those that the less fortunate cannot access, either physically or financially. Intensification of density by building affordable smaller rental units within the existing urban boundary, is what we truly need to address the housing crisis.

I have been a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy since 1969, when my parents joined shortly after the founding of the Trail. This trail is a precious resource as it links a continuous ribbon of greenbelt along the escarpment. It ensures at least a small corridor will be preserved as habitat for wildlife, and for humans also to enjoy. Doug Ford's legislation threatens it as well. We cannot afford to cut down any more trees - they are literally our life blood, providing the oxygen we need to live and help to stave off climate change. In addition the Trail can be a great economic asset, drawing outdoor enthusiasts and tourists from around the world.

One has only to look at Ontario using google earth to see how little solid green appears on the map of Southern Ontario. We must act now to ensure the map does not become entirely grey, with all the green erased.

I implore city councillors to please do everything in your power to oppose Doug Ford's legislation - yours and my future are at stake!

Regards,  
Lois M. Corey

**From:** Mike Gleadall <[m\\_gleadall52@hotmail.com](mailto:m_gleadall52@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** July 8, 2023 9:45 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Item 11.4 Planning Committee

My name is Michael Gleadall, I am 71 years of age and have lived in Hamilton since 1977. I married here had 5 children grow up here and now have 5 grandchildren living here. I spent 38 years working with marginalized people here, the first 27 years as the Director of group homes and the last 11 as the Shelter Manager at The Salvation Army Hamilton Booth Centre. During this time I have seen the city of Hamilton make many decisions that impact on the people who live here, most positively but unfortunately some negatively. I was however extremely proud of the stance the Council took in with keeping new growth within the current city limits. Not only was this the right decision as it represented the wishes of the majority of Hamiltonians and was financially and environmentally responsible but it took courage to do this when there was and still is pressure from the Provincial Government to expand beyond the current borders into the farm and greenbelt lands.

I am sure in your current deliberations to review your earlier decision you will hear from experts on the costs of building and maintaining the infrastructure expanding beyond the current border and the tax burden this place now and in the future on all of Hamilton. I am also sure you will hear from other experts on the importance of the lands outside of Hamilton that are being considered or either their agricultural or environmental value and the simple fact that once they are gone they can't be replaced. I will leave these arguments to the more learned and just tell you what I believe. I believe we were built to live in harmony with nature we need the water sheds, farmlands, the natural growth areas with all of the birds, insects and animals that live there for our survival. There is a natural chain of interdependency in our universe and man cannot continue to alter it without adverse effects. Every time we bulldoze away trees for buildings, replace lush topsoil for asphalt parking lots and fill in wetlands or alter natural waterways so we can have nice flat land for new housing developments we are upsetting the natural order around us that will impact on us negatively in the future. Canada is one of the greatest countries in the world because it is blessed with such an abundance of fresh water, natural resources, lush farmland and the beauty of diverse species of plants and animals. We need to be better stewards of how we interact with the natural world around us and only disturb it when it is absolutely necessary and not for future growth numbers that may or may not materialize and can readily be housed within the current city limits. One of the great things about Hamilton is that nature is all around us, Within the city and surrounding area there are abundant places to walk, to observe, to play in and just enjoy the beauty of a natural world that is unique to Canada lets do our part to help preserve it for future generations.

Thanks in advance for your attention to my submission

Michael Gleadall

**From:** Elaine Harvey

**Sent:** July 7, 2023 5:17 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Items 10.8 and 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting

With regard to the above items being discussed at the July 11 meeting:

- 1) We do not support collaborating with the Province to enable any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers
- 2) the City, not developers, must lead any secondary planning for urban expansion areas
- 3) Climate change considerations and preservation of agricultural land must be our priority
- 4) Robust public consultation must accompany any decisions concerning urban expansion or Greenbelt land

Please, please do not sacrifice our beautiful lands by allowing any takeover by the province

Sincerely,

Elaine Harvey & Roger Connelly

Ancaster, ON

**From:** Dorothy  
**Sent:** July 7, 2023 10:06 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Cc:** Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** July 11th Planning Committee

Dear Ms. Holland and Councillors

Further to your deliberations at the Planning Committee on July 11th, I'm writing to express my hope that Committee members and subsequently City Council will not agree to cooperate with the Province to allow development of Greenbelt land. Residents, especially in Hamilton have made it very clear that we want to see development occur within urban boundaries and many councillors were elected because you said you share our views. Rather than giving in to the province's stampede over municipal authority, I hope the Committee will support legal action to counter Greenbelt and watershed development.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and please add this letter to the public record and Monday's agenda.

Regards....Dorothy McIntosh

**From:** John Radoman  
**Sent:** July 8, 2023 5:33 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Ontario's Greenbelt

I have lived in Hamilton, Ontario ALL of my 61 years. I have never moved, relocated or even imagined ANY other place to call home. We, Hamiltonians, are privileged to have a vibrant city surrounded by beautiful, natural green spaces, within short walking or driving distances.

Mr. Doug Ford, along with Mr. Steve Clark and their "developer" buddies, are planning on destroying what needs to be protected for us and future generations. Once it is bulldozed, paved over, and or built on, we CAN'T bring it back. Upsetting and destroying what must be enjoyed by many of thousands of souls, just to "profit" a very few is shameful, disgraceful and greedy. We as taxpaying / voting / caring citizens will NOT let this be rammed down our throats.

**From:** Dennis/Patricia Baker

**Sent:** July 8, 2023 4:43 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>

**Cc:** Pat Baker <pjbassociates@compuserve.com>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Planning Committee Meeting July 11

Dear Mr Danko and members of the Planning Committee,

I would like to give you my comments regarding two issue at the meeting next Thursday, Item 10.8 and Item 11.4. I have been fortunate to live in several very different parts of the world and to observe how some municipalities have dealt successfully with the issues at hand here and where their efforts were totally in vain - for a variety of reasons - but usually due to influence of non-government interested groups.

Re. 10.8. The City needs an urban expansion plan and I feel it is of primary importance that such a critical issue is dealt with by the city. Under no circumstance should developers be allowed to make their own decisions on expansion lands. We will need public input on the plan and I feel the City staff are the best to handle this issue. Last year the City acknowledged that there is sufficient land available within the city and this should be the priority for development.

Re. 11.4. Greenbelt development. I have very little faith that a 'Provincial Facilitator' will do anything other focus on how best to help the developer. The current provincial government is continually breaking Greenbelt promises made and is definitely very involved in facilitating the developers. Having lived where there is a far denser population than we have in Hamilton I have seen that it is possible to have family size units in buildings with 4/5 floors that could be built within our existing urban boundary and within walking distance of schools, shops, recreation areas etc. Such a plan would preserve the Greenbelt. It would also mitigate the effect of vehicles on climate change and the \$\$ costs involved with expanding beyond the current city.

I think the recent evidence of Climate Change MUST have influence on decisions. We need all the existing Greenbelt and must protect farming areas. At the same time we also need far more trees and they should be planted within 10 years, not with a goal of 2050. I feel that any decisions must include public meetings and further consultation about urban expansion and Greenbelt land.

I trust these matters will be dealt with on Tuesday in a way that protects our Greenbelt, farmlands and natural areas.

Patricia Baker.

**From:** Cameron, Robin  
**Sent:** July 6, 2023 10:59 AM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Protect our greenbelt

Dear Legislative Coordinator, Planning Committee, City of Hamilton

Please Save our Greenbelt in Hamilton!

My name is Robin Cameron and I'm a Professor of Plant Biology at McMaster University. My research team studies how plants defend themselves from pathogens with the goal of enhancing disease resistance in our important crops while also reducing pesticide use/carbon inputs. I'm also the granddaughter of southern Ontario farmers. In other words, I appreciate the importance of farmland around Hamilton and elsewhere in Ontario. Along with farmland we also need natural areas, which we have in the greenbelt around Hamilton. We need the greenbelt around Hamilton as it provides many ecosystem services and without these services, there will be more flooding, less carbon sequestration by plants/trees, therefore less mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and polluted water in the absence of filtration by plants. The greenbelt also provides Hamiltonians with the ability to connect with nature which is beneficial for our mental and physical well-being. The future of Ontario/Canada's people depends on all levels of government acting to protect our remaining natural lands, which will help us in so many ways including in reducing the impacts of climate change.

thanks,

Robin Cameron



**From:** Charlane Surerus  
**Sent:** July 8, 2023 3:41 AM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Save our Greenbelt Lands

To whom this may concern,

I strongly believe that Hamilton should not develop any of its Greenbelt lands. I am not confident that the provincial government will give us any community requests by working with them to develop our Greenbelt properties.

There are so many reasons we should not go down this road...we do not need more McMansions in our city that benefit only a few of our citizens. The cost of supporting these additions to our city is not worth it. The recent flooding in Binbrook shows the danger we will face paving over more land and given the fact that more precipitation will occur with climate change, we must leave more land open for absorption. We need to develop more density in our current city footprint before building out.

We must not cave to what developers want. It is the voice of the people that matters.

Thank you for your time and effort,  
Charlane Surerus

**From:** Marilyn Daniels  
**Sent:** July 9, 2023 6:55 AM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Submission: Planning Committee July 11th

Planning Committee

City of Hamilton

71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Hamilton, ON. L8P 4Y5

***RE: for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting, Items 10.8 and 11.4.***

I am writing to provide citizen input on Items 10.8 and 11.4

**1) I do not support collaborating with the Province to enable *any* removal of Greenbelt lands for developers**

The Province is going directly against their election promise to NOT touch the Greenbelt. Hamilton Council has been given a clear mandate by Hamilton taxpayers to protect the Greenbelt. Ignoring these promise / mandate goes directly against the expressed will of electors and is a slippery slope to the principles of election and democratic rights.

**2) The City, not developers, must lead any secondary planning for urban expansion areas**

Developers have no stake in the future health and vibrancy of the communities they build; their only goal in planning is profit. It's up to the City to ensure that a more holistic planning agenda is followed, one that takes into consideration not only the needs for more housing but infrastructure needs, future community needs and, most importantly, protects the environment.

**3) Climate change considerations and preservation of agricultural land must be our priority.**

All planning must acknowledge the present and future repercussions of our climate change emergency. A 'business as usual' commitment to growth is dangerous and unsustainable, contributing to an overloading of the Earth's capacity to recover and to provide for future generations. I urge the Council to direct its limited time and resources to developing the disintegrating core of Hamilton and to improve the services and infrastructure it already has in place there.

**4) Robust public consultation must accompany any decisions concerning urban expansion or Greenbelt land**

Sincerely,

Marilyn Daniels

**From:** Hailey Van Sickle

**Sent:** July 9, 2023 12:34 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Written submission for article 10.8 and 11.4 July 11th Planning Committee Meeting

I am writing today in regards to article 10.8 and 11.4 for the July 11th planning committee. I am greatly opposed to collaborating with the province for ANY removal of the Greenbelt land. I have outlined reasons below why the city, not developers, must lead secondary planning for urban expansion, how this could change our climate and lastly, why public consultation is needed when urban expansion and decisions regarding the Greenbelt are at stake.

Protected greenbelt areas play a crucial role in preserving natural landscapes, supporting biodiversity, and ensuring the well-being of future generations. However, the decision to remove land from these protected areas for urban development poses significant risks to both the environment and the long-term sustainability of our cities. I have outlined the potential impacts of encroaching upon greenbelt areas, highlighting the importance of cities taking the lead in urban development rather than leaving it solely in the hands of developers.

**Loss of Natural Habitats and Biodiversity:**

Protected greenbelt areas serve as havens for diverse plant and animal species, offering essential habitats for their survival. By encroaching upon these areas, we disrupt and fragment ecosystems, resulting in the loss of crucial biodiversity. Future generations would be deprived of the opportunity to witness and learn from these natural wonders, undermining their connection to the environment and their understanding of the delicate balance of nature.

**Degradation of Ecosystem Services:**

Greenbelt areas provide a range of ecosystem services, including air and water purification, climate regulation, and the maintenance of soil fertility. These services are vital for human well-being, and their degradation can have severe consequences. The removal of land from greenbelt areas may result in increased air pollution, reduced water quality, amplified heat island effects, and diminished natural resilience to climate change. The burden of these ecological consequences will fall on future generations, who will have to grapple with the challenges posed by a deteriorating environment.

**Impacts on Human Health:**

Green spaces have been shown to have significant positive effects on human health and well-being. Access to nature and outdoor recreational activities improves physical and mental health, reduces stress, and enhances overall quality of life. By prioritizing urban development at the expense of greenbelt areas, future generations may face a deficit in these benefits, leading to potential health issues and decreased resilience to stressors.

**Disrupted Urban Planning and Sustainable Development:**

Cities that prioritize urban development without considering the preservation of greenbelt areas risk creating unsustainable environments. A lack of green spaces, trees, and vegetation in urban settings can exacerbate heat-related illnesses, air pollution, and water management challenges. The absence of well-planned green infrastructure and natural corridors may hinder efforts to build resilient and sustainable cities for future generations. By taking the lead in urban development, cities can incorporate greenbelt areas into their long-term planning, ensuring a balance between growth and environmental conservation.

**Engaging Communities in Sustainable Development:**

When cities lead urban development, there is an opportunity to engage communities in shaping their own future. By involving citizens in decision-making processes, cities can ensure that their development

aligns with the needs and aspirations of the community, while also considering environmental concerns. This participatory approach empowers residents to take ownership of their surroundings, fostering a sense of stewardship and accountability for future generations.

Taking land out of protected greenbelt areas for immediate urban development often neglects long-term sustainability. Cities should prioritize responsible and sustainable urban planning, focusing on compact development, green infrastructure, and maximizing existing urban spaces. By leading the way in urban development, cities can ensure that future generations inherit resilient and livable environments.

Hamilton has voted no to urban expansion, we are the taxpayers - we should have say where our money goes. Instead, the democratic process is completely being steamrolled by the province. Why should we have to pay for this financially, when the government and developers are the only one who stands to profit from it? WE MUST HAVE A VOICE AND STAND OUR GROUND!

Hailey Van Sickle  
Ancaster

**From:** Laura Robson

**Sent:** July 9, 2023 12:43 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Items 10.8 and 11.4 July 11th Meeting

Hello,

I am writing to you to express my wishes in regards to development and urban expansion. I do not support my city council collaborating with the province to remove ANY greenbelt lands for developers. I strongly believe the city must lead any secondary planning for urban expansion, not developers. The top priorities for any development projects should be preservation of agricultural lands and climate change considerations. Furthermore, any decisions concerning urban expansion or Greenbelt land should only happen after robust public consultation.

Regards,

Laura Robson

**From:** Grace Kerr

**Sent:** July 9, 2023 12:58 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** July 11 Hamilton Planning Committee

Hello,

Please be advised that I STRONGLY stand beside the below:

1. I do not support collaborating with the Province to enable any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers
2. the City, not developers, must lead any secondary planning for urban expansion areas
3. Climate change considerations and preservation of agricultural land must be our priority
4. Robust public consultation must accompany any decisions concerning urban expansion or Greenbelt land

Thank you,  
Grace Petz  
Ancaster

**From:** Kathy Garneau  
**Sent:** July 9, 2023 3:39 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Cc:** Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** I do not support development of the Greenbelt

I am emailing you in the hopes that Hamilton's City Council will act to **stop** considering opening up the Greenbelt for development. Greenbelt land should by definition be protected from speculation by developers.

We need to focus on increasing the density within our urban boundaries. This will decrease our carbon footprint and reduce our future tax bills

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Kathy Garneau

**From:**

**Sent:** July 9, 2023 7:46 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** July 11th Planning Committee, Item 11.4

Dear Hamilton City Council,

Thank you very much for all you are doing to represent the rights and stated mandate of the citizens of Hamilton. We have all declared, loudly and clearly, that we are against sprawl and we want to maintain the urban boundary. I recognize that you are working diligently to deliver this mandate, but you are facing a strong and determined adversary in the provincial government. Thank you for holding strong to deliver on earlier promises.

Please continue to advocate for building density and complete communities where we already have services and infrastructure. The “walkable community” has to be your North Star as you work to address the ongoing housing crisis. I recognize that you have to navigate carefully, but please do not collaborate with the province to remove any Greenbelt lands for developers. We need the Greenbelt lands for its natural features which provide climate mitigation for all of us, as well as mental health maintenance – something we learned during the pandemic. The wetlands, farmlands, and woodlands are necessary for our protection and our good health, both physical and mental. These special lands are an immediate source of food and water.

Because you are so close to your constituents, because you know exactly what they want, you, as representatives of the City, must lead the Secondary Planning for Urban Expansion Areas. We all understand that Developers will develop a plan that benefits themselves and their bank accounts. Any plan submitted by a Developer will be one-sided and will not favour the citizens of Hamilton. Please persevere in your determination to develop the Secondary Plan, regardless of how much time it may take. While there is an urgency, a poor plan will produce poor results which will haunt us for decades. It is worth the time to develop a Plan that will stand the test of time, of a growing population, climate change, and will include robust public consultation. The people of Hamilton know what they want and must be consulted on any decisions concerning urban expansion and the Greenbelt. We will be your biggest allies.

I know you understand that once we lose our natural heritage and farmland, that it is gone forever. Is it possible to make the Developers understand this?



Once again, many thanks for holding the course and persevering, with the best interests of Hamiltonians at heart. We have already seen a demonstration of the carelessness/thoughtlessness of contractors as they butchered trees and shredded them. They have shown what they will do, if given free reign.

Is there some way that we can help? Please tell us what we can do to ensure the Urban Boundary remains intact and that the City is in charge of the Secondary Planning for Expansion Areas.

Sincerely,  
Marie Covert  
Dundas

**From:** Eileen Booty

**Sent:** July 9, 2023 8:15 PM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Written delegation addressing items 10.8 and 11.4 -OLT meeting July 11th

Dear members of the Hamilton City Council,

Why not utilize a natural feature such as the Garner Marsh? This would be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate climate leadership! Many areas in the GTA are actively involved in rewilding and UNPAVING land in order to create a marsh such as the Garner Marsh, to help with water runoff and species survival. Show our children that it is possible to create places that honours ALL species. Let's demonstrate that there is hope in action for a healthier planet.

'If this appeal is accepted, it would reverse a long-standing policy of both the provincial government and Conservation Authorities across Ontario and to protect wetlands.' Remember when there was talk about turning the Bayfront land into an amusement park! With wise intervention that didn't happen. It has become a wondrous place that citizens of Hamilton feel proud of and draws people from all around. Let's do something that is forward thinking for Hamilton Mountain too !

Thank you, Eileen Booty.

Ancaster, Craig Cassar, Ward 12

Google: [www.waterfrontoronto.ca](http://www.waterfrontoronto.ca)

Don Mouth Naturalization Project. An excellent example of climate leadership!

**From:** cynthia meyer

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 3:41 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Items 10.8 & 11.4 , July 11,Planning Meeting

I CANT BREATHE!

In the last few weeks, air conditions and asthma have conspired to keep me indoors most of the time. Knowing that Premier Ford plans to remove large portions of the Green Belt, I beseech you to stand firm in opposing him. The Green Belt and northern woods are the lungs of Ontario. We have already lost so much to wildfires. It is fool's folly to trust that collaboration with Ford (who has already proven untrustworthy) will benefit Hamiltonians.

I have voted for Maureen Wilson, fully expecting that she and council will protect our democratic rights, and protect the species we share this place with. We voted no to green belt 'development', no to paving over Garner Marsh, and no to housing construction outside city limits while we can meet the demands of newcomers within the city and thereby make Hamilton more vibrant.

Councillors, don't agree to Ford's plans as staff suggested. It will only compromise us..

Thank you for your continued hard work.

Cynthia Meyer

Ward 2

**From:** Heather Yoell

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 8:21 AM

**To:** Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Submission re. Items 10.8 & 11.4, Planning Committee Meeting of July 11, 2023

**Dear Mayor Horwath, Councillors, and City Clerk,**

I am writing to express my opposition to the City of Hamilton collaborating with the provincial government on the removal of any land from the Greenbelt for developers. Please do not legitimize the Province's actions by participating in their short-sighted, profit-driven, environmentally and economically irresponsible assault on the Greenbelt.

Do not allow developers to take charge of any secondary planning for urban expansion areas. The city must lead, and should hold fast to its publicly supported plan for development within the current boundaries. Please put up every roadblock possible to prevent development on the Greenbelt.

The reasons for rejecting expansion onto the Greenbelt are obvious to anyone without dollar signs in their eyes: protection of natural lands, particularly wetlands, as well as agricultural land is essential for our healthy future. Biodiversity, flood control, food security, mitigation of the effects of climate change, efficient urban development with affordable housing close to jobs and public transportation, and responsible use of our tax dollars are all threatened by the Ford government's plans for sprawl. The City's priority must be the long-term benefit of Hamiltonians, not acquiescing to the short-term greed of developers and the Ford government. Please keep in mind the tremendous public support for maintaining our boundaries versus the 40.8% of the province-wide popular vote that constitutes the Ford government's "majority".

In that vein, any decisions made regarding urban expansion or removal of land from the Greenbelt must be accompanied by substantive public consultation. The Ford government, with its MZOs etc., is trying to bulldoze our local democracy along with our natural heritage. Don't let them do it!

**Relying on you to act for Hamilton!**

Sincerely,  
Heather Yoell  
Dundas

**From:** Caroline Hill Smith

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 9:00 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Item 11.4 Planning Committee Agenda - July 11, 2023

Re: Item 11.4 Planning Committee Agenda – July 11, 2023

Dear Planning Staff and Members of Council,

Provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan are the antithesis of sustainable land use and responsible land use planning. Most concerning, from my perspective, is that bringing water infrastructure to these areas is highly energy intensive because of the great distance and grade differential to pump from Woodward Treatment facility. This would stand in opposition to climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. Staff time and resources toward appeasing the provincial mandates and the threats of using MZO for approvals is taking resources away from ensuring this city is financially sustainable and climate change resilient. Strong municipal leadership is required to stand firm in our original official plan of firm urban boundaries to accommodate growth so that we no longer borrow from future generations.

Kindest Regards,  
Caroline Hill Smith

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Caroline Hill Smith, B.A. Economics, B.Sc. Environmental Science (hon.)  
Integrated Water Specialist MES Water

**From:** Elizabeth Knight  
**Sent:** July 10, 2023 7:50 AM  
**Subject:** Taxes, Sprawl and Taxes

Clerk: please add to the July 11, 2023 agenda for item 11.4 concerning the Greenbelt

Dear Councillors and Madam Mayor,

Thank you for your efforts so far to protect residents and farmland from the costly effects of sprawl onto our prime 1,2,3 soil. I am very relieved that this council understands fully the cost that our children will bear if we sprawl beyond our former urban boundary. Many of you have acknowledged that WE are now paying the price of past poor decisions around land use planning which have gotten us to the place where we cannot afford to maintain our existing infrastructure. Our deficit to date is nearly \$4 Billion.

A few months ago Council agreed to sign the Province's Housing Pledge. It seemed to me that decision was made in the hope that the Ford government would not punish Hamilton when it came to funding for affordable housing. We hoped that Ford would do the right thing and recognize the housing emergency in this city and help us fix it.

That did not happen.

Today you'll be hearing that Staff recommends working with the provincial housing development facilitator to plan for development on Hamilton's former Greenbelt parcels. Please consider that it is Staff's job to work within the rules and recommend compliance with the province.

However, it is Council's job to make decisions based on the will of the people, to defy the democracy-busting bully at Queens Park, to stick up for what Hamiltonians decided in the urban boundary referendum, and to be fearless, scrappy and dogged in your resistance to developing tax raising sprawl on our foodland.

What are they going to do? Put Hamilton in jail?

LEAD. Other municipalities look up to Hamilton now. They will follow. Only together can we all resist the tyrant.

Do not aid and abet the Provincial facilitator. Tell them politely to get packing back to QP and let the MZO come. It's coming anyway, whether we negotiate a scrap or two of 'benefits' won't matter. There can be no benefit to losing our Greenbelt, wetlands, habitat and to forcing our children to pay for the mess that would surely follow.

Thank you for having the guts to defy what is clearly wrong.

Elizabeth Knight  
Ward 12

**From:** Laura Trethewey

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 9:35 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

**Cc:** Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Written Delegation for Item 11.4 - Planning Committee -July 11/2023

Dear City of Hamilton,

Please include my written delegation in the Planning Committee for July 11,2023 - item 11.4 (I submitted my request to submit a written delegation but the Hamilton City website did not provide a space to submit.) See below:

Dear Planning Committee of the City of Hamilton,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts on staff recommendations (Item 11.4) for how to respond and participate in the province's shameful Greenbelt grab in Hamilton. I disagree with the staff recommendation to participate in this provincially directed process. The provincial government of Doug Ford does not operate in good faith with the people of Ontario and has ignored Hamiltonians who clearly expressed their hope for the city's future in a democratic vote: Build density and complete communities where we already have services and infrastructure to address the ongoing housing and climate crises.

I live in the downtown core (Ward 2) of Hamilton, which is filled with empty parking lots, overgrown abandoned lots and sprawl. I see many opportunities for new housing and I encourage the City to spend their limited resources and time on building out that density, as Hamiltonians already asked the new council to do. Please do not enter into dialogue with a provincial government that has already shown its utter disrespect for the democratic process. The province will only use your good faith as a sign of municipal buy-in to justify steamrolling local democratic rights. The City and the Council should not support this plan. Hamiltonians do not support any removal of Greenbelt lands for developers. Thank you for your time,

Laura Trethewey

Author and Professor

Resident of Hamilton Ward 2

**From:** Jean  
**Sent:** July 9, 2023 10:57 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Comments for Greenbelt Meeting on Tuesday, July 11th at 9:30 am

To The Legislative Coordinator, Planning Committee, City of Hamilton

I am writing to encourage City Council to resist the expansion of city limits into the Greenbelt, despite provincial direction to do so.

There are many reasons to avoid the expansion, including (but not limited to):

1. The need to protect prime farmland. After experiencing serious problems with supply chains during the pandemic, it is clear that we need to ensure our food security by protecting local farming.
2. Extending city limits requires massive infrastructure expansion that will be expensive to build and maintain moving forward. Hamilton residents, who do not want the expansion, will be forced to pay for this!
3. The expansion will affect sensitive environmental areas and may exacerbate local effects of climate change—increasing flooding risk.
4. Council has already developed a strong plan to meet city population increases without expansion of city limits. We need to do all we can to help the province realize the City plan is the better option.

I understand that Council is in a very difficult position because of the inflexibility of the provincial government; however, they were elected to represent residents who overwhelmingly oppose the expansion. I ask that they do all that they can to delay (and if possible prevent) the unnecessary destruction of greenbelt land.

Sincerely,

Jean Mackay



From:

Sent: July 10, 2023 9:45 AM

To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

Subject: I am seeking to speak to Item 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting.

I am strongly opposed to The City of Hamilton's participation in the Provincial Government Greenbelt land grab project.

I strongly feel that the current agenda of intensification is the correct path, and that out Greenbelt needs to be preserved.

Regards,  
Stephen Cooke  
Dundas

**From:** Martine Bercier

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 9:45 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** seeking to speak to Item 11.4 for the July 11th Planning Committee meeting.

I am strongly opposed to the City of Hamilton participation in th Provincial Government Greenbelt land grab project.

I strongly feel that the current agenda of careful intensification is the correct path.

The Greenbelt needs to be preserved.

They don't make more green space

Regards

M. Bercier

Dundas

**From:** Mark Forler

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 11:11 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Cc:** Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Written Delegation - July 11 Planning Committee Meeting -Re: Item 11.4

Hello.

Regarding Item 11.4

Although the province may have power to force our city council into certain planning policies, I believe we should resist these political bully tactics. We should resist any removal of Greenbelt lands for development by any means possible.

In an era of an increasing climate crisis, it is extremely short sighted to promote further urban expansion. Effects of this decision will be felt very long term. We should be leaders in the field of preventing climate change, not causing further environmental erosion.

As well, in a time of growing world hunger it is unconscionable to be paving over food producing farm land. We are lucky enough to live in an area blessed with some of the best farmland in Ontario, in Canada, and on the planet itself. This should never to be taken for granted. This is an amazing resource that should be treasured and protected at all costs. This land is the birthright of future generations -ours to protect.

Please do not support any removal of land from the Greenbelt for development.

Thank you!

Mark Forler

**From:** Carolanne Forster

**Sent:** July 10, 2023 11:26 AM

**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

**Subject:** Written Delegation to the Planning Committee of Tuesday July 11, 2023 on Item 11.4 and 10.8

To Council of the Planning Committee:

Once again I write to you concerning your decisions on Greenbelt Development and Urban Expansion Land Development. As a life-time resident of Hamilton I strongly advise you to take a leading position, both municipally and provincially, on these critical issues. We are in a time of grave concern. Global Warming and Climate Change threaten our communities. Hamilton's natural agricultural lands are a part of the 5% total arable land across our nation. We need all of it. Please put first the democratic vote of our citizens, in our recent survey on sprawl, and the clear broad opposition to any removal from Greenbelt lands expressed by 29,247 responses to the Ontario Environmental Registry. This opposition came from many different groups, including

members of the public, other municipalities, agricultural groups, environmental groups, and indigenous voices. The City of Hamilton, on this issue, at this time in our history, has been called on to lead the way. Our priority must be preservation of agricultural lands, complete communities within the present urban boundary near services and infrastructure already in place. The residents of Hamilton must not lose their homes over costs arising from unaffordable expansions and the residents of Hamilton must not lose their natural heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolanne Forster

Ward 12 Resident

**From:** Liz Koblyk  
**Sent:** July 9, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Cc:** Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** No boundary expansion

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity we have as Hamiltonians to share comments about proposed boundary expansion in advance of Tuesday, July 11th's meeting. I'm a Ward 13 resident and am happy that our ward is represented by Councillor Alex Wilson. I'm also grateful to live in a city that has already declared a climate emergency, and whose government is looking to make evidence-based decisions.

Like the vast majority of Hamiltonians, I am against boundary expansion. The short list of reasons is: 1) the province's own research shows that housing needs can be met without boundary expansion, 2) the province's research was conducted before numerous multi-unit construction projects began, 3) food security will only become more of a risk, and developed farmland means lost food production capacity, 4) we have more at-risk species in the Carolinian zone (of which Hamilton is part) than in any other region of Canada and we have an obligation to protect that biodiversity, 5) the proposal limits affordable housing, profits a few campaign donors of the current provincial government, and will lead to increased taxes.

Thank you, Mayor Horwath, Councillor Wilson, and your colleagues for advocating for evidence-based decisions to maintain greenbelt and farmland, protect affordable housing, and prevent housing for a few from increasing taxes for the rest of us.

Thanks,  
Liz Koblyk

From: Yvonne Sutherland-Case  
Sent: July 10, 2023 12:00 PM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Subject: Planning Committee, City of Hamilton re: Greenbelt Removal Lands

Attention: Planning Committee, City of Hamilton

My name is Yvonne Sutherland-Case and I am writing to express my grave concerns re: developing the Mount Hope farmland recently removed from the Greenbelt by the Premier of Ontario. This action was an affront to the democratic process and the citizens of Hamilton, who overwhelmingly voiced their desire to preserve the urban boundary and prevent further urban sprawl.

For 18 years, I have witnessed a variety of crops flourish on this land, including corn, winter wheat and soybeans. Not a week goes by without seeing an incredible diversity of wildlife on this property, including deer, coyotes, foxes, muskrats, wild turkeys and different species of turtles and birds. Many of these are dependent on the ponds for their water source.

Given the current state of our climate, how can we allow developers to develop our farmland and remove wood lots of mature trees in this rural area? The roads in this area on 2 lane rural roads, how will they support the addition of 6000 plus cars if development proceeds and who pays for needed infrastructure? I encourage the planning committee to do whatever you can to protect this land.

Thank you,  
Yvonne Sutherland-Case  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Helena Dalrymple  
**Sent:** July 10, 2023 11:03 AM  
**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Protect our Greenbelt

Good Morning,

In light of your upcoming meeting on July 11 about Hamilton's urban boundary expansion, I as a supporter of Stop Sprawl Hamilton want to express my opposition towards expanding Hamilton's urban boundary. The solution to our housing crisis is not to build expensive homes and infrastructure outwards, it's to build affordable homes upwards in the city. I want to see Hamilton transition to become a more sustainable city.

As a McMaster University student this development will only disadvantage me. Increased taxes, higher rent prices in the city, less local food, and less natural space to unwind are some of the key drawbacks I will experience. I do not condone urban boundary expansion because it will have negative economic, environmental, and social implications for me and students in general.

Thank you,

Helena Dalrymple