

From: Don Mclean

Sent: August 27, 2023 3:59 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>

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Subject: Abuse must stop

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.

Don

From: Brian McHattie

Sent: August 28, 2023 9:37 PM

To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: City Survey on Greenbelt Development

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.

Brian McHattie

From: Martha Howatt

Sent: August 27, 2023 7:35 PM

To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: City Survey

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.

From: Martha Howatt

Sent: September 1, 2023 10:52 AM

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.

Martha Howatt

From: carole-ann
Sent: August 28, 2023 10:33 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt

I would like my name to be added to the record for being AGAINST using ANY Greenbelt land for development.

Carole-Ann Durrant

From: Wilson, Jean

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Greenbelt Development

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,

Jean Wilson

From: Janice currie

Sent: August 27, 2023 8:45 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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 Nringer 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Greenbelt development

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.

Janice Currie

Sent from my iPad

From: Janice currie

Sent: September 13, 2023 11:13 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Greenbelt - special Planning Committee meeting Sept. 14

Councillors,

Over the past several days, I've been reading some of the submissions already made for the special Planning Committee.

First, I would caution that care must be taken in comparing apples to oranges. Different regions with different soil and climate characteristics will often be more - or less - suitable for different crops. As such, removing Greenbelt land from one area and 'replacing' it with land in a totally different area does not necessarily mean that the same crops will be able to be grown or that they will produce the same yields.

Second, I have recently seen a full page ad in the Hamilton Spectator by the Book Road Landowners Group. This title is very disingenuous as it suggests that the group - whoever they may be - somehow represent all of the landowners on, or near, Book Road. This is simply not the case as I personally know of several landowners in the Book Road parcel who have no knowledge or participation in the group.

Janice Currie

Ancaster

From: darin macmillan

Sent: August 28, 2023 11:33 AM

To: Thorne, Jason

[<Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca); steve.robichaud@hamilton.ca; charlie.toman@hamilton.ca; clerk@hamilton.ca; mayor@hamilton.ca; ward1@hamilton.ca; ward2@hamilton.ca; ward3@hamilton.ca; ward4@hamilton.ca; matt.francis@hamilton.ca; tom.jackson@hamilton.ca; esther.pauls@hamilton.ca; ward8@hamilton.ca; brad.clark@hamilton.ca; jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca; mark.tadeson@hamilton.ca; ward12@hamilton.ca; ward13@hamilton.ca; mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca; ted.mcmeekin@hamilton.ca; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Greenbelt lands

My name is darin macmillan 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

Darin Macmillan

From: Deanna Hove

Sent: August 28, 2023 11:47 AM

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Subject: Greenbelt Survey

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,

Deanna Hove

Lifetime Hamilton Resident

From: barbara danese

Sent: August 28, 2023 11:49 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Greenbelt

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,

Barbara Danese

From: Erica Hall

Sent: August 28, 2023 2:28 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Hamilton Greenbelt survey

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,

Erica Hall

From: Mardi Schwenger

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:10 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Hands off the Greenbelt!

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,

Martha Schwenger

From: Nicole Doro

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:08 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: I Oppose Development of Hamilton Greenbelt Lands

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 image 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,

Nicole Doro

Ward 11 Resident

From: Heather Yoell

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:14 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: I oppose the development of any land taken from the Greenbelt regardless of supposed "community benefits"

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,

Heather Yoell

From: Heather Yoell

Sent: September 13, 2023 4:40 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Sept 14 Planning Committee: Please add my comments in this email to the public record.

Dear Minister Calendra, 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".

One concern that I especially want to highlight is the effect of the removal of **any** land from the Greenbelt on the sustainability of our agricultural industry. We have already seen how gossip in the rumour mill of the Ontario development community resulted in the buying up of agricultural land even before there was any official talk of opening the Greenbelt. The current housing minister's plan to "review" the Greenbelt and hundreds of existing development applications with the prospect of even more land being removed from the Greenbelt will greatly exacerbate this problem. Young farmers and those wishing to expand their farms cannot afford to compete with deep-pocketed speculators and developers for land. Remember Canada having to wait in line for Covid vaccines because we didn't make our own? In this time of global political insecurity and climate change, the world faces the risk of food shortages. Do we want to wait in line for food? Having a viable agricultural industry is a matter of national security. We should be doing everything possible to support our farmers, not selling the land out from under them.

I am proud of our City of Hamilton's efforts to stand up to the provincial government's 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. They 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,

Heather Yoell

From: Frager, Ruth

Sent: August 28, 2023 5:52 PM

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Subject: I oppose the Ford Government's plan to take land out of the Greenbelt

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,

R.A. Frager

From: Jen Baker

Sent: August 27, 2023 1:59 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: no development in the Greenbelt

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,

Jen Baker

From: Mark Mueller

Sent: August 28, 2023 1:16 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: NO development on the Greenbelt

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,

Mark Mueller

From: Rachelle Sender

Sent: August 27, 2023 1:35 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: NO to Greenbelt development in Hamilton

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.

Rachelle Sender MD, CCFP, FCFP

From: Bhavisha Morphet

Sent: August 28, 2023 10:22 PM

To: Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Opposing Development

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.

Bhavisha Morphet

From: Laurie Peel

Sent: August 28, 2023 2:49 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Sept 14th planning committee

Hello,

Please accept this email regarding the Sept 14th planning committee meeting and add my comment to the public record:

I oppose any development of the Greenbelt lands regardless of any potential “community benefits”.

Thank you,

Laurie Peel

From: Julie Palmese

Sent: August 28, 2023 1:03 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: September 14 Planning committee

Hello,

We have 5 adults in our household. We have one message. Hands off the Green Belt. Do not allow developers to put anything on these lands. We are watching and reading about the Green Belt . Protect these lands from development.

Julie Palmese and family

From: Sue Frasson

Sent: August 27, 2023 1:15 PM

To: Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>

Cc: steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; clerk@hamilton.ca;

Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Stop development of hamilton greenbelt

Hello

In response to city survey regarding development of hamilton Greenbelt I would submit my response as NO to any development on these lands, based on Auditor General report regarding the corrupt process the PC government used to remove this land.!

Use Hamilton's original plan submitted to Ford government on continuing downtown renewal for affordable housing and expansion within current city boundaries.

Thank you

Susan Frasson

Ward 13

From: Naomi Lewenhardt

Sent: August 28, 2023 8:18 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Stop Sprawl Build Smart

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: Rose Janson
Sent: August 22, 2023 5:06 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Thank You, for Protecting the Greenbelt

Thank you, members of Hamilton City Council

You were quick and unanimous in passing an excellent resolution in support of protecting the Greenbelt.

You are standing together for affordable housing within the urban boundary, and showing respect for the taxpayer.

Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources are precious: no farmland, no food. At this time of numerous climate crises, we need MORE forests, farmlands and wetlands.

Please continue to protect them from shameless developers-

With appreciation,
Rose Janson

From: Rose Janson
Sent: September 12, 2023 6:55 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PROVINCE ABOUT GREENBELT

Dear City of Hamilton

This is the message my family wants to communicate to you:

*Please don't NEGOTIATE WITH THE PROVINCE about **conditions for development of protected lands.

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*HAMILTON DOESN'T NEGOTIATE WITH BULLIES!

*

Sincerely,

*Rose Janson and Family

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From: Michelle Tom
Sent: August 28, 2023 7:10 PM
To: steve.clark@pc.ola.org
Subject: Urgent: Sept. 6th/Sept. 14th meeting

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.

Michelle Tom
Hamilton, Ontario

From: Rosemary Almas

Sent: September 3, 2023 8:19 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Save the greenbelt

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.

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.

Rosemary Almas

Hamilton Ontario

From: Richard Johnson

Sent: September 4, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Cc: steve.clark@pc.ola.org; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org; Skelly, Donna <donna.skelly@pc.ola.org>

Subject: NO DEVELOPMENT ON GREENBELT LANDS

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

My name is Rick Johnson 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,

Rick Johnson

From: Jean

Sent: September 4, 2023 9:11 PM

To: Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <Premier@ontario.ca>

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Subject: Build homes for Ontarians

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,

Jean Mackay

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

From: Gary Runge

Sent: August 20, 2023 9:33 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: Green belt development

I urge Hamilton city council to do everything in their power to stop the greenbelt destruction. This development cannot be undone. Perhaps a building plan using existing undeveloped land within the city can be presented to the province to show we can meet the housing demand without destroying the greenbelt. The city also needs to get rid of all the "red tape" that is slowing down construction projects. Let's get shovels, equipment and people working now in the city. How are we to feed all these new citizens if we have no farmland? We must stop Mr. Ford and his developer friends.

Debra and Gary Runge

From: Susan Suter

Sent: August 27, 2023 5:55 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org

Subject: Upcoming meeting

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!!!!

Susan Suter

Hamilton and Ancaster homeowner durran

From: Gail Faveri
Sent: August 31, 2023 11:28 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Development in Hamilton's Greenbelt

Please include the following in the public record:

Let's develop Hamilton's land from the Greenbelt with restorative farming, which aims to replenish the soil by rotating crops and allowing the sharp hooved animals free range or better yet, to develop the lands with native plants: paw paw trees, choke cherry bushes, oaks, sugar maples, tulip trees . . .

Let's keep urban development in the former already-serviced urban boundaries, where high density housing can be built at lower costs, providing multiple units at a low price. Within the former urban boundaries, sewers, water mains, electrical lines, roads, schools, libraries, stores, churches, transit, etc. already serve underdeveloped and empty lots.

We've no need to hand developers land on a silver platter so they may make the big bucks.

Let's keep our Greenbelt GREEN

Gail R. Faveri

From: Tamara Messersmith

Sent: September 1, 2023 11:31 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt

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,

Tamara Messersmith

From: Sharon Paterson

Sent: September 1, 2023 11:37 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; charlie_toman@hamilton.ca; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Protect the Greenbelt

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Regards Sharon Paterson

From: Verena & Greg Walter

Sent: September 1, 2023 12:07 PM

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In hope,

Verena Walter

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Thank you

Peter Appleton

From: Cathy Stewart

Sent: September 4, 2023 9:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: input for Sept 14 Planning Committee

To: Legislative Coordinator of Planning Committee

Regarding:

Please include these comments in the public record

I oppose the removal and urban development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan.

I request that the action the current government has taken be reversed, and restore the protection of the GreenBelt.

It is extremely short-sighted to allow parts of the Greenbelt to be developed. Those lands are crucial for the production of food and the health of our eco system.

What we need now, from our government, is courage and wisdom to plan for the health of our land.

I am extremely disappointed that the Ford government has not only reneged on election promises, but is also ignoring the clearly stated wishes of the Hamilton City council and the voters in Hamilton.

Catherine Stewart

Resident of Stoney Creek

From: David Mivasair

Sent: September 5, 2023 12:51 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Oppose any development on any land removed from Greenbelt in Hamilton -- for public record of Sept 14 planning committee meeting

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,

David Mivasair

From: Lil Blume

Sent: September 5, 2023 4:02 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Oppose any development on any land removed from Greenbelt in Hamilton -- for public record of Sept 14 planning committee meeting

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Due to the corrupt and unethical practices regarding removing land from the Green Belt, 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"

Yours,

Lil Blume

From: Kathleen Kennedy

Sent: September 5, 2023 8:01 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Ontario Greenbelt Development

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Regards,

[Kathleen Kennedy, M.Ed.](#)

From: Pauline Prowse

Sent: September 5, 2023 9:44 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Opposition to the implementation of the "Build More Homes Faster" Act in Hamilton

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,

Pauline Prowse

From: Pauline Prowse

Sent: September 13, 2023 8:29 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re: Opposition to the implementation of the "Build More Homes Faster" Act in Hamilton

Is there any way my previous email can be added to the Sept. 14 Planning Committee minutes or is it too late for that?

Pauline Prowse

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 09:43:39 a.m. EDT, Pauline Prowse wrote:

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Thank you,

Pauline Prowse

From: Erin S

Sent: September 5, 2023 9:59 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Sept 14 Planning Committee Comments

Good day,

Although I am unable to attend the meeting, I wish for my comments to be added to the public record regarding the lands removed from the Greenbelt in Hamilton.

I do not, and have never supported this. Once farmland, wetland and other environmentally sensitive lands are paved over, they cannot be brought back to their former state. The lands will forever be contaminated, species of fauna will lose their home and, from a financial perspective, the cost of servicing and future maintenance isn't sustainable. As well, these houses being proposed will be in the \$900,000- \$1.2m range; far, far from being affordable.

Tell Ford to return the lands back to the Greenbelt.

Kind regards,

Erin Shacklette

From: Anne Washington
Sent: September 5, 2023 10:03 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt

Dear Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council:

Thank you for Providing the two Greenbelt focused public events at the Ancaster Memorial Centre on September 6th and 14th this year.

This letter is to let you know that I appreciate that you have unanimously voted to reject the Province of Ontario's plan to remove 1900 acres of the Greenbelt lands located within Hamilton. A wise and vital decision. Well done!

Since then, I understand that there has been an invitation from staff of the Province of Ontario for you to meet with their planners to give your input on how those lands should best be developed. However by doing that, would it not weaken your position that there be no development on those lands and they remain in the Greenbelt?

Please stand strong and united in your resolve to protect, save and even expand the Greenbelt area around Hamilton.

Respectfully,

Anne Washington

From: |David Carson

Sent: September 5, 2023 12:23 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: No removal of land from the Greenbelt

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 18th 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

Dave Carson,

From: BETTY BERRY

Sent: September 5, 2023 1:32 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Greenbelt

I wish to comment on the Greenbelt Development that borders Book Rd. , Garner Rd. Etc.

Our Councillor Craig Cassar, talked about the noise factor from the flight path of the airplanes . Using this land for homes will add numerous complaints from the house owners. Originally, we lived on English Church Rd right under the flight path. That was before the traffic increased to the numbers that now fly at night. I suggest that you inquire as to the number of flights that are now contributing to our economy. They contribute to a number of jobs of valued employees especially in the cargo industry. Amazon flights is just one such industry that has recently settled here because of its proximity to the airport. I wish to make my point clear.....the airport is a valued commodity in our neighbourhood and my opinion does not reflect negatively towards the work they do. But building houses under that flight path is a bad idea.

I implore you to think very hard if the city is ready for the backlash that will result should numerous homes be established under that flight path.

It is clear that there is an abundance of vacant properties that are eyesores to our city and should be considered by our provincial government for accessible building lots but not losing prime land that is meant for other purposes.

Sincerely

Betty Berry

From: Kelly Millar

Sent: September 5, 2023 1:46 PM

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Subject: Greenbelt plan and survey

Dear Honorable Representatives of Hamilton:

I will keep this short for your sake and my broken arm's sake..

I oppose any development of greenbelt lands regardless of any potential "Community Benefits".

I also will not fill out the survey because it is skewed. When I want "No development" it is hard to answer the survey.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Kelly Millar

From: Shirley Cranston

Sent: September 5, 2023 3:22 PM

To: Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Survey Greenbelt Protection

Century Farm – Location Garner Rd West Ancaster, ON. Conc 4

Approx 75 Acres of productive farm land rented by local farmer in alternate field crops – corn or soya beans, for several years including 5 acres of field crops for (CFGB) Canadian Foodgrains Bank For 20 years plus.

Requesting greenbelt protection.

SAVE OUR FARMLAND

SHIRLEY SHAVER-CRANSTON

From: Kyle Whiteman

Sent: September 5, 2023 3:47 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Great Confusion in Hamilton

Please advise how I go about adding comments to the GB survey that include:

**I oppose any development of these lands regardless of any potential
“Community Benefits”**

Hamilton has voted against this several times, why is it now being forced upon us, can our Mayor whom we elected not restore what we voted for?

Thankyou,
Kyle Whiteman

From: Eileen Shannon

Sent: September 5, 2023 4:53 PM

To: Doug Ford <Premier@ontario.ca>

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Subject: The Green Belt

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,

Eileen Shannon

From: Colina Phillips

Sent: September 6, 2023 7:07 AM

To: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Reverse Greenbelt Development

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Thank you for

Colina Phillips

From: Cameron, Robin

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:31 AM

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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,

Robin Cameron

From: Jonathan Scholtens

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:35 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt

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.

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.

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, Jonathan Scholtens

From: liz eeuwes

Sent: September 6, 2023 9:53 AM

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Subject: Greenbelt

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.

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. 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.

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Regards Liz Eeuwes

From: Therese Taylor

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:15 AM

To: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; charlietoman@hamilton.ca; clerk@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>; 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>; jeffbeattie@hamilton.ca; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: NO DEVELOPMENT ON THE GREENBELT IN PERPETUITY

It has already been established by several reports that the housing required can be built within the current urban boundary. The more people we bring to this area, the more prime farmland be needed to feed those people. The more the climate crisis rears its ugly head, the more we will need to rely on local sources of food.

In this same vein, the more people we bring to this area, the more we will need to mitigate against the added carbon emissions each person will add. Our farmlands, woodlands and wetlands need to be protected in perpetuity as the population of Ontario grows.

Doug Ford has been caught with his pants down. Instead of pulling out of this Greenbelt grab he is responsiding with naked bullying by threatening to review all the Greenbelt lands. How dare he after he promised to all Ontarians that he would preserve the Greenbelt.

The people of Ontario are speaking up. Hands off our Greenbelt. Doug, you have no right to rape our treasured farmlands, woodlands and wetlands on behalf of your developer buddies and their promised profits.

Truly,

Therese Taylor

From: Therese Gain
Sent: September 13, 2023 10:55 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt Meeting September 14th , 6:30 pm

Dear City Clerk,

I would appreciate it if my thoughts below could be added to the public agenda for this meeting.

It has already been well established by several reports that the housing required can be built within the current urban boundary. The more people we bring to this area, the more prime farmland will be needed to feed those people.

The more the climate crisis rears its ugly head, the more we will need to rely on local sources of food.

In this same vein, the more people we bring to this area, the more we will need to mitigate against the added carbon emissions each person will add.

Our farmlands, woodlands and wetlands need to be protected in perpetuity as the population of Ontario grows.

The people of Ontario are speaking up. Hands off our Greenbelt. Doug, you have no right to do this after you promised to protect our treasured farmlands, woodlands and wetlands.

If the Conservatives are to have a shred of credibility, the bully Ford must go!

Truly,

Therese Taylor

Attend the City of Hamilton's open house on the Greenbelt land grabs!

From: Kathy Wade Vlaar

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:12 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

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,

Kathy Wade Vlaar

From: Michelle Chin
Sent: September 6, 2023 11:12 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Sep 14th Special Mtg of the Planning Committee

Hello,

I wish to have my written comments below become part of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Planning Committee on September 14, 2023.

Thank you,

Michelle Chin, Dundas

To whom it may concern,

My husband, two children and I have been residents of Dundas since 2006. We chose to live in the heart of Dundas, a walkable community where our children could walk and cycle independently and use public transit rather than rely on a car. It greatly enhances our quality of life.

I am for freezing the urban envelope, intensifying and exhausting the possibilities within its existing boundaries before converting the precious rural areas of the city. This increases quality of life, improves existing communities in need and reduces long term tax burden. We have an incredible opportunity to improve our existing communities within today's urban envelope before expanding. Using equal parts Missing Middle know-how, creative infill and a good measure of political will, it is a formula for success. We must put all of our focus and effort into developing within the existing urban envelope first.

I am in favour of maximizing intensification within the existing Urban Boundary before converting rural areas of the city.

Other ideas

If rural land needs to be used (and it should not) it should be rezoned to create affordable and walkable missing middle communities much like the core of Dundas. It absolutely should not be zoned for large suburban unaffordable single family dwellings that rely on a car culture. People love old style walkable towns with a vibrant mixed-use zoned core. It's a proven formula that improves quality of life.

Other Comments

With so many issues on the table, it is time to get back to meeting the basic needs and rights of our greater community:

- food security, affordable housing, health, safety
- social equalizers such as public transportation, cycling and walking
- environmental human rights to clean air and water, and addressing the climate emergency

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In good faith,
Michelle Chin

From: Jen Sanges

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:45 AM

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Subject: Fwd: 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!**

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.

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Regards

Jennifer

From: Jen Sanges
Sent: September 6, 2023 6:46 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt vs Every Other Option

I'm looking to expose the possibility that Ford's government Did Not explore any other options or bids before deciding to slice through our farmland. This will show Ontarians that due diligence was not followed or even considered by Ford. It would also expose the fact he does not demand the builders to submit viable plans for the future of housing development in already predetermined areas. There are no plans, there's been no other considerations, nor corrections in the previous governments' mistakes in boundaries. It's clearly a bulldozing of the moral code we have, and a nail in the coffin of our distrust for our own government!

This is the canary in the coal mine. If this goes through it will not end with arable land grabs.

Sincerely
Jennifer

From: Marie Covert

Sent: September 6, 2023 12:32 PM

To: ason.thorne@hamilton.ca; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: No development on the Greenbelt

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,

Marie Covert,

Dundas

From: Sheila O'Neal

Sent: September 6, 2023 3:00 PM

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Subject: No Development on the Greenbelt

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.

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.

We have to protect the Greenbelt and expand it - not pave over it to make wealthy developers billions.

Sincerely,

Sheila O'Neal

From: Cork Town

Sent: September 6, 2023 3:03 PM

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Subject: No Development on the Greenbelt !

Importance: High

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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Co-operatively,

Mary Margaret Kachurowski

From: Luba Petkovic

Sent: September 7, 2023 5:23 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Green Belt

Good morning. I say no to Green Belt because it have nothing to do with the belt. But everything to do with Ford and the rest the around him to make money ,and so many others that well make more . Its all about them, not the regular people . Are they telling regular people we will build homes and sell it for so chip so everyone can afford it? I don't think so. People that make \$20 and even \$25 can't never afford to buy thanks to Government of Canada.

From: Lyn Folkes

Sent: September 6, 2023 11:37 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Save Greenbelt, Restore Democracy in Ontario

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.

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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!

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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,

Lyn Folkes

From: Matias Rozenberg

Sent: September 6, 2023 10:20 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

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From: SUSAN B.

Sent: September 6, 2023 7:27 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re Greenbelt Survey

Good day, I wanted to fill out the survey but don't agree with choices. The Greenbelt Land shouldn't be disturbed period.

Thanks, Susan Button

From: Judy Labelle

Sent: September 6, 2023 6:30 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org

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From: Tracie D

Sent: September 6, 2023 6:24 PM

To: Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; minister.mah@ontario.ca; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@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>

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From: T Berry <

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Theresa Berry

From: V. Zess

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Victoria Zess

From: Donna Spurr

Sent: September 6, 2023 4:36 PM

To: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

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Regards,

Donna Spurr

From: Alison Niccols
Sent: September 7, 2023 10:26 AM
To: Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>
Subject: greenbelt

Please restore protection of the greenbelt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alison Niccols

From: Anne Kopyś-Medeiros
Sent: September 7, 2023 11:07 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: OPENING GREENSPACE OPEN HOUSE

Dear Sir/Madam:

Given the tremendous public interest in the Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan affecting our City of Hamilton specifically, and our Province generally, I believe Hamilton City Hall should have anticipated this and chosen a larger venue for the recent Open House.

I hope the size of Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre as the venue for the upcoming Special Meeting of the City's Planning Committee will be reconsidered.

Much appreciated,

Anne Kopyś-Medeiros

From: Quinn, James S <

Sent: September 7, 2023 11:48 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org; donna.skelly@pc.ola.org; minister.mah@ontario.ca

Subject: Greenbelt removals are not acceptable

Dear All:

Once lost, greenspace will be gone “forever”. The actions of eliminating important natural lands will not only cost humans essential ecosystem services but will compromise the long-term existence of many species, including our own. We are compromising our future already by dragging our heels on mitigating climate change.

The actions of politicians like Doug Ford amount to “ecocide”, which in our system of capitalism and greed should be considered a legal term that could be used to inflict harsh punishment on offenders. The downstream effects of ecocide include not only the extinction of vulnerable species, but increased death rates of people. In our culture, we have not learned to take only what we need and to protect the environment that nurtures ecosystems that support us and other species.

The term “forever”, as I used it, lasts as long as it will take for humans to become one of the endangered species that we are driving to extinction. Only at that point will habitats lost to construction of human development be returned to nature over a long period of succession, with plants breaking down the roads, warehouses, and houses, that we foolishly built.

Almost like the idea that EXTINCTION IS FOREVER, building human infrastructure on important habitats is ecocide and the loss of those habitats and their services and the added risk to species and natural communities is “forever”. Please hold the line on the urban boundary and block any efforts to build on natural lands. Without conscious protection of our natural world, humans are the greatest threat to our natural world.

Sincerely, Jim

James S. Quinn

From: M Pitilli
Sent: September 7, 2023 11:57 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Greenbelt meeting

I'm totally opposed to the development of the Greenbelt. However as the PC gov is going ahead, I don't want to see another 25 story condo go up.

From: Richard Johnson

Sent: September 7, 2023 12:18 PM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; 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>; 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>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Skelly, Donna <donna.skelly@pc.ola.org>; Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org

Cc: Rick Johnson

Subject: No Negotiation with Ford government on Greenbelt Lands

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I hope that you are all well; the people of Ontario and Hamilton are not well at all under the tainted and self serving Ford government. I have to tell you that there are many Hamiltonians who oppose the Ford government's Greenbelt policy who are tapped out and tired out and have little energy left to deal with an anti-democratic provincial government but I and many others are willing to continue to actively support your recent unanimous position as a city government to oppose Greenbelt development. The Ford government is counting on public fatigue and public indifference to impose their nasty will on all Hamiltonians and Ontarians! Following up on my email of deep concern to you on September 4 as well as three other previous emails, I have included an opinion piece below which you may have already read written by journalist Martin Regg Cohn in the Thursday September 7, 2023 edition of the Hamilton Spectator which states far more eloquently and accurately than I can why I remain deeply adamant that Hamilton does NOT enter into any negotiations with the Ford government (even "under protest") with regard to the use of the precious lands that this government has pulled from the Greenbelt tract for alleged "affordable" home building. The Ford government has simply manipulated the federal government's decision to bring large numbers of immigrants into Canada to their advantage by suggesting that we need to provide homes for these immigrants when in fact, the Ford government has used this not so clever ruse to poorly cover up their plan to further advantage their rich developer friends and big business supporters by profiting on the sale of these extracted Greenbelt lands. This selfish plan is about as low as dirt! Now that the whole ploy has been exposed by our two public watchdogs, it appears that Ford will now conduct a "review" (whatever that might mean) of all Greenbelt lands which suggests that Ford might declare open season on the entire Greenbelt tract. No doubt Ford has been stormed by those developers whom he did not favour and we hear nothing but crickets from those that he did favour! Hamiltonians and Ontarians are outraged about this Greenbelt scandal; we want accountability and we want all lands returned to the Greenbelt - again FULL STOP. Despite all of Ford's and Clark's admissions that the process was flawed at the very least and totally corrupt at worst, we are left with a government that is now doubling down on their plan to allow developers to make billions of dollars by paving over precious farmlands that feed us and the wetlands and forests that protect us from an increasingly greater numbers of climate catastrophes! It appears

that the Premier, despite endless attempts to duck and dive for cover from all of the truth of the matter has declared open season on the Greenbelt initiating a process to "review" every protected acre of land for it's development potential. The Ford government's obsession with the Greenbelt shows where his priorities lie. If solving the housing crisis (alleged or otherwise) is their goal, the Ford government should be starting to build homes on the thousands of acres already approved for development. How stupid does the Ford government think we are!

With all of this as a backdrop including Cohn's opinion piece which is accurately to the point, I reiterate once again that I am 100% opposed to taking any land out of the Greenbelt and in favour of adding lands to the Greenbelt. As well, I am deeply disappointed that our Hamilton City staff, despite all of the findings of the Auditor-General and Integrity Commissioner that point to a government that has manipulated the concept of democracy in Ontario to further their own selfish interests still wants to enter into discussions with the provincial government on how to develop local farmlands withdrawn from the Greenbelt tract. I would ask how much evidence do City representatives need to know that you can't deal with devil who appears to be the farthest thing from fair and reasonable? What more proof do you need that such negotiations would be an exercise in futility as the government has set it's agenda and intend to be the winners in any such negotiations. If this is about gaining political points with Hamiltonians by appearing to be reasonable partners by entering such negotiations, FORGET IT! There is absolutely nothing to be gained by sitting down with this province to hope for a few crumbs to be tossed our way! Other affected areas of the province are looking to Hamilton to be the leader in addressing and putting an end to the Ford government scheme and we have to be leaders; we cannot and must not be perceived by our community partners across the province as simply knuckling under to a bunch of self serving Tories who are using their majority to manipulate the whole democratic process to their sole advantage!

I attended the City public open house at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre last evening and was overwhelmed by the numbers of people who attended. The concern is rampantly spreading and people are realizing that this Ford government is failing us. I arrived promptly at 6:30 pm at door opening time and after waiting in line to get in was told along with about 200 or so others that the doors would be closing! All, on the one hand were disappointed that the City did not provide for all parties to participate but at the same time were so happy to see such supportive public reaction for the event. It appeared to most who didn't get in (as early as we were) that City staff underestimated the turnout for this event and need to consider an alternate larger venue for next week's event. Apologies for non entry from those in charge were courteous but hardly good enough; if you are going to ask sincerely for public input, then you need to know that you need to be prepared to accommodate that input and listen to it. Mass public turnouts are the only way to get the Ford government's attention and action; they pay no attention to small numbers so City staff need to arrange next week's meeting at a more suitable location. For your information, those not gaining entry collectively engaged outside the theatre in repeated rounds of "hey hey, ho ho, Doug Ford's gotta go!" The interest of this group of attendees was not in how we could best develop the Greenbelt but in stopping the extraction of these lands from the Greenbelt. Please keep that in mind for the next meeting on September 14. By the way, did our two local Conservative party MPPs attend the event and if not will they be in attendance on September 14? Thanks for reading my letter of concern and I remind you that these concerns are becoming more public and widespread by the day!

Sincerely, Rick Johnson Mount Hope, Ontario

From: Jim Beach

Sent: September 7, 2023 2:03 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Special Planning Committee Meeting

I was at the Greenbelt panning amendments public meeting in Ancaster last evening and was very impressed with the large attendance and organization of this important municipal topic. I suggest the venue for the *Thursday, September 14th* special meeting of the planning committee be relocated from the Memorial Arts Centre to the Ancaster Fairgrounds facility if possible.

There is no doubt a larger venue is required to accommodate the more than 500+ interested attendees as well as necessary convenient parking accessibility.

Thank-you.

Jim Beach