

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Survey  
**Date:** Thursday, August 24, 2023 11:54:17 AM

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I'm trying to fill out the online survey but it is not designed to obtain my feedback unless I check off what I would like to see happen with building these communities on Greenbelt lands. I don't want anything done - rather, these lands should stay in the Greenbelt. Proper consultation should then take place with the public in open forums. If these surveys can only be submitted with checkmarks in the options provided, it may look like there is an some kind of agreement (on the part of the person completing the survey), with the land being used for housing. Is that right.

Thank you so much

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Fix the survey  
**Date:** Thursday, August 24, 2023 12:48:15 PM

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Hello,

The survey on Greenbelt lands is fundamentally flawed. It offers NO options to oppose development of these lands - even though city council and thousands of residents have already said that is their preference. And it is impossible to fill in the comment box without accepting at least one of the sellout options. FIX IT, Please.

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**From:** [Engage Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose Greenbelt Lands Development  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:46:36 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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FYI

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The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 26, 2023 10:51 AM  
**To:** Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org <Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org>; Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org;  
premier@ontario.ca  
**Cc:** Engage Hamilton <engage.hamilton@hamilton.ca>; info@ontariondp.ca; info@ontarioliberal.ca  
**Subject:** Oppose Greenbelt Lands Development

**To: Ontario Conservatives, Steve Clark, Donna Skelly, Doug Ford:**

**I Strongly Oppose any Development on the Greenbelt lands and Greenbelt lands that were taken away!**

**I don't usually send email complaints like this, but I feel so strongly about this disaster the Doug Ford government is making!**

**Please do NOT create an environmental disaster!**

**Please do NOT kill the Wild Life!**

**Please do NOT cause flooding!**

**Please do NOT take farming land away!**

**I believe that all of the above and more will happen if you develop on the Greenbelt!**

**Why did Doug Ford LIE about not touching the protected greenbelt?**

**I am ASHAMED to say I was a supporter of Doug Ford and voted for him!**

**But now I strongly believe there is corruption going on in the Doug Ford government!**

Spin it anyway you like, but we are NOT stupid...

Don't even try to tell me this is all a coincidence with developers buying up greenbelt land!...

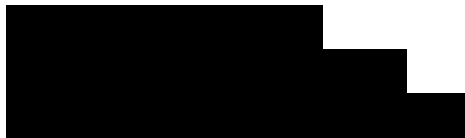
And developers who are friends with Doug Ford and his government!

I will NEVER vote for Doug Ford or Donna Skelly again!

**To Ontario NDP & Liberals:** Is there any way you can call a vote? Lets get the Doug Ford government out of office! Please push for an investigation into the Doug Ford government & the greenbelt disaster.

**To Hamilton City Councillors:** Please continue your brave fight against this greenbelt development disaster!

Regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thorne, Jason](#)  
**Cc:** [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 2](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](#); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](#); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](#)  
**Subject:** Abuse must stop  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 3:59:04 PM

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Hello Jason

I'm responding to you about the Engage Hamilton survey which unfortunately only asks HOW the lands illegally removed from the Greenbelt should be developed, not whether they should be converted to more sprawl. Thank you to city council for making clear that they will continue to oppose such development. That is my position as well. I've copied Conservative MPPs to underline this. There has been a nasty smell from the Greenbelt removals AND from the forced urban boundary expansions since they were unveiled by the provincial government last fall. The report of the Auditor-General has now more than confirmed this stink. I understand that municipalities are often referred to as "children" of the province because they are not specifically mentioned in the British North America Act 150 years ago. At that time, the abuse of children was sadly "acceptable" in British colonies. But such abuse is no longer acceptable! It must stop.

I hope you will do everything possible to challenge the provincial abuse.

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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:51:10 PM

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The city has posted a survey on HOW to develop the Greenbelt on Engage Hamilton. There is no checkbox for "No development" on the survey. That is my preference!  
Continue with the plan that develops within the urban boundary.

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**Subject:** no development in the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:59:27 PM

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Hello,

I understand that there is a survey asking Hamilton residents about 'How' the Greenbelt should be developed without giving us the option to choose NO development. As a Hamilton resident I vote for there to be NO development in the Greenbelt and instead to allow the development to proceed within the existing urban boundaries as we have demonstrated that we have more than enough to provide the housing that is predicted to be needed.

I want to live in a Hamilton that grows in a way that provides a good quality of life in neighbourhoods, not in housing deserts that no one can afford. This is all that will happen if the Greenbelt is allowed to develop. Bedrooms do not make communities. Growing following the plans that have been developed will ensure that neighbourhoods are what is developed and what is what Hamiltonians want.

I support Hamilton Council in continuing to say no to development in the Greenbelt and I expect the Conservative government to fulfill its promise to protect the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Greenbelt development  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:44:55 PM

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Please reconsider creating surveys where participants are limited, and forced, to select only one of a small selection of options. When neither/none/any of the options is one I would choose, you give no option for 'other'. As with other surveys which have been posted in the past, I will not be finalizing the Greenbelt development survey. If you really want to know what I think on a subject, then don't force me to tick only options which you have deemed valid.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad



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**Subject:** City Survey  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:35:23 PM

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I am not interested in 'how' to develop the Greenbelt. I will not take part in a survey that does not offer an alternative.

It has been made very clear, repeatedly, to exhaustion, that we do not need to develop the Greenbelt.

Do not develop beyond the Urban Boundary. Our Urban Boundary, not whatever Urban Boundary the Provincial government decides.

It is time, as our elected representatives, that they listened to the people that pay their salaries.

Voters are disgusted with the corruption, lies and back room deals.

Just get over yourselves.

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**Subject:** Hamilton's Greenbelt  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 3:33:28 PM

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My thanks to our City representatives for making it clear to Ontario's Government that the people of Hamilton do not any part of the Greenbelt to be sold off to any developers or to be removed from any part the designated areas.

As much as housing is certainly a concern, jeopardizing our precious environmental areas is not the solution. The Greenbelt is a vital part to ensure nature's health to protect wildlife and endangered species, fresh water resources as well as minimize the impact of climate change in order to avoid floods, droughts and other extreme weather disasters.

The farmlands are a critical issue, too. If our population is to grow as planned, we will need these crucial assets to provide food that is still accessible for everyone.

I appreciate your firm commitment to ensure the Greenbelt will not be compromised.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** NO to Greenbelt development in Hamilton  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:35:25 PM

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I am a family physician worried about the health of my patients. I am appalled by the actions of Doug Ford's government. Not only has he violated his campaign promises and acted against the clear wishes of Hamilton residents he is endangering the health of present and future generations of Hamiltonians by promoting the decay of our environment. We must put a stop to Ford's outrageous actions, which benefit only his developer cronies.

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**Subject:** Upcoming meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:54:53 PM

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Good morning, My family, 6 voters from my household, and I are STRONGLY OPPOSED to the parceling off and selling of any and ALL Greenspace.

This land MUST be protected for our children and our children's children.

Promises were made by the Conservative Party of Ontario and then broken .

We are angry and we will NOT forget.

Take back our Greenspace!!!!

[REDACTED]  
Hamilton and Ancaster homeowner

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**Subject:** City Survey on How to Develop the Greenbelt - check box for No Development?  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:22:23 PM

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Hello Honourable Elected Officials,

Can you please add another check box to this survey to indicate a choice of "No development."

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 11:49:30 AM

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I vehemently oppose the development of any Greenbelt land in Ontario which can only lead to the destruction of farmland and habitat. It is absolutely shameful that during this time where the entire globe is suffering a climate emergency that anyone would even consider destroying green space. There are no shortage of alternatives to the housing crisis and these must be exhausted before causing irreparable harm to our living space.

Please do the right thing,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** City Survey on Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 9:37:52 PM

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Hello everyone,

Thank you for calling the September 6 community meeting to provide the public with an opportunity to share feedback on Greenbelt development as you prepare to work with the Provincial Facilitator.

It is entirely understandable that Council had taken the position (with staff direction) to engage with the Facilitator as not doing so meant that Hamilton would have limited input to development the lands withdrawn from the Greenbelt.

Clearly, with the Attorney General's report, conditions have fundamentally changed. The Government of Ontario has simply lost the moral authority to govern therefore any decisions (municipal and provincial) taken earlier must now be viewed in a completely different light. Additional reports from the Integrity Commissioner and others (including possibly the RCMP) are pending that may further cloud the Provincial Government's ability to govern.

Given that Council has previously expressed it's opposition to the Provincial Government's action to reverse Hamilton's urban boundary and given that Council's has recently asked that the province return Hamilton lands to the Greenbelt, I kindly request that Council consider the following direction:

Move to reconsider the previous motion asking staff to work with the Facilitator, and then move the following motion:

"That staff immediately cease engaging with the Provincial Facilitator regarding development on lands removed from the Greenbelt".

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate on this.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Hamilton, ON

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**Subject:** Opposing Development  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:22:54 PM

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I oppose any development of Greenbelts in Ontario, regardless of any potential "Community Benefits". Specifically, I oppose the removal of this land as well as any urban development on this land.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** Greenbelt Survey  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 11:47:40 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. The survey put forward to provide feedback is disingenuous as there is NO option to directly oppose urban development.

There is no development that is better for habitat, climate, or anything else as put forward in the survey than land that is already protected. We are so limited for this land already in Southern Ontario - there are other options for housing and development.

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

We are at a tipping point in how we respond to issues of climate - Hamilton leadership needs to do everything in its power to protect these lands and prioritize the long-term well-being of our community and environment.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Lifetime Hamilton Resident

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**Subject:** Greenbelt lands  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 11:33:33 AM

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My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of hamilton and I oppose any building on any of the greenbelt lands. These lands must be returned to the greenbelt. Please do not allow anything to be built on these lands. We need your help to get it done.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Mount Hope

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

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**Subject:** Hamilton Greenbelt survey  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 2:29:26 PM

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Hi everyone,

I have been made aware that there is a survey for Hamilton residents to complete regarding plans for the Greenbelt. As a resident of Ward 3, I would like to complete the survey but I also hear there is no option to say NO DEVELOPMENT. Since no development is the only thing I would like to see happen to the Greenbelt, I will not be completing the survey and am instead sending you this email to let my my feelings be known.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinde Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)  
**Subject:** I oppose the development of any land taken from the Greenbelt regardless of supposed "community benefits"  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:15:16 AM

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Dear Minister Clark, MPs Lumsden and Skelly, Mayor Horwath, and Councillors of the Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I unequivocally oppose any development of any land taken from the Greenbelt, regardless of any so-called "Community Benefits". No "Community Benefits" can outweigh the environmental damage, loss of flood protection, loss of food production, loss of biodiversity and sensitive habitat, wasteful, inefficient sprawl, and waste of taxpayers' money that would result from this totally unnecessary development. We all know the purpose of this proposed development is not to solve the housing crisis but to benefit greedy, unaccountable developers and the people and political parties to whom they make "donations".

I am proud of our City of Hamilton's efforts to stand up to this shameful assault on our local democracy. The citizens of Hamilton and Ontario are behind you. I am deeply ashamed of our regressive short-sighted provincial government, and I am disgusted by the gutless and cowardly or duplicitous and self-serving "representation" from the governing party's local MPPs. You are supposed to represent us to the government, not attempt to sell us on plans cooked up by filthy-rich developers. The Greenbelt was created for the benefit of all Ontarians in perpetuity, and no part of it should be open for development.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Clark, Steve](#); [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](#); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](#); [letters@thespec.com](#); [info@gasp4change.org](#)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt survey missing no option  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 2:53:59 PM

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to the ongoing greenbelt fiasco, which is not 'blowing over' as Ford's government hoped it would apparently.

Through the hard work of the dedicated greenbelt protectors, I learned about an misleading survey sent to the citizens of Hamilton concerning use of Greenbelt lands. For some reason, the survey does not include a "no development" option. Considering the recent revelations laid out by Bonnie Lysk, why is no development not an option? If Caledon is able to back track their greenbelt plans, why can't Hamilton?

Many sources have let the government, and the public know that there is plenty of land outside of the greenbelt that would be suitable for development. The people paid to serve Hamilton should focus our money on identifying these lands instead of sending deceptive surveys.

Thank you kindly for your time,  
Concerned citizen

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**To:** [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:20:52 AM

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Dear Members of City Council, Minister Clark, MPPs Lumsden and Skelly,  
I am writing to put on record my vehement opposition to the Province of Ontario's removal of land from the Greenbelt for development and add my voice to those calling for the reversal of the outrageous action. Instead of completing the survey provided on the City of Hamilton's website, I wish by means of this email message to register my firm opposition to any development of these lands regardless of any potential "Community Benefits."  
Thank you very much.  
Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** NO development on the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 1:16:17 PM

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I have taken a look at the survey that the City of Hamilton provided to receive feedback on development of the Greenbelt. I am disappointed that the survey provides no options for NO DEVELOPMENT on the Greenbelt. I am completely opposed to development on Greenbelt land. Doug Ford's plans are transparently corrupt corporate-cronyism. The city should set itself against Ford's policy on all fronts. The greatest benefit to the community is to leave these lands undeveloped!

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Hands off the Greenbelt!  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:10:48 AM

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Please submit this to the province and advise Hamiltonians on how else we can oppose the foolish and corrupt plans to develop the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)  
**Subject:** Urgent: Sept. 6th/Sept. 14th meeting  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 7:10:15 PM

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Dear Minister Clark,

In Hamilton, \$30,000 was spent to engage Hamiltonians on the issue of boundary expansion during the last council's tenure. The community responded, 18K replied and an overwhelming 90+ % wanted to freeze the urban boundary. Every submission was vetted.

This was democracy in action, thanks to Clr. Clark for this motion in the last council. The three long serving councillors who opposed the boundary freeze are all gone from council.

They had no hope of winning with the public outrage on this issue.

You overruled that decision, despite the fact that Hamilton was able to meet your housing targets and prevent future taxes going to sprawl infrastructure. You added 5,000 acres to our sprawling city with urban boundary expansion. Hamilton has an area over 1,000 km almost twice the size of Toronto. To add insult to injury, then you demanded the City Of Hamilton relinquish almost 1900 more acres of Greenbelt, this again after we'd pledged to meet the housing targets within our former boundary.

**Minister Clark: Call the legislature back, and reverse this land grab.**

This is not a housing issue. It is clear from the Auditor General's report that economic and environmental processes were abandoned during the rushed 3 week secret project to open up the Greenbelt. Reporters and investigators are digging through the details as we speak.

The cost of future sprawl for Hamilton taxpayers will far outweigh any so-called "benefits" dangled at the Sept. 6th and Sept. 14th meeting.

Get ahead of this controversy and restore the Greenbelt in its entirety. The public is furious.

**Again, call the legislature back and reverse all 7400 acres of the Greenbelt Land Grab and respect our municipal decision to freeze our urban boundary.**

All of our children and grandchildren and yours too, will live with your legacy, choose wisely.

[REDACTED]  
Hamilton, Ontario



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**Subject:** I Oppose Development of Hamilton Greenbelt Lands  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:08:06 AM

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Hello,

I receive "Engage Hamilton" updates for survey links and regularly respond, especially when it entails a service or site I frequent.

I was disappointed in the poor survey design in the recent Greenbelt Development survey for not including an option for 'No development.' It is especially tiresome since I have already voted in the past.

I have also noticed the City Council's motion from Aug 18 to request the Province of Ontario to abandon the plan to develop the Greenbelt, so I don't understand why the survey would not have an option that would line up with what seems to already be the thinking of the council (and I would imagine their constituents).

Needless to say, please accept this email as my vote for No Development. I will also convey this message again to my provincial reps.

Thanks,

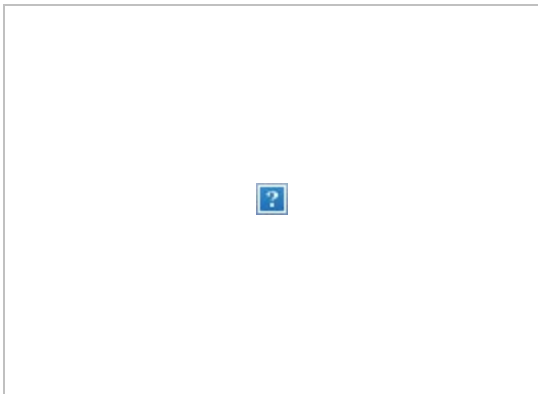
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**Subject:** Stop Sprawl Build Smart  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 8:18:52 PM  
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Doug Ford is stuck somewhere in the past, he wants to help but his ideas are applying 1950's solutions to 2023 problems. Please explore other solutions. A home is not just a house in the suburbs that requires a car to access, homes can be apartments, shared housing, co-ops, etc. Use the roofs of malls, the roofs of commercial places, build for families not just tiny boxes.

There is so much opportunity to build amazing homes, STAY OUT OF THE GREENBELT, not necessary for housing the people who need homes.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 5:55:47 PM

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Hello,

Along with many other residents of this province, I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt. During the election, Ford promised not to take land out of the Greenbelt, as you well know. As you also know, the Auditor General's report revealed extensive corruption in the process that Ford's Government used to decide which land to take from the Greenbelt. Most importantly, we are facing a climate crisis, and we therefore need to leave the Greenbelt intact. Ford needs to reverse his corrupt decision to take the land from the Greenbelt, and the Hamilton city government needs to continue to pressure him to do so.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 2:09:03 PM  
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Thank you for the clarification Charlie I noted that.

Thank you,

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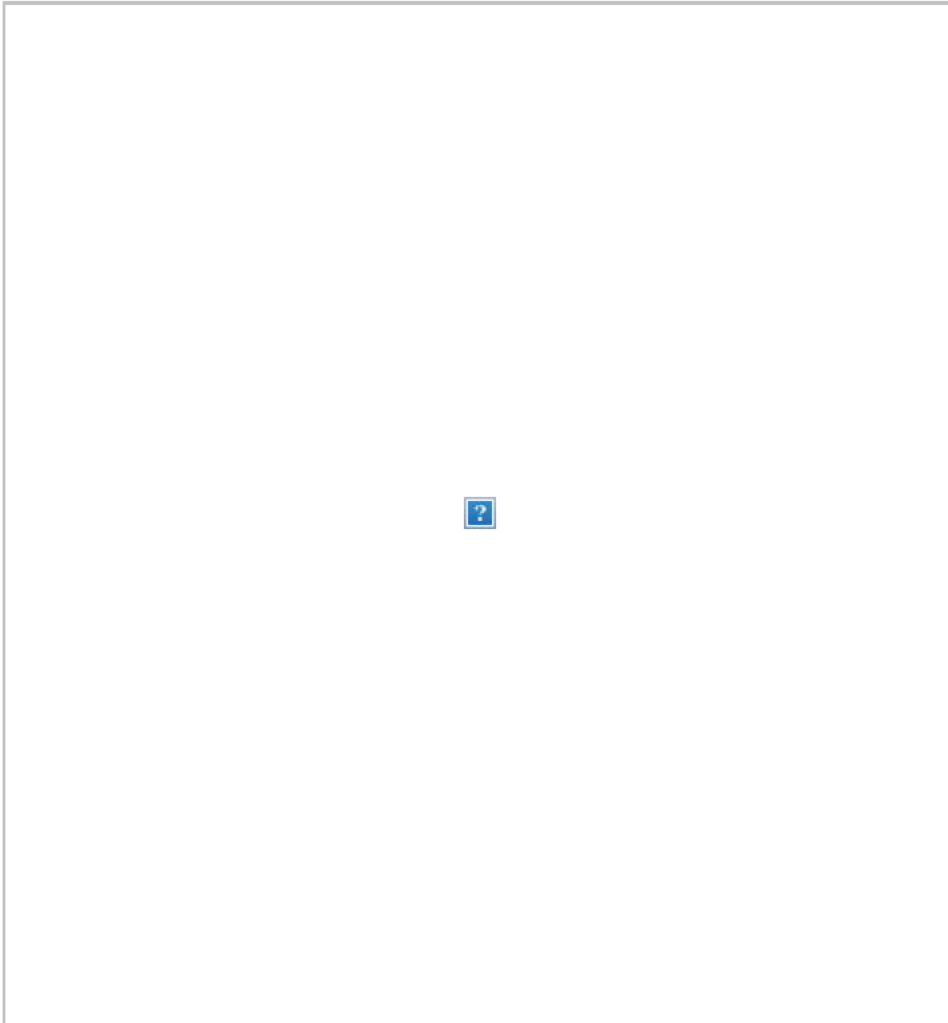
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**From:** Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>  
**Sent:** August 28, 2023 1:41 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Stoney Creek is still designated Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan. In this area of Hamilton the Province only removed lands at 339 Fifty Road from the Greenbelt Plan (map below). You received the letter form the City because your property is in close proximity to these

lands so we wanted to make sure surrounding residents were area of potential future development.



Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

**Charlie Toman, MCIP, RPP**

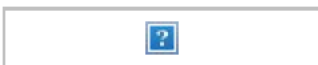
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**From:** Kelsey, Lisa <[Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [REDACTED] Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Hello [REDACTED]

I've copied the appropriate Planning Staff on this email to respond to your inquiry below.

Regards,

**Lisa Kelsey, Dipl.M.A.**

**Legislative Coordinator**

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** August 24, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Good Afternoon,

I just recently received the letter for my property address [REDACTED] that stating greenbelt land had been removed.

And I want to confirm that was my property also removed from it or still in the old category.?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 10:53:52 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am writing to you to provide my feelings on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. Residents of Hamilton voted to maintain our Urban Boundary and I support the decision of the Mayor and Council to continue saying 'no' .

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. We need to continue to stand firmly in our wishes to return the land to the Greenbelt and build within our Urban Boundary.

A small group of developers are set to make billions in profit from having received information from the Provincial government. By only asking the public *how* to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. By asking 'how' it does not give Hamiltonians an opportunity to oppose the Provincial decision. By assuming this is a 'done deal' we are deprived of the chance to have our say and fight this corrupt action.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Thank you for your time and your desire to continue fighting.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Greenbelt expansion lands  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 12:47:07 PM

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Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Protect the greenbelt  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 5:39:41 PM

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Regards

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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 11:42:06 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am a resident of Hamilton and what I want is NO development on the Greenbelt. Providing a survey that only asks in which way we'd like to best destroy the farmland is disingenuous. How do I want the developers to make their money off ruining land forever? I don't.

This whole procedure is still under investigation, so to plow ahead with it (maybe literally) would be wrong. Hamilton's leadership already has said what we want: don't take the land out of the Greenbelt.

The city doesn't need more McMansions; that will never solve the need for housing. The need is right down here in lower Hamilton, where lower income families can't afford housing. We know there are solutions that don't involve making those few developers richer at the cost of the Greenbelt.

Once that land is developed, it will never again be useful for anything else.

Remember:

**You can't eat pavement!**

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Grab  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 12:08:21 PM

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In hope,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Survey  
**Date:** Saturday, September 2, 2023 6:31:02 PM

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Why is the city administering a survey that is clearly biased towards developing the Greenbelt when council is on record as being opposed to development of the Greenbelt? No options to check off 'No development of any kind'?

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario](#)  
**Cc:** [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org](#); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](#)  
**Subject:** Build homes for Ontarians  
**Date:** Monday, September 4, 2023 9:11:48 PM

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Dear Mr. Ford:

As a long-time resident of Hamilton, I am writing to ask that you meet your commitment to build 1.5 million new houses quickly by making use of the land already serviced within Ontario municipal boundaries. That would be the quickest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way of providing homes for the people of Ontario, while protecting our food security and limiting environmental risks as our climate changes.

Key reasons to avoid the ill-considered expansion of building into the greenbelt, include (but are 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. It will also be time-consuming. City 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. In Hamilton, City Council has already developed a strong plan to meet city population increases without expansion of city limits, and I believe this is the case in many other municipalities.

If you are truly interested in facilitating home building for people in Ontario quickly and efficiently, do it by working with municipalities to develop currently serviced land within city boundaries.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

P.S. Please stop spending my tax money on advertising—it would be better spent on providing services for Ontarians.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)  
**Cc:** [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org); [Skelly, Donna](#)  
**Subject:** NO DEVELOPMENT ON GREENBELT LANDS  
**Date:** Monday, September 4, 2023 2:13:27 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, City Councillors and MPPs Skelly and Lumsden:

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Ward 11 in the City of Hamilton and the provincial riding of Flamborough-Glanbrook. I have previously written no fewer than three emails of concern recently to the Mayor and City Council indicating my direct opposition to any development of Greenbelt lands and my adamant opposition to Planning Staff engaging in any discussions with the Province of Ontario. This is in addition to many emails and written letters to Premier Ford, to Minister Clark and to MPP Skelly, all of which have gone unacknowledged other than the usual automated online return response! For the City of Hamilton Planning Staff and Council to suggest that they will engage with the Province in such discussions even “under protest” is absolutely ludicrous and is simply an embarrassment to all City staff representing Hamilton and a sheer waste of time for staff. As I have previously said, the Ford government only comes to the table with the deck stacked in their favour and for Hamilton planning staff to hope to negotiate any substantial advantages for Hamilton is a total joke at best! Were Hamilton representatives able to gain any concessions or advantages from discussions with the government, I can assure you right now that these same concessions would not be worth the time and energy to do so! This government continues to serve itself and it’s rich supporters only on the financial backs of the people and has absolutely no interest in serving the people of Ontario at all. The recent damning findings in the Auditor-General’s report and the equally damning findings of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario should make it totally clear that Hamilton cannot negotiate with an Ontario Government which does not represent the democratic rights of all Ontarians. This is a government which has not been truthful, has been evasive, has twisted the truth and negotiated behind the scenes with those who are the favoured supporters of the Ford government. In fact, the case could be made to suggest that the rich supporters of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party are the people who give the Ford government their marching orders and provincial decision making with regard to Greenbelt development and other matters is in the hands of these moneyed interests and not our elected representatives. Not one of our elected Tory MPPs has spoken out publicly against Bill 23 and the devastating effects that Greenbelt development will have on food production and biodiversity here in Ontario. Not one of our elected Tory MPPs has stood up in opposition to Bill 23 and crossed the floor of the legislature; it appears that no Tory MPP has the intestinal fortitude to right an obvious wrong being forced on Ontario and Ontarians by the Conservative government. Proper planning processes were not followed by our government and were heavily influenced by a small group of developers. All of this being said, I am 100% opposed to development of Greenbelt lands and opposed to the City asking HOW we want Greenbelt lands developed. We want sustainable development built within the current city boundaries close to all services completing our already existing communities and not adding to our already unmanageable infrastructure deficit.

Today, Minister Clark has resigned following the resignation of his Chief of Staff in the Ministry of Housing and rightly so; these people have violated the trust of the people of Ontario as elected representatives! This government has now entered into damage control mode for the underhanded and disingenuous methods that they have used to accomplish their own ends. With this Greenbelt land controversy under investigation by the RCMP, I support fully the unanimous vote by the Hamilton Mayor and Council for the Province to accept all 15 recommendations of the Lysyk Report and to reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt; all lands removed from the Greenbelt tract by the Ford government for “affordable” housing development must be put back into the Greenbelt and Bill 23 must be withdrawn - full stop! We have to protect our Greenbelt and in fact, expand it rather than building unaffordable homes beyond city boundaries which threaten our food producing farmlands and our environmental assets and simply make billions of dollars for developers and builders. The Ford government knows full well as acknowledged by various reports including the Auditor-General’s report that there is more than enough room within current city boundaries to build affordable homes; we must not allow development on Greenbelt lands and we must not meet with the Province, even “under protest” to hope for some minuscule concessions in exchange for paving over our precious Greenbelt lands! SAY NO TO BILL 23, NO TO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT and NO TO DEALS OF ANY KIND WITH THIS CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT! Hamilton knows what is best for Hamilton when it comes to land development. Hamiltonians and Ontarians are counting on our elected city

representatives to do what is best for Hamilton and for future residents of Hamilton; our elected provincial MPPs have failed miserably to represent their constituents in Hamilton! Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

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**Subject:** No removal of land from the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:24:35 PM

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Mayor Horwath and Council and City Planning Staff,  
I have reviewed the City's on-line Consultation survey and find there is no option for "No development" and that to feedback or comment, one must "like" one or more of the survey options.

Given this missing option, and Council's own August 18<sup>th</sup> motion to request the Province of Ontario to abandon plans to develop on the Greenbelt, it is clearly not appropriate to respond to the on-line consultation. Any response, which focuses on community benefits, if included in information provided to the Province, would give the misleading impression that I support removal. Which I do not.

Please register this note as

- a. My opposition to the Ford government's plan to remove lands from the Greenbelt
- b. My support of City Council's motion to request the Province to Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt, and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated.

I am writing to the Minister of Housing and to local MPPs to this effect.

Regards

[REDACTED]

You cannot have infinite growth on a finite planet  
"it isn't a choice between a healthy economy or a healthy environment. It's about preserving the environment so we can have a healthy economy."

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**Subject:** Oppose any development on any land removed from Greenbelt in Hamilton -- for public record of Sept 14 planning committee meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:51:57 AM

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Please add these written comments to the public record of the planning committee meeting on September 14.

I urge the Planning Committee to oppose any development of any kind on all lands removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton regardless of any "community benefits".

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Doug Ford](#)  
**Cc:** [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](#); [Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org](#); [Sandy Shaw-CO](#); [paul.calandra@pc.ola.org](#)  
**Subject:** The Green Belt  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:53:38 PM

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Dear Premier Ford,

The resignations of your appointees Ryan Amato and now Steve Clark are mere baby steps in reversing this toxic culture of cronyism.

Now you must reverse the removals of lands from the green belt as recommended by auditor general Bonnie Lysyk.

Ontarians know that green belt land is not needed to reach your housing goals. In fact it is likely to slow your pace. And there's already enough land approved and available for building. Indeed, much of the growth needs to be in the form of affordable mid-density housing close to transit.

I trust that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Ontario Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:01:44 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under potential investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. It is also imperative that housing development include affordable housing

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Owner,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the implementation of the "Build More Homes Faster" Act in Hamilton  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:43:50 AM

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I am sending this email to let you know that I **only support infill development in Hamilton, not urban sprawl!**

There are many areas within our city which could have higher intensification. Development of Greenbelt and outlying areas of the City are **not needed** in order to meet our obligations with respect to an increase in housing supply.

Development in these areas is very short-sighted. In fact, COVID should have shown us that Ontario needs to be more self-sufficient when it comes to food, pharmaceuticals and other necessary products. The government should be implementing policies around increasing the agricultural industry in Ontario! Many other provinces do not have the weather that we do to support crops.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Thorne, Jason](#)  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:18:03 PM

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I'll forward to you when I don't see you on a cc list

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: September 6, 2023 2:16 PM  
To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>  
Subject: Greenbelt

No to development of the Greenbelt!

Sent from my iPad



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**To:** [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
**Subject:** Reverse Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:07:27 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Thank you for

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Protect the Greenbelt!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:35:56 PM

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

(from Ward 4)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Provincial amendment to our Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 10:25:36 AM

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Please make no development on our Greenbelt.

This matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

As we now know from the auditor general report a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit.

Sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundaries would not increase our infrastructure deficit and, instead, completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. This proposed action will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Subject: Protecting the Greenbelt - No Development!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:30:50 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, and Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to any proposed development within the Greenbelt, as outlined in the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan. It is my firm belief that there should be absolutely no development on these precious lands.

I would like to remind you that the matter of Greenbelt development is currently under investigation by the RCMP. Furthermore, our Mayor and Council have already taken a unified stance by unanimously supporting the 15 recommendations put forth by the Auditor General in her impactful report. The 15th recommendation, in particular, emphasizes the need for the Province to reverse its decision to exclude these lands from the Greenbelt.

As disclosed in the Auditor General's report, it has become abundantly clear that a small group of developers stands to reap massive financial gains from any potential development within the Greenbelt. By solely seeking input from the public on how to develop these lands, we risk providing these developers with opportunities to misrepresent the true desires of Hamiltonians like me. Our true aspiration is for sustainable development within our urban boundaries, a development that does not exacerbate our infrastructure deficit and complements the communities we have already nurtured.

The Greenbelt is a precious resource that we must protect and even expand, not pave over in the pursuit of immense profits for a select few developers. It is important to underscore that constructing mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the ongoing housing crisis. As confirmed by the Auditor General's report, the Province acknowledges that we already possess ample land to address our housing needs. If development on these Greenbelt lands proceeds, the detrimental consequences will persistently afflict our City and Province for generations to come.

I implore you to take a strong stand for the preservation of the Greenbelt and the principles of sustainable, community-centric development. Let us prioritize the long-term well-being of our city and its residents over short-term financial gains for developers. I urge you to use your influence to prevent any development within the Greenbelt and work towards its expansion for the benefit of our community and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Our environment, our city, and our citizens depend on your commitment to protecting the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** Fwd: Please Stop the Slash-and-Burn of OUR Greenbelt!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:46:29 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** September 6, 2023 at 11:39:43 AM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Stop the Slash-and-Burn of OUR Greenbelt!

Remember that song “This Land is My Land”? “This land was made for you and me”. I do. And I believed it.

Do you have the will to stand up and say NO! to paving over our Greenbelt Protected Lands? Do you have a breaking point? I’ve found mine! And an act to do nothing is an act of condoning and encouraging further abuses of power, and further land grabs from protected areas. Remember how many resources went into compiling the evidence for our Greenbelt’s protected areas? It was a watershed moment in our history to have protection placed above profit. Are you letting one politician scrap years of dedication and community involvement, years of fruitful future food production and biodiversity? Already our tender fruit belt is a tiny scrap compared to decades ago. Suppose you googled available arable land in Canada?

I believe ANY development on protected Greenbelt is an affront to ALL Canadians, and it’s ripping out the heart of what it means to care for our country, our children, and all those who live here with the hope of a better life. Better not meaning More.

WE need to find new solutions NOW for the world we live in, not in the future. Our communities have plenty of space already within urban boundaries, and WE need to support the development of this entirely! What does it mean to live in a free country when taking the cheapest and easiest route is the only thing Doug Ford will accept?

The developers are holding tight to old methods, like “slash and burn”, as opposed to sourcing out intelligent growth. And we all now know Doug Ford is of the same mind, bulldozing us overnight, behind our backs and then paving right over our voices with disastrous, single minded steamrollers!

WE PAY for Private Gain with Public Pain. It’s the only way our province, our country, has operated in the past and current time. WE are a small country, WE are closely connected, and WE have the ability to change quickly. WE know this!

Can YOU see that’s true? Can YOU handle the waves and help steer our ship into the safe harbour of due diligence and responsible actions?

Destroying protected lands is NOT a solution to the housing problem, it’s an

INSOLVENCY that is adding to our true debt. The true cost of continuing this cowardly approach to our precious lands, and the true debt is what WE have to pay, and it will never stop if YOU don't make a difference. Getting tarred over by dealmakers and profiteers (while we protest!) gives us zero true wealth. Canada will be laughed at, and run rampant over, by the world's worst climate offenders under the guise of helping us as the future unwinds.

**THIS IS THE CANARY IN THE COAL MINE! THIS DEBT CAN NEVER BE REPAYED! THE PRODUCTIVE LAND WILL BE GONE FOREVER! SPRAWL IS UNSUPPORTABLE!**

I beg each and every one of you to begin believing in a new process of making safe communities inside urban boundaries. Get your techies to source other country's information if no Canadian has ever designed better living conditions. (I'm being facetious here.)

I beg each and every one of you to try to educate yourselves on how to make amendments to **protect what is protected!**

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I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards





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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:36:09 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan and to tell you that there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

I will remind you that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP, and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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The Greenbelt is crucial to the sustainability of our communities in southern Ontario. Hamilton is fortunate in that it is not reliant on groundwater as a water source, but that is not the case for most of the province. The Greenbelt protects this resource, and this protection will only become more important as climate change puts water access in jeopardy. Land development drastically impacts the processes by which groundwater supplies are able to recharge, so leaving the Greenbelt as is (or expanding it) is our best strategy to ensure Ontario has sustainable access to water.

Any development of the Greenbelt also strikes a blow to the validity of our democratic institutions. The Hamilton City Council, based on the input of its constituents, voted against expanding our urban boundary back in 2021. The Hamilton City Council must commit to this decision and refuse the provincial government's attempts to dismiss the authority of our municipal government.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis. As the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward, the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Regards,

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**Subject:** Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:13:07 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and City Council -

I am writing to express my opinion as a resident of the City of Hamilton that there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

Given that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - **the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.**

As we now know from the auditor general's report, a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit. By only asking the public **how** to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions and single detached homes on the outskirts of our city is not a solution to the housing crisis. As the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows that there is enough land already available for the housing that is needed.

If development on the Greenbelt lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Best Regards,

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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:54:01 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

Expanding Hamilton by creating a large proportion of low-density areas requires so much additional infrastructure we risk further defunding the lower city where people of limited resources are already stretched so thin. We need co-ops, affordable housing, and purpose built rentals near the resources that already exist like public transit, our wonderful library system and public schools. Please do not abandon the lower city to benefit further McMansion sprawl. It will cause further flight for those who can afford it leaving the lower city to host the problems with fewer resources.

With climate change we need to honour the local farmland we have and make it more efficient to feed ontarians.

As a resident of the lower city I request that we develop within our current boundaries.

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Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Save Greenbelt, Restore Democracy in Ontario  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 11:37:39 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I was at the Greenbelt meeting in Ancaster tonight but was prevented from attending due to an over-capacity crowd for the venue. I was very pleased to see that! I want my opinion on record still, and did sign a list that was presented to all those left outside the Arts Centre building tonight. So:

I am emailing to provide feedback on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be NO development on the Greenbelt ever, period.

The province has been dishonest, admitting the process for choosing development lands was indeed flawed after initially denying the matter. The province has proven that they cannot be trusted to manage our most precious natural resources! They have tried to silence taxpayers illegally, exclude us from the planning process and intimidate us with bullying tactics. This is no way for a provincial office to behave. Their ideas are bad ones, and their motives stink! It is obvious to us that Doug Ford's government has been bought out by rich developers who don't care about Hamilton taxpayers at all. We can no longer abide by their schemes to develop the Greenbelt in Ontario!

I'm relieved to hear that this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and that our Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her excellent and thorough report. The Province should have no choice but to reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt. Any other decision would harm all of us permanently.

A politician's job by definition is to protect their constituents from harm, so the province is not doing their job which is to look out for the best interests of taxpayers -- not developers!

It's now obvious to us from the auditor general's report, that a small group of developers are set to make billions in profit from Premier Ford. By only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing these developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our 'former' urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have. It's necessary to build housing that my sons will be able to afford -- both rent places now and intend to rent for life. Expensive homes replacing our valuable Greenbelt is not what we want or need!

It's really crazy that this has been allowed to go this far already. Hamilton taxpayers voted overwhelmingly to maintain our existing urban boundary and preserve our

Greenbelt -- so is no one protecting our democracy today?

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General's report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already.

If development on these lands goes forward - not only would it mean that democracy is DEAD in Ontario - but the serious negative impacts of this would harm our City and Province forever! It could even mean the difference between life and death for some of us in the future - we need our Greenbelt to sustain our most basic needs of clean water, air and soil to grow food. We can't eat money or concrete.

The climate emergency is no joke and neither are our Greenbelt lands. However, Premier Ford was filmed in the news recently making jokes about the smallest parcel of degraded Greenbelt lands slated for removal in the East end, saying very cruelly that this is what we call our Greenbelt in Hamilton. Why didn't he visit the rare treed Beverly Swamp that he tried to destroy in the name of expanding a fossil fuel pipeline recently or the rich woodlands on Book Rd? He has no idea about the richness of our Greenbelt because he simply doesn't care about it. He laughed and ridiculed us for wanting to protect the most valuable lands we have around our great city! He's completely ignorant of their value to our survival and misrepresented us purposefully in the media, foolishly insulting Hamiltonians in the process. He further denies the climate emergency, dismantled most of our environmental protections and thinks cheap beer is more important than having an environmental commissioner to protect our great province from the likes of dishonourable politicians who want to harm us. I could go on but we all know too well now that our Premier is only acting on his own behalf and that's just terrifying to me.

I have had the privilege to visit several private properties in Hamilton's Greenbelt in recent weeks, particularly large parcels in the largest proposed removal area on Book Rd. Over the last decade of surveying breeding and migratory birds in the Hamilton area, and restoring natural lands around the region with our wonderful Hamilton Naturalists Club, I have to say that I haven't found such healthy mature habitats full of special native species in a very long time. I am not exaggerating for effect and would be proud to escort you to these places to show you what I mean. I have been amazed by the richness of botany, birds, amphibians and other wild species that depend on our preserved Greenbelt for their survival. Every Greenbelt removal land I have visited thus far includes a wetland teeming with life too. These lands need to be preserved and doing so will benefit all taxpayers in the region.

I have seen with my own eyes, Barn Swallows, Eastern Wood Pewees and various other birds, all in serious population declines due to an increasing lack of their insect food sources. Habitat loss, and particularly wetlands, is one of the main reasons for these insect declines. We ignore these issues at our own peril because humans are just another link in the same web of life. If we start losing species at a faster rate, where does it end? The answer is with our own species extinction.

If we make good decisions today, that might carry us through to a more sustainable

future. As a retired environmental scientist who has witnessed the incredible changes in our climate over the last half century, I know we are already in trouble. I know that if we pave over our Greenbelt, there is little hope left for our youth and for our world. David Suzuki isn't crazy -- he's right, and he's scared like most of us who have studied environmental sciences. Time is of the essence!

I'm very angry about this sideways Greenbelt land grab for rich developers and politicians to become even more wealthy at my expense, and the expense of everyone in Hamilton. If we can't stop this flagrantly immoral and dangerous Greenbelt development, then what is left for us to hope for?

Our democratic rights as Canadian taxpayers have been violated. From my point of view, anyone involved in this Greenbelt scandal is a criminal. I think they should all be punished severely and removed from office permanently.

I will chain myself to those impressive native giant Sugar Maples, Oaks and Pines on our Greenbelt lands! This whole mess is an unbelievable travesty of justice against the people of Ontario and I take the greatest offense to it!

I want my freedom back to choose what's right for my community's future! I will be heard by people with decency and common sense who will work to restore our faith in provincial governance. We need major change immediately. Please fight hard for real justice and find the light on the other side of the nightmare that Premier Ford has created. He knows perfectly well why his staff is resigning - they're running scared because they were trying to deceive us. It's so transparent now.

Thank you to our fantastic Hamilton Council and Mayor at this difficult time. We support you in this fight for our Greenbelt preservation and our democracy.

Sincerely,

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Hamilton Ward 8 resident for 25 years

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**Subject:** No development on the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 12:32:44 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing a very short, succinct message as my feedback: there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

The provincial government is in a state of unprecedented flux, with new decisions and major changes taking place every day. In this maelstrom of haste, of greed, of arrogance, it is not the time to negotiate with the province. Who knows what will transpire tomorrow?

Please do not make any decisions which cannot be rescinded or which the provincial government may perceive as agreement with their strategy.

Please ask that the Greenbelt Lands be returned in total and that Hamilton's Urban Boundary be restored. We know there is no need for development on these precious lands as Hamilton has more than enough existing building sites to meet all our targets. Thank you.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPad

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**Subject:** No Development on the Greenbelt !  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 3:12:46 PM  
**Importance:** High

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We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions. Mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the housing crisis - as the Auditor General report confirmed, the province knows we have enough land for the housing we need already. If development on these lands goes forward - the negative impacts of this will be felt by our City and Province forever.

Co-operatively,

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resident of ward 2.



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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 10:20:26 PM

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**Subject:** protect the greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:32:42 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

I am writing to provide feedback on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - **there should be no development on the Greenbelt.**

As you are aware, this matter is currently under investigation by the RCMP and the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to tell the Province to accept all 15 recommendations issued by the Auditor General in her bombshell report - the 15th being that the Province should reverse the decision to take these lands out of the Greenbelt.

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We need our greenbelt lands as they provide many key ecosystem services (water filtration, flood mitigation, carbon dioxide uptake and sequestration, etc). These lands also support food production, and local food production will be increasingly important as climate change and climate catastrophes impact food production in California, Florida and Georgia, 3 states that supply Ontario with a great deal of food especially during the winter months.

I reiterate, there should be no development on the greenbelt.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** No Development on the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:59:02 PM

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I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

Regarding the City's survey, by only asking the public how to develop these lands you are providing the developers opportunities to misrepresent what Hamiltonians like me truly want - sustainable development within our (now former) urban boundary that does not increase our infrastructure deficit and completes the communities we already have.

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**Subject:** Protect the Greenbelt!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:17:15 PM

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Regards,

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Ward 1 resident

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**Subject:** NO DEVELOPMENT ON THE GREENBELT  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:24:40 PM

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**Subject:** Subject: Protecting the Greenbelt - No Development!  
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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, and Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to any proposed development within the Greenbelt, as outlined in the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan. It is my firm belief that there should be absolutely no development on these precious lands.

I would like to remind you that the matter of Greenbelt development is currently under investigation by the RCMP. Furthermore, our Mayor and Council have already taken a unified stance by unanimously supporting the 15 recommendations put forth by the Auditor General in her impactful report. The 15th recommendation, in particular, emphasizes the need for the Province to reverse its decision to exclude these lands from the Greenbelt.

As disclosed in the Auditor General's report, it has become abundantly clear that a small group of developers stands to reap massive financial gains from any potential development within the Greenbelt. By solely seeking input from the public on how to develop these lands, we risk providing these developers with opportunities to misrepresent the true desires of Hamiltonians like me. Our true aspiration is for sustainable development within our urban boundaries, a development that does not exacerbate our infrastructure deficit and complements the communities we have already nurtured.

The Greenbelt is a precious resource that we must protect and even expand, not pave over in the pursuit of immense profits for a select few developers. It is important to underscore that constructing mansions on the outskirts of our city will not solve the ongoing housing crisis. As confirmed by the Auditor General's report, the Province acknowledges that we already possess ample land to address our housing needs. If development on these Greenbelt lands proceeds, the detrimental consequences will persistently afflict our City and Province for generations to come.

I implore you to take a strong stand for the preservation of the Greenbelt and the principles of sustainable, community-centric development. Let us prioritize the long-term well-being of our city and its residents over short-term financial gains for developers. I urge you to use your influence to prevent any development within the Greenbelt and work towards its expansion for the benefit of our community and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Our environment, our city, and our citizens depend on your commitment to protecting the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Please restore protection of the greenbelt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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