

# GREENBELT PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT 2023 Summary Report

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes consultation and engagement completed by the City of Hamilton from August to September 2023 to receive feedback on community priorities and development objectives respecting lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area in Hamilton by the Government of Ontario in December 2022.

### Background

On December 16, 2022 the Province removed 2,995 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan Area to be used to build housing in the near term. This included 795 hectares of land within the City of Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton opposed the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. Understanding the Provincial authority to approve new residential development of these lands irrespective of the City's opposition, City Council gave direction on July 14, 2023 to seek public input on potential development objectives and community benefits the City should look to secure through negotiations, under protest, with the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator.

To staff's knowledge, the City of Hamilton was the only municipality that had lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area undertake its own community engagement.

### Engagement

The City's consultation respecting these lands received significant public interest and input with over 1000 residents attending the City's Open House and special meeting of Planning Committee together with hundreds of written submissions and survey responses. In total, there were 1,600+ total participants and 26,600+ outreach participants.

Specifically, the City held:

- An open house on September 6, 2023 at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre for the public which was attended by approximately 450 people with approximately 200 people having to be turned away due to venue capacity.
- An online survey on Engage Hamilton that launched on August 21, 2023 and closed on September 8, 2023 and received 533 responses.
- A special meeting of Planning Committee on September 14, 2023 held at the Ancaster Fair Grounds at which Planning Committee received 150 written and 44 oral submissions. The meeting was attended by approximately 525 residents.



Photos from the September 6, 2023 Open House

### Premier Announcement to Reinstate Greenbelt Lands

On September 21, 2023 the Ontario Premier announced that all lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan in December 2022 would be reinstated. City staff confirmed with the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator that all discussions with the City respecting these lands have ceased.

As a result of the Provincial change in direction with these lands, this Public Engagement Summary Report focuses on the specific themes and values that were received from the public rather than specific development objectives or community benefits for the lands the Province had removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area.

## What We Heard – Key Messages and Infographics

Of the public submissions made through the online survey, open house comment sheets, Planning Committee oral and written submissions and separate e-mail submissions, 684 were opposed to the Provincial decision to remove these lands from the Greenbelt Plan and 56 submissions were supportive of development of these lands. 143 submissions included potential development objectives and community benefits and did not specify opposition or support of the Provincial decision.

Of all responses received from residents that opposed the lands removal from the Greenbelt Plan, the top themes received were:



- **General Opposition** (358 references) – meaning responses indicating opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt lands without identifying specific reasons.
- **Lack of Transparency on Process for Greenbelt Lands** (250 references) – meaning responses which indicate the process for removing the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area was not transparent including reference to the Auditor General’s Report and the Integrity Commissioner’s Report.
- **Intensification in Urban Area** (204 references) – meaning responses identifying that new development should be contained within the existing urban boundary including reference to Council’s direction for no urban boundary expansion.
- **Environmental Protection** (160 references) – meaning responses referencing negative climate change impacts resulting from the development of the lands.
- **Does Not Address Housing Crisis** (145 references) - meaning responses indicating the development of the Greenbelt removal lands is not appropriate to address the housing crisis and the development of single detached homes will not be financially accessible to much of the public.
- **Infrastructure Deficit / Financial Implications** (110 references) – meaning responses identifying an existing infrastructure deficit within the entire City and the financial implications of providing infrastructure to service development in the Greenbelt removal lands, including concern about increased taxes.
- **Farmland Protection** (108 references) – meaning responses identifying concern about the loss of existing farmland including reference to food insecurity.

Other themes that emerged from residents that were in opposition include climate change, generational inequality, and lack of Indigenous consultation.

Of all response received that were supportive of development of these lands, the top themes received were:

- **Supporting of Residential Development (36 references)** – meaning responses indicating the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area is appropriate for residential development including reference to surrounding land uses.
- **Addition of Book Road lands (28 references)** – meaning responses referencing the addition of the Book Road lands or other lands to the Greenbelt Plan Area in 2017.
- **Inappropriate for Farmland (20 references)** – meaning responses indicating the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan are no longer appropriate or productive for farmland.

## SECTION 1: OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

On December 16, 2023 the Province removed 2,995 ha of land from the Greenbelt Plan Area in Ontario to be used to build housing in the near term. This included 795 hectares of land within the City of Hamilton within three separate areas shown in Appendix A – Greenbelt Removal Lands and described as:

- Lands located south of Garner Road West, west of Fiddlers Green Road, east of Shaver Road in the vicinity of Book Road (“Book Road Lands”) (727 ha in size);
- Lands located south of White Church Road East, west of Miles Road, north of Chippewa Road East, east of Upper James Street (“Whitechurch Lands”) (64 ha in size); and,
- Lands located at 331 and 339 Fifty Road, at the north-west corner of Barton Street and Fifty Road (“Fifty Road Lands”) (4 ha in size).

The City of Hamilton opposed the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan. Understanding the Provincial authority to approve new residential development of these lands irrespective of the City’s opposition, City Council directed staff to schedule a special meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of obtaining public input as to the City’s priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area.

On September 21, 2023 the Ontario Premier announced that all lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan in December 2022 would be reinstated. City staff confirmed with the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator that all discussions with the City respecting these lands have ceased.



## SECTION 2: ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION METHODS

### Engagement Methods

The engagement methods used to seek feedback from the public respecting the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area included:

- an online survey;
- an in-person public open house;
- email intake; and,
- a special meeting of Planning Committee.

#### Online Survey

Respondents of the online survey were able to select their top five (5) priorities of development objectives and community benefits for each of the three removal areas. The survey also included a section to provide additional feedback on development objectives and community benefits. The online survey was available from August 21, 2023 to September 8, 2023 and had a total of 578 responses.

#### In-Person Public Open House

The in-person public open house was held on September 6, 2023 at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre. The open house was attended by 450 people and approximately 200 people had to be turned away as the capacity of the venue was reached (450 people).

Attendees were encouraged to participate in a panel activity to rank specified development objectives and community benefits using dot stickers or identifying additional development objectives and community benefits with sticky notes. There were also comment sheets available for additional comments or remarks. 47 comment sheets were filled out and provided to staff. Photos of the panels after the open house are attached as Appendix B and scans of the comment sheets are attached as Appendix C.

#### Email Intake

Staff accepted emails between August 24, 2023 and September 8, 2023 for the purpose of obtaining feedback on the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. A total of 100 emails were received and are attached as Appendix D.

#### Planning Committee

The special meeting of Planning Committee was held on September 14, 2023 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds in accordance with the Council Motion passed on July 14, 2023.

Over 500 people attended the public meeting and there was a total of 194 public submissions, including 150 written submissions and 44 oral submissions. All written submissions are attached as Appendix E.

### Communication Methods

#### Webpage

The City prepared a webpage on the City's website entitled "[Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan](#)". The webpage was launched on August 3, 2023 and contained background information about the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area.

The recording of the staff presentation and digital copies of the information panels from the public open house were also posted on the webpage.

### Mail Out to Property Owners

The City mailed a letter to all property owners of the land removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area and property owners within 240 metres of those lands on August 3, 2023 with background information and answers to frequently asked questions. A follow-up letter was mailed on August 23, 2023 with details about the in-person events and the online survey. A total of 1,131 property owners were included on the City’s circulation list.

### Social Media

The City advertised the open house, online survey and special meeting of Planning Committee on various social media platforms including X (twitter), Instagram and LinkedIn.



Figure 1 – Snippets from Hamilton Spectator Articles

### Newspaper Ads

The City posted two (2) newspaper ads in the Hamilton Spectator on August 25, 2023 and September 1, 2023 and one (1) newspaper ad in the Community Papers on September 1, 2023. The newspaper ads contained background information and information on the opportunities to provide input including the online survey, open house and special meeting of Planning Committee.

### Media Coverage

The City’s engagement received substantial local media coverage. From July 1, 2023 to September 28, 2023, the Hamilton Spectator newspaper published 13 stories on its front page either directly or tangentially related to the City’s engagement on the Greenbelt lands. Multiple news stories were published through other media outlets over this period, including local television broadcasts.

### Invitations to Elected Officials

As directed by Council, invitations to the September 14, 2023 Planning Committee as well as the September 6, 2023 Open House were sent to all Hamilton Members of Provincial

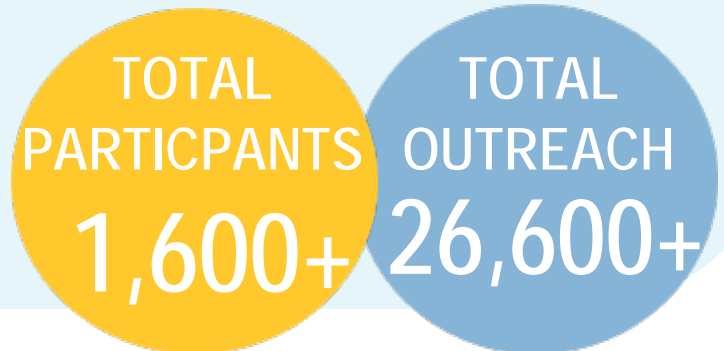
Parliament and Members of Parliament as well as the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator. Invitations were also extended for the September 6, 2023 Open House.

The September 6, 2023 Open House was attended by MPP Sandy Shaw with MP's Lisa Hefner and Dan Muys sending their regrets.

The September 14, 2023 Special Meeting of Planning Committee was attended by MPP Sandy Shaw and MPP Monique Taylor.

**Table 1: Engagement and Communication Methods**

Engagement or Communication Method	Outreach Completed	Number of Participants / People Reached
Online Survey	One (1) survey	578
Public Open House	One (1) open house	450+
Emails	n/a	100
Planning Committee	One (1) meeting	500+ 194 delegations
Website	One dedicated webpage	1,615 views
Mail Out Notice	Two (2) mail outs to property owners	1,131 property owners
Social Media	Six (6) posts	23,775 Impressions 93 Engagements
Newspaper Ads	Two (2) Newspaper Ads in the Hamilton Spectator and one (1) in the Community Newspapers	Unknown



## Data Analysis

The feedback collected through the online survey, in-person open house, special meeting of planning committee and emails received fell under two groups: responses identifying a position on the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area and responses making suggestions for the development of the lands without indicating a clear position on the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. The data collected for each group has been summarized separately throughout the Engagement Summary Report.

A thematic analysis was completed for all the qualitative responses by coding the information into a collection of common themes. Many responses referenced multiple themes therefore the number of responses does not equal the number of references identified throughout the Engagement Summary Report.

For the responses which identified a position either in opposition or support for the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area, the themes utilized for coding are described below.

The responses identifying development objectives or community benefits were tallied to quantify the results.

## OPPOSED TO GREENBELT REMOVALS

### **Lack of Transparency on Process for Greenbelt**

**Lands:** responses which indicate the process for removing the lands from the Greenbelt was not transparent including reference to the Auditor General's Report and the Integrity Commissioner's Report.

### **Climate Change:**

responses referencing negative climate change impacts resulting from the development of the lands.

### **Indigenous Consultation:**

responses referencing lack of indigenous consultation.

**Intensification in Urban Area:** responses identifying intensification and new development should be contained within the existing urban boundary including reference to Council's direction for no urban boundary expansion.

### **Farmland Protection:**

responses identifying concern about the loss of existing farmland including reference to food insecurity.

### **General Opposition:**

responses indicating opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt lands without identifying specific reasons.

### **Infrastructure Deficit / Financial**

**Implications:** responses identifying an existing infrastructure deficit within the entire City and the financial implications of providing infrastructure to service development in the Greenbelt removal lands, including concern about increased taxes.

### **Does Not Address Housing Crisis:**

responses indicating the development of the Greenbelt removal lands is not appropriate to address the housing crisis and the development of single detached homes will not be financially accessible to much of the public.

**Environmental Protection:** responses referencing environmental concerns such as loss of green space, impacts to existing wetlands or other natural heritage features, and impacts to biodiversity including species at risk due to loss of habitat.

**Generational Inequity:** responses indicating the development of the Greenbelt removal lands will disproportionality impact future generations.

## SUPPORTIVE OF GREENBELT REMOVALS

**Addition of Book Road Lands:** responses referencing the addition of the Book Road lands or other lands to the Greenbelt Plan Area in 2017, and rationale to remove them currently.

**Supportive of Residential Development:** responses indicating the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan is appropriate for residential development including reference to surrounding land uses.

**Inappropriate for Farmland:** responses indicating the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan are no longer appropriate or productive for farmland.

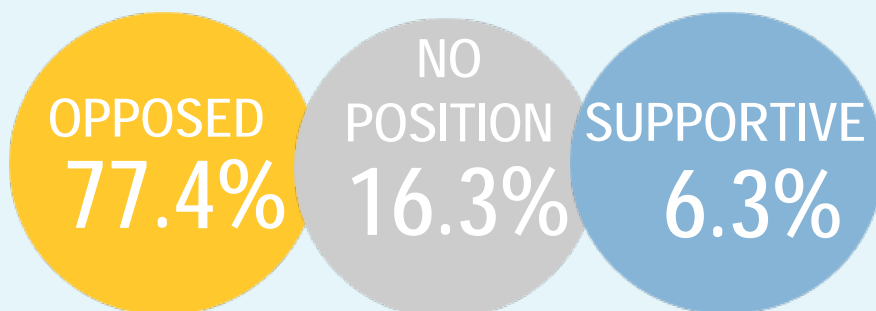
### SECTION 3: WHAT WE HEARD

This section provides a high-level summary of the main themes heard throughout the public engagement respecting the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area.

The public engagement was intended to obtain feedback on community priorities (development objectives and community benefits) the City should look to secure through negotiations, under protest, with the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator. While some responses received included suggestions for community priorities, the majority of responses stated their position on the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area without providing feedback on community priorities. Table 2 contains a summary of the types of responses received.

**Table 2: Types of Responses**

	Total Responses	Survey (Additional Feedback)	Open House (Comment Sheets)	Emails	Planning Committee (Oral and Written Submissions)
Total	884	543	47	100	194
Opposed	77.4%	67.8%	93.6%	96%	90.7%
Support	6.3%	6.4%	2.1%	3%	8.8%
No Position	16.3%	25.8%	4.3%	1%	0.5%



### Online Survey – Results

The survey provided opportunities to comment on each of the three removal lands separately. For the purposes of this Engagement Summary Report, the responses have been combined to reflect the overall priorities for all three areas.

#### Top Five Priorities

##### Development Objectives

A total of 2,645 responses identified a development objective within the “Natural Areas” category as a top priority among the three examples: tree preservation (953 references), preservation of natural areas (995 references) and bird friendly design (697 references). The responses received for Natural Areas was significantly higher than the other categories and therefore a clear priority of respondents for development objectives.

The other categories included Climate Change (green infrastructure, incorporate existing buildings into development, low impact stormwater infrastructure), Complete Communities (inclusion of employment uses, mixed use buildings, inclusion of institutional uses), Housing (long term care homes, different low-rise housing types, different medium and high-rise housing types), and Transportation Network (bicycle lanes, public transit, barrier free pathways and trails). The total responses for the other categories are summarized below in Figure 2.

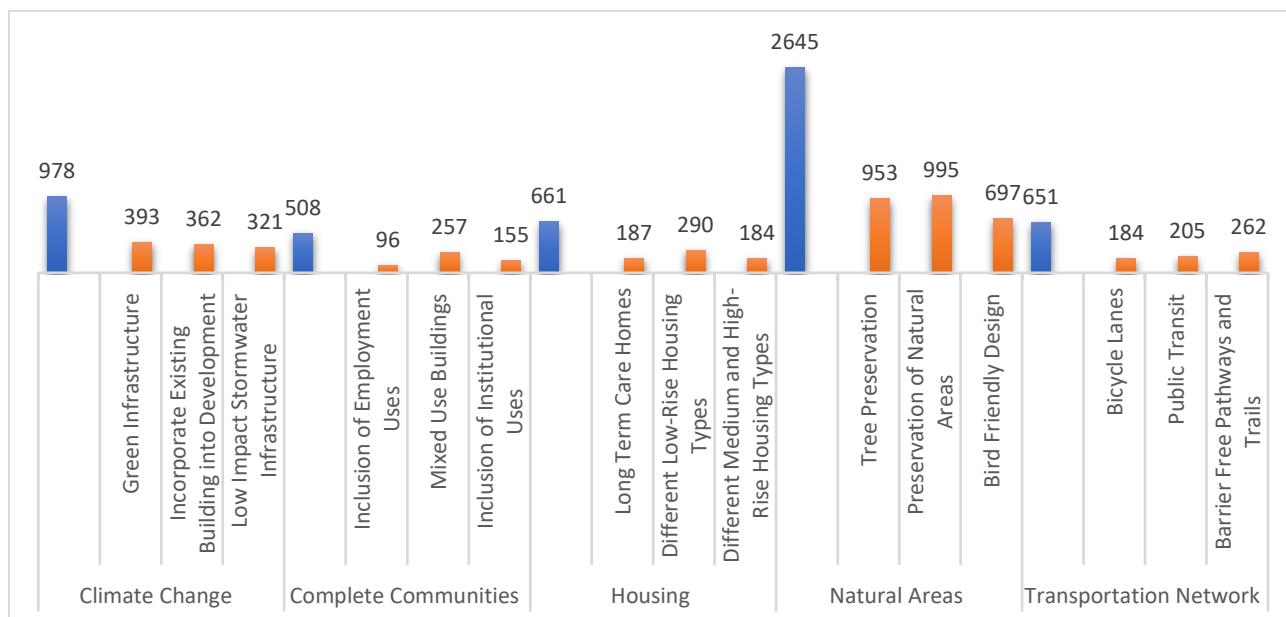


Figure 2: Survey Results - Top 5 Priorities (Development Objectives)

##### Community Benefits

A total of 1,586 responses identified a community benefit within the “Natural Areas” category as a top priority among the two examples: establishment of an ecological preserve (994 references) and financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations (592 references). The responses received for Natural Areas was



significantly higher than the other categories and therefore a clear priority of respondents for community benefits.

The other categories included Climate Change (enhanced energy efficiency building standards, incorporation of renewable energy technologies, ground source heat pumps), Community Contributions (farmers market and local food market, dedicated land or financial contributions for community and / or cultural organizations, community gardens), Housing (dedicated land to affordable housing providers, financial contributions to affordable housing providers, incorporation of affordable housing in developments), and Recreational Amenities (fund / construct new public facilities and parkland creation above minimum requirements). The total responses for the other categories are summarized below in Figure 3.

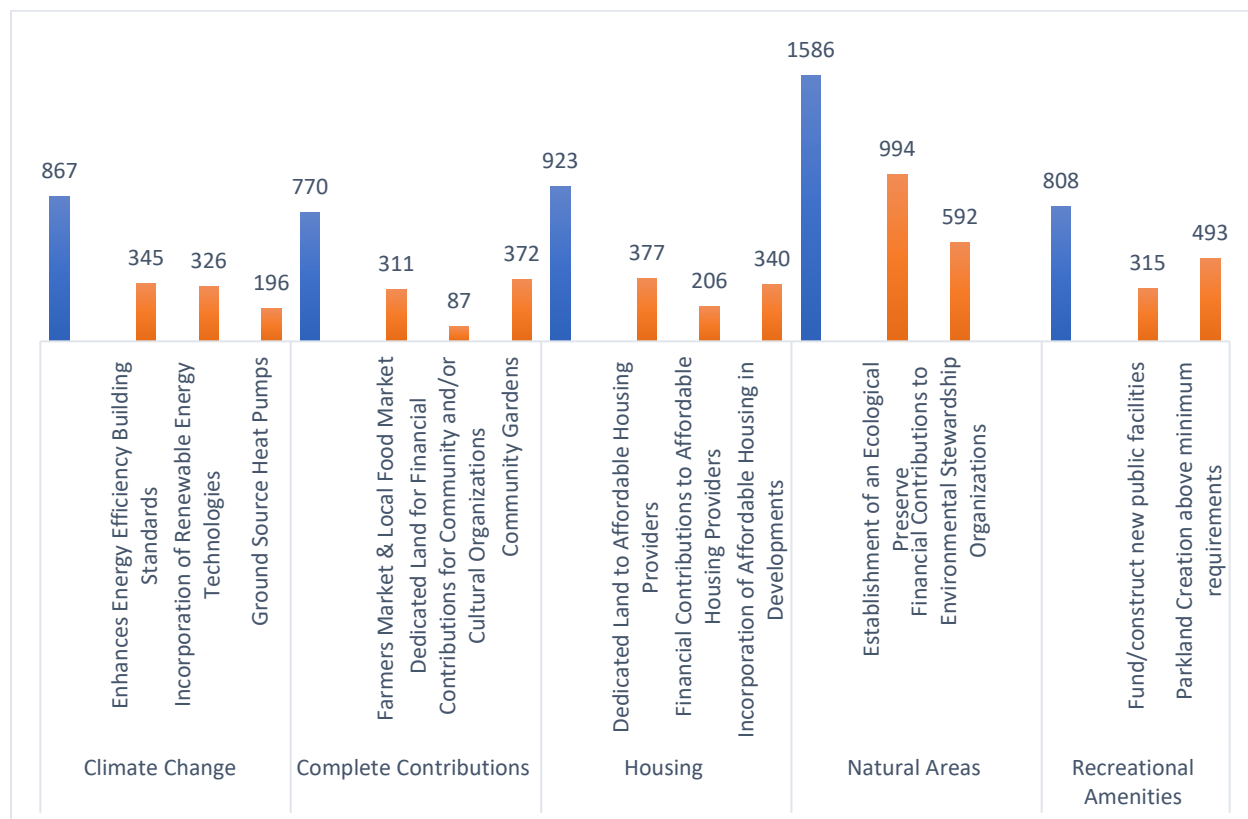


Figure 3 – Survey Results - Top 5 Priorities (Community Benefits)

#### Additional Feedback

There was a total of 304 survey responses to the question: “Do you have any additional feedback on Development Objectives?” and a total of 239 survey responses to the question: “Do you have any additional feedback on Community Benefits?”. All individual response to both questions is provided in Appendix F. The responses which provided feedback on development objectives or community benefits are shown in Figure 4. The highest number of responses related to increased housing / affordable housing (50 references), the development of different forms of housing (24 references) and provision of green space (21 references).

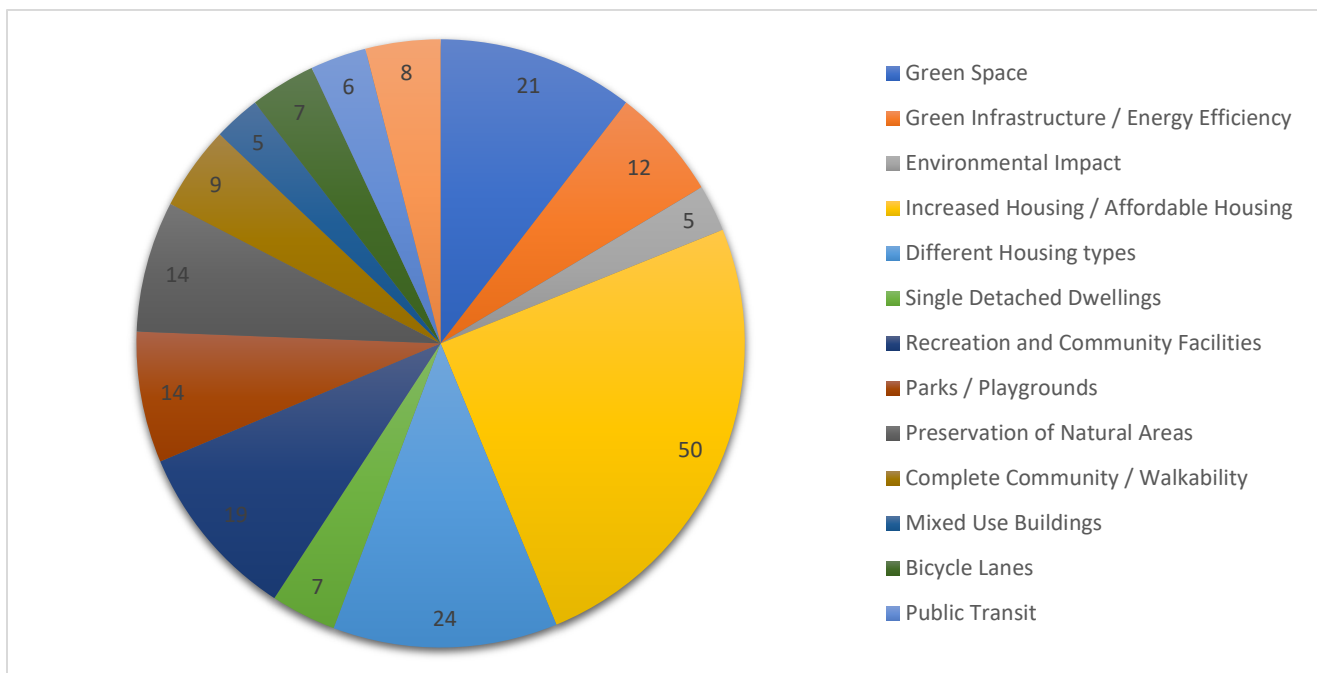


Figure 4: Survey Results - Additional Feedback

The responses which identified support or opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt Lands are summarized in Figure 5. The majority of responses received by email were opposed to the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. The common themes reflected in the additional feedback responses within the survey are general opposition (238 references), environmental protection (72 references) support for intensification in the urban area (72 responses) and lack of transparency (68 references).

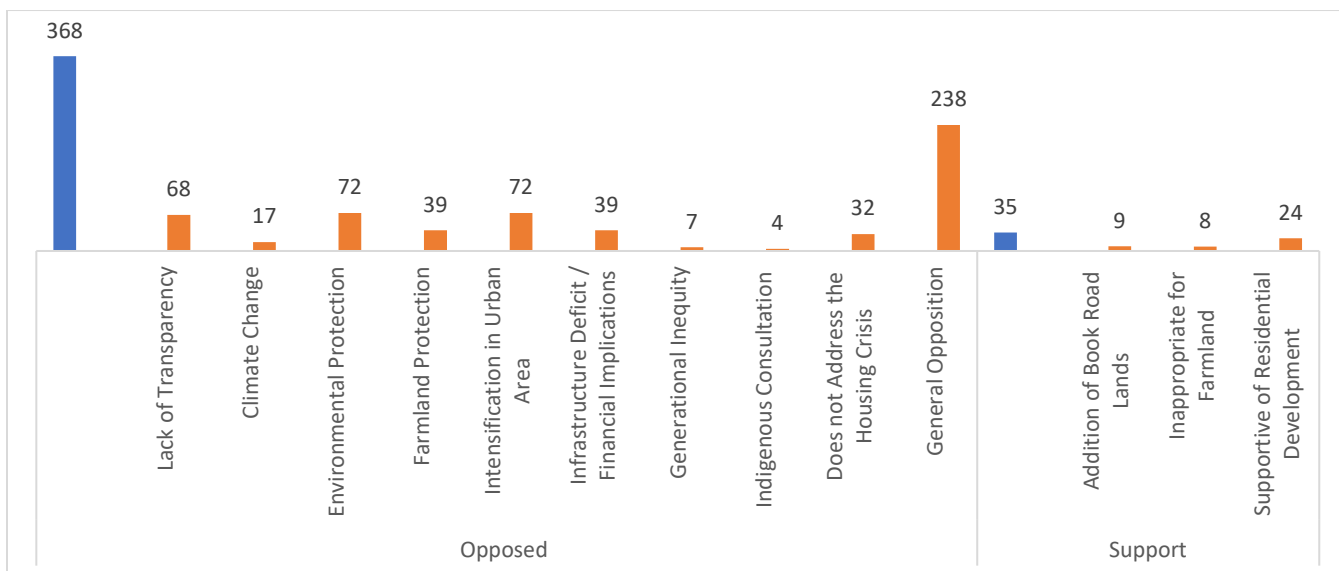


Figure 5: Survey Results – Position

### In-Person Public Open House – Results

The panel activity provided opportunities to comment on each of the three removal lands separately. For the purposes of this summary report, the responses have been combined to reflect the overall priorities for all three areas.

#### Top Five Priorities (Panel Activity)

##### Development Objectives

A total of 106 responses identified a development objective within the “Natural Areas” category as a top priority among the three examples: tree preservation (44 references), preservation of natural areas (45 references) and bird friendly design (17 references). The responses received for Natural Areas was significantly higher than the other categories and therefore a clear priority of respondents for development objectives.

The other categories included Climate Change (green infrastructure, incorporate existing buildings into development, low impact stormwater infrastructure), Complete Communities (inclusion of employment uses, mixed use buildings, inclusion of institutional uses), Housing (long term care housing, different low-rise housing types, different medium and high-rise housing types), and Transportation Network (bicycle lanes, public transit, barrier free pathways and trails). The total responses for the other categories are summarized below in Figure 6.

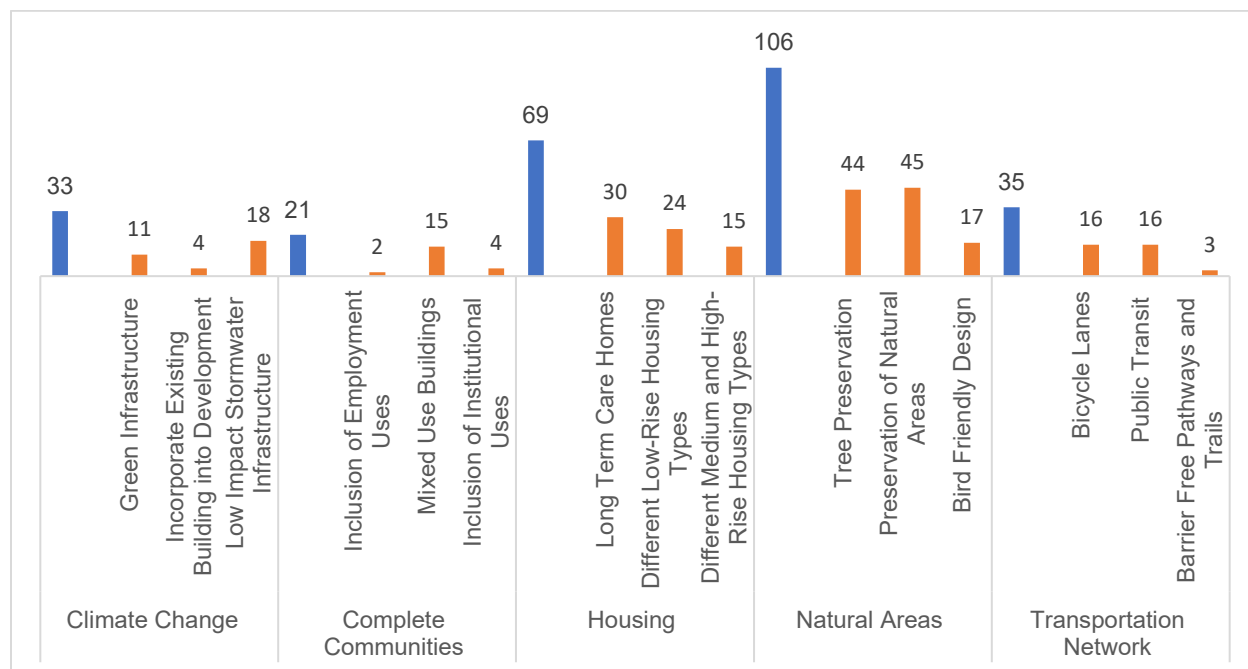


Figure 6: Panel Activity - Top 5 Priorities (Development Objectives)

##### Community Benefits

A total of 93 responses identified a community benefit within the “Housing” category as a top priority among the three examples: dedicated land to affordable housing providers (39 references), financial contributions to affordable housing providers (11 references), and

incorporation of affordable housing in developments (43 references). Overall, the responses received for Housing was significantly higher than the other categories although the individual example of a community benefit which received the most responses was under the Natural Areas category: the establishment of an ecological preserve (47 references).

The other categories included Climate Change (enhanced energy efficiency building standards, incorporation of renewable energy technologies, ground source heat pumps), Community Contributions (farmers market and local food market, dedicated land or financial contributions for community and / or cultural organizations, community gardens), Natural Areas (establishment of an ecological preserve, financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations), and Recreational Amenities (fund / construct new public facilities and parkland creation above minimum requirements). The total responses for the other categories are summarized below in Figure 7.

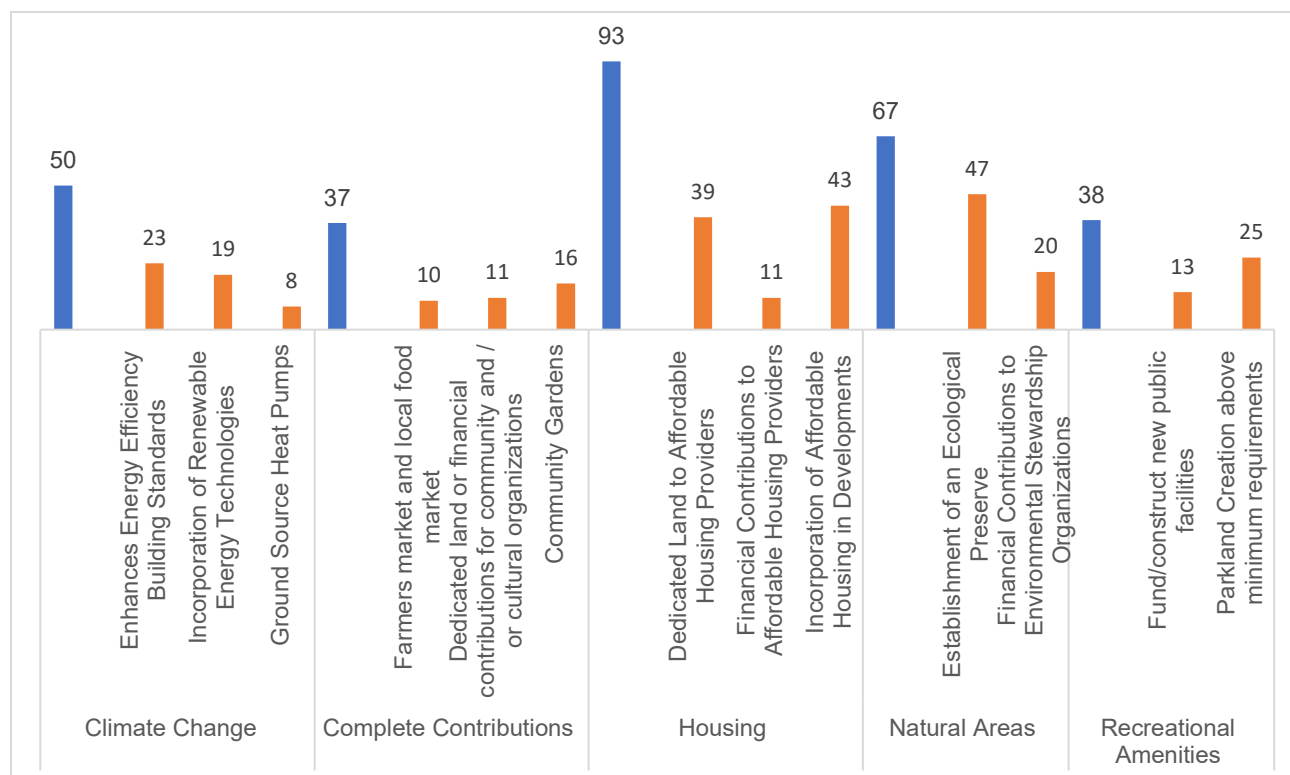


Figure 7: Panel Activity - Top 5 Priorities (Community Benefits)

### Additional Feedback

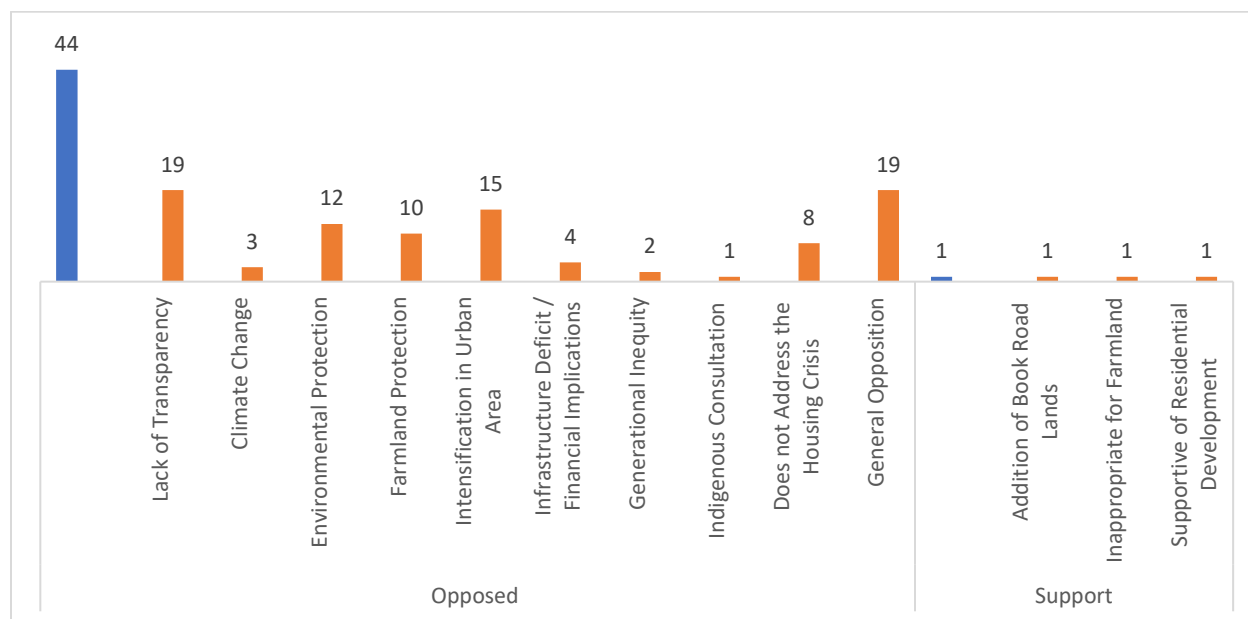
The additional feedback received on the panels with sticky notes is summarized below in Table 3. The majority of responses opposed the development of lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area.

**Table 3: Additional Feedback from Sticky Notes**

Development Objectives		Community Benefits		Opposition	
Long Term Care Homes	2	Recreational Facilities	2	General Opposition	57
Different Housing Types	2	Funding for Affordable Housing	2	Intensification in Urban Area	16
Single Detached Dwellings	2	Community Gardens	1	Environmental Protection	10
Parks, Schools & Hospitals	1			Farmland Protection	5

**Comment Sheets**

The responses received from the comment sheets which identified support or opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt Lands are summarized in Figure 8. The majority of comment sheet responses were opposed to the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. The common themes reflected in the responses from the comment sheets are general opposition (19 references), lack of transparency (19 references) and support for intensification in the urban area (15 references).



**Figure 8: Comment Sheets - Position**

Suggestions provided in the comment sheets included inclusion of higher density housing forms (2 references), utilization of green standards (2 references), inclusion of naturalized green space (1 reference) and improved tourism (1 reference).

### Emails Intake – Results

The email responses which identified support or opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt Lands are summarized on Figure 9. The majority of responses received by email were opposed to the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. The common themes reflected in the email responses are lack of transparency (57 references), support for intensification in the urban area (51 references) and belief this will not address the housing crisis (45 references).

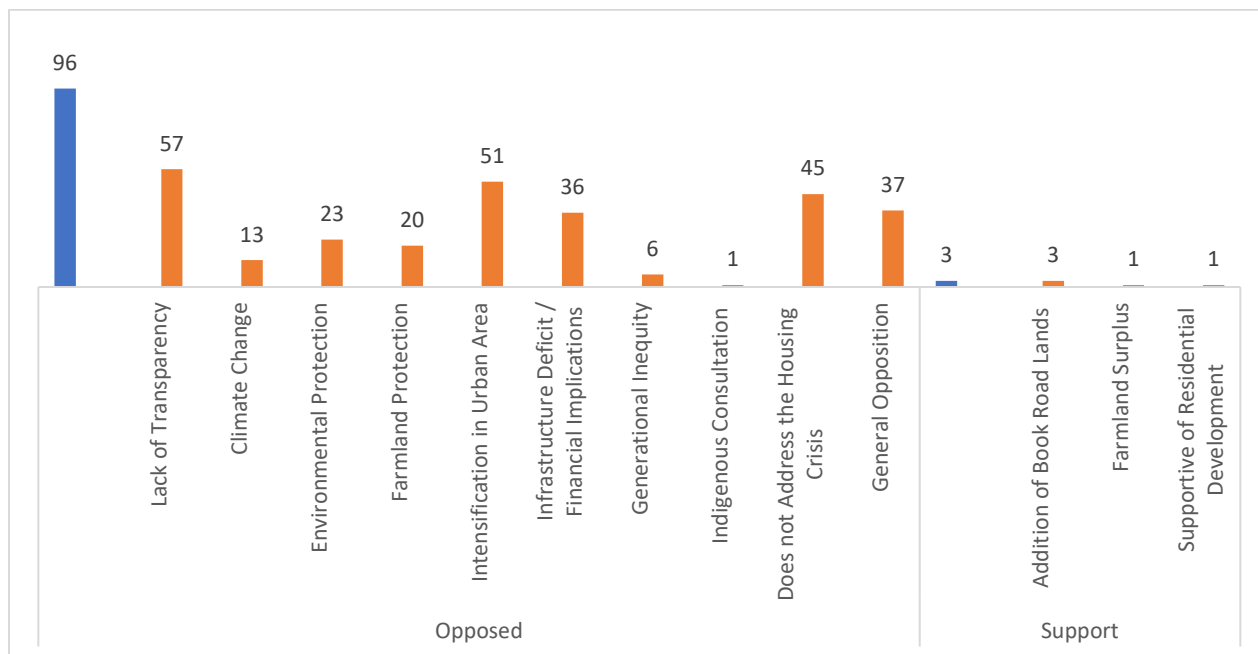


Figure 9: Email Results - Position

Other concerns raised in the email responses included concern about the online survey (13 references) and concern for public safety as a result of the development of these lands (6 references) which are not reflected in the themes in Figure 9.

The responses which provided feedback on community benefits or community priorities are shown in Figure 10.

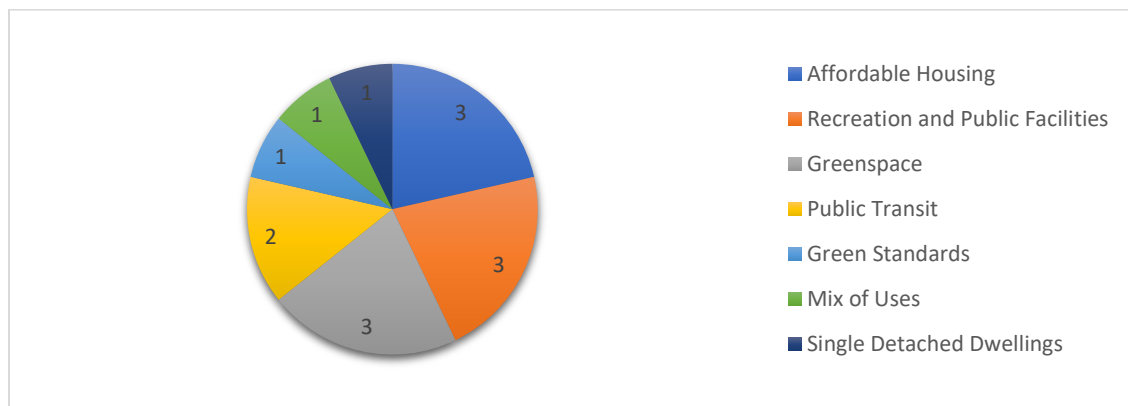


Figure 10: Email Results - Additional Feedback

### Planning Committee – Results

The responses which identified support or opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt Lands are summarized in Figures 11 and 12. There were no public delegations which included additional feedback on development objectives or community benefits.

#### Written Submissions

The majority of responses received as written submissions were opposed to the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. The common themes reflected in the written submissions are lack of transparency (84 references), general opposition (61 references) support for intensification in the urban area (53 references) and belief this will not address the housing crisis (48 references).

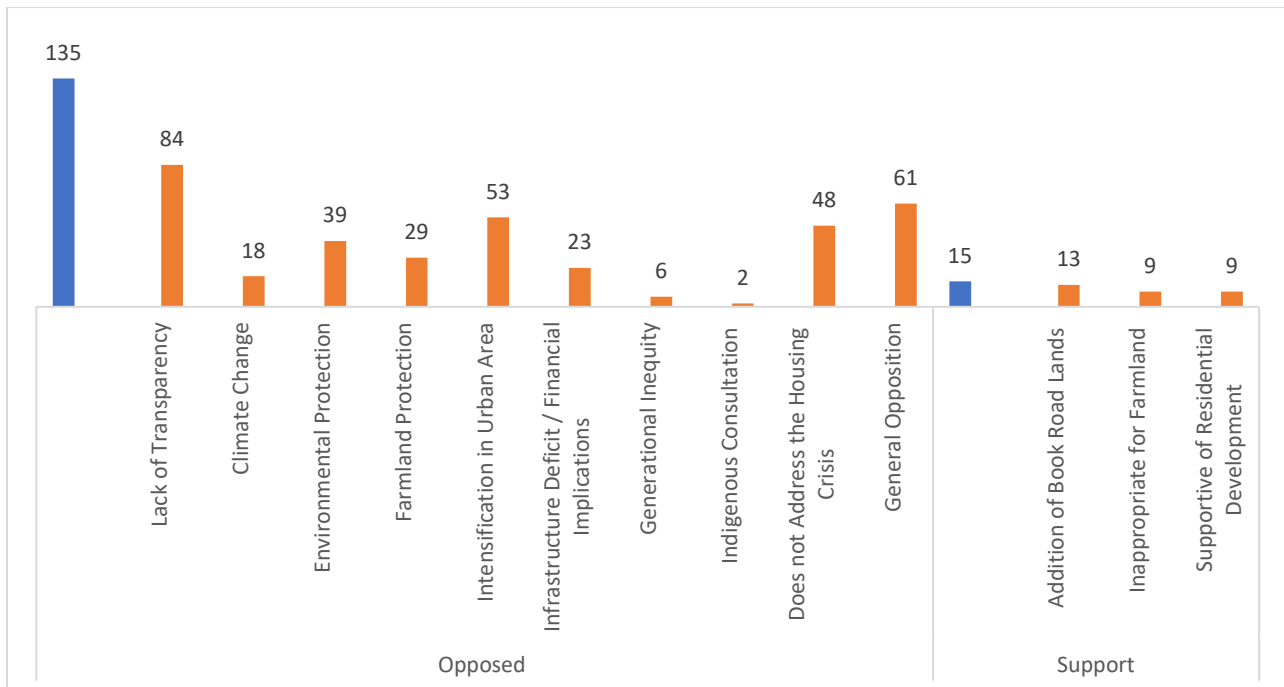


Figure 11: Written Submissions – Position

#### Oral Delegations

The majority of responses received as oral delegations were opposed to the removal of the lands from the Greenbelt Plan Area. The common themes reflected in the oral delegations are lack of transparency (22 references), environmental protection (14 references) support for intensification in the urban area (13 references) and belief this will not address the housing crisis (12 references).

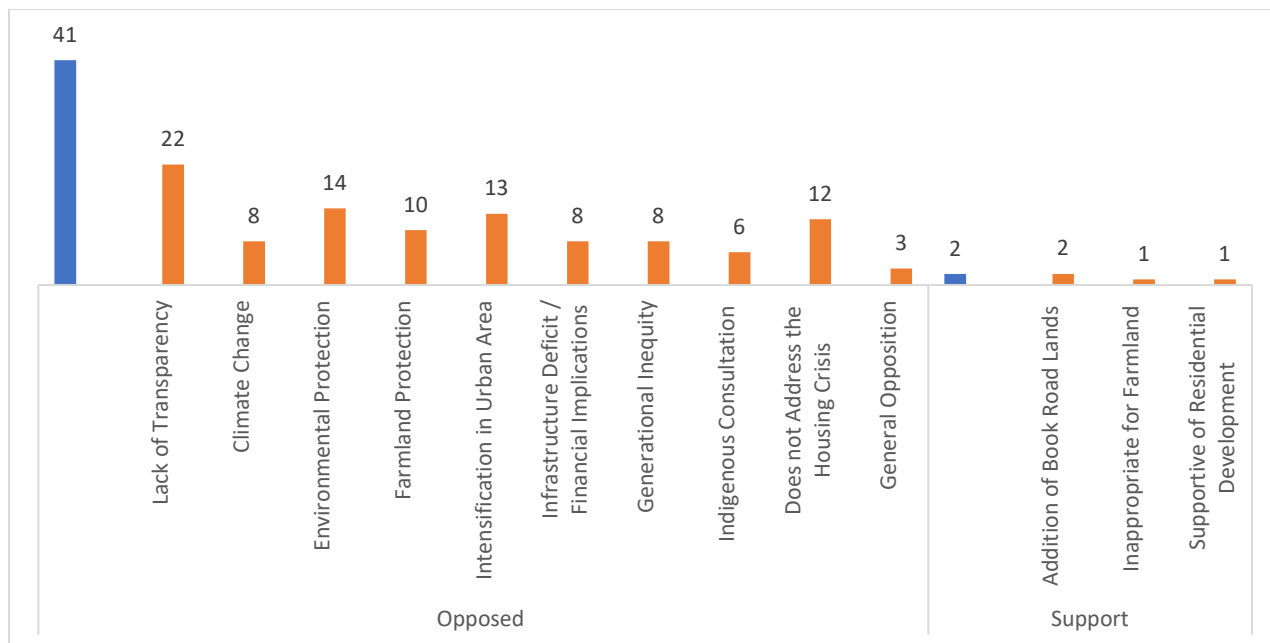


Figure 12: Oral Delegations – Position

### All Engagement - Results

A summary of the total responses which identified support or opposition to the removal of the Greenbelt Lands are summarized in Figure 13.

Of all responses received from residents that opposed the lands removal from the Greenbelt Plan, the top themes received were: General Opposition (358 references), Lack of Transparency (250 references), Intensification in Urban Area (204 references), Environmental Protection (160 references), Does Not Address Housing Crisis (145 references), Infrastructure Deficit / Financial Implications (110 references) and Farmland Protection (108 references).

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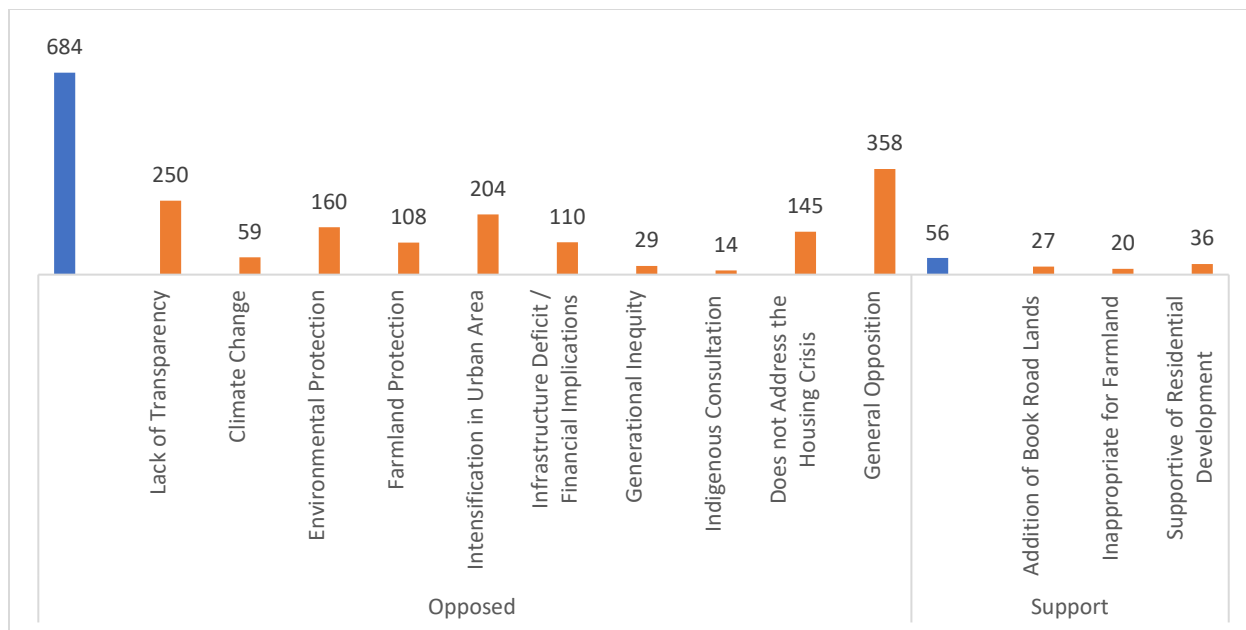


Figure 13: All Engagement - Position

A summary of the total responses which provided feedback on development objectives and community benefits is shown in Figure 14. Of all the responses received the top development objectives and community benefits identified were: increased housing / affordable housing (53 references), different housing types (26 references), green space (25 references) and recreation and community facilities (24 references).

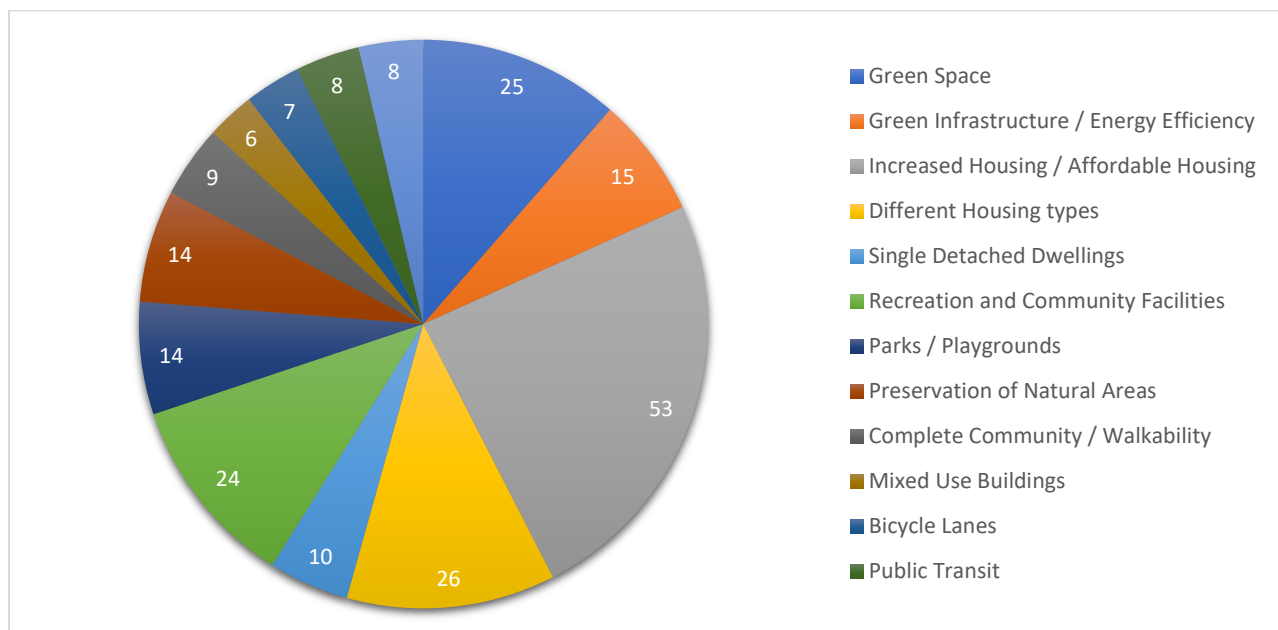
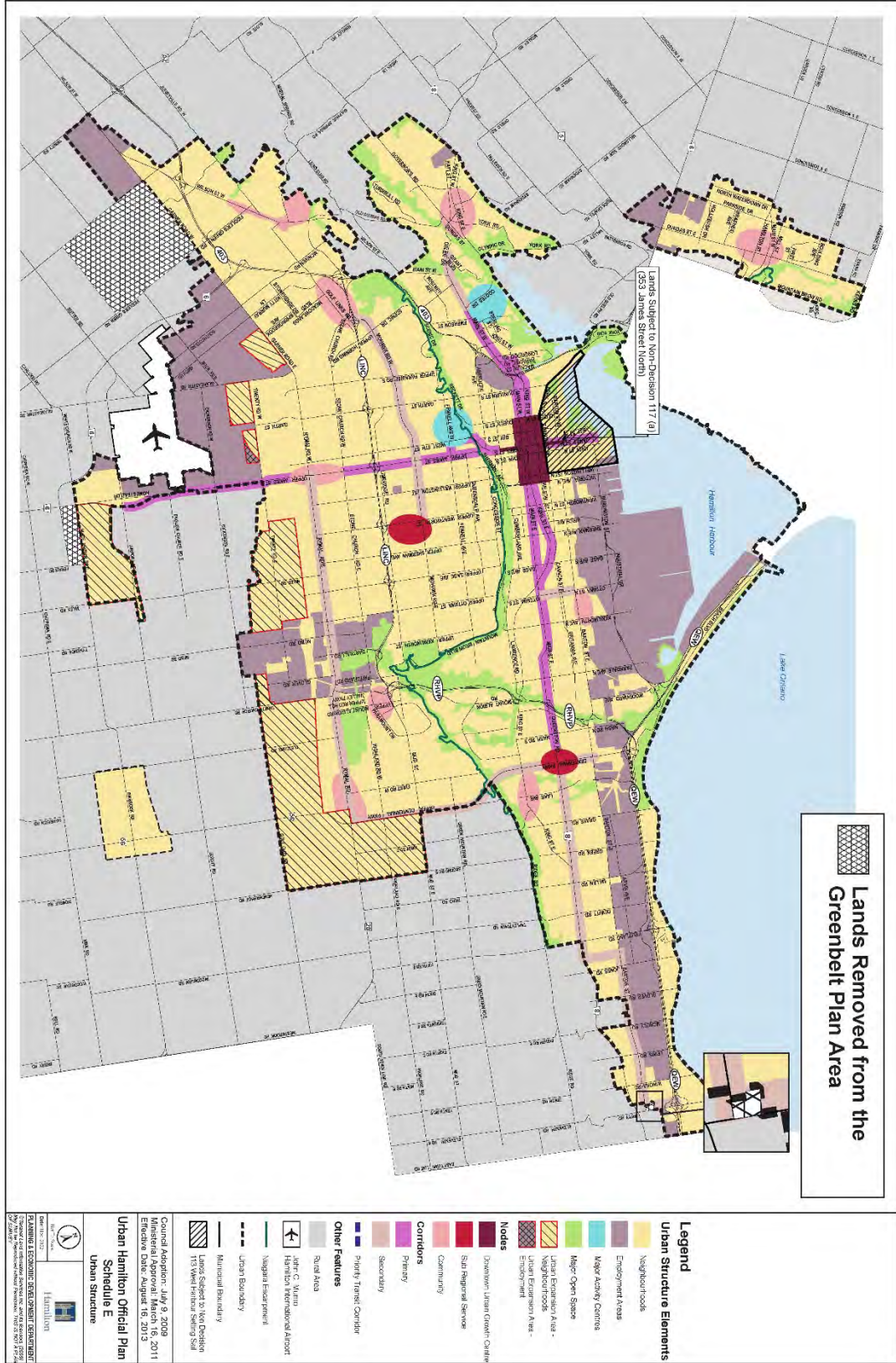


Figure 14: All Engagement - Additional Feedback



Book Road Lands – Development Objectives















## BOOK ROAD LANDS DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities  
Development Objectives for the Book Road lands.

NO DEVELOPMENT

Let's SPRAWL !!!

No Development

Development Objective	Image	Priority Dots (1-5)
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>		
Green Infrastructure <i>(such as Greenroofs)</i>		4 dots (3 red, 1 green)
Incorporate existing buildings into development		4 dots (all red)
Low Impact Stormwater Infrastructure <i>(such as permeable pavers)</i>		4 dots (all red)
<b>COMPLETE COMMUNITIES</b>		
Inclusion of Employment uses		1 dot (red)
Mixed Use Buildings <i>(buildings that include residential, commercial, etc. uses)</i>		4 dots (3 red, 1 green)
Inclusion of Institutional uses <i>(such as Places of Worship or Schools)</i>		1 dot (red)
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Long term care homes/ supportive housing		5 dots (all red)
Different Low-Rise Housing Types <i>(e.g. Townhouses, Walk-up Apartments)</i>		4 dots (3 red, 1 green)
Medium and High-Rise Housing Types <i>(e.g. Apartment buildings)</i>		4 dots (3 red, 1 green)
<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>		
Tree Preservation		5 dots (all red)
Preservation of Natural Areas <i>(such as Woodlots)</i>		5 dots (all red)
Bird Friendly Design		4 dots (all red)
<b>TRANSPORTATION NETWORK</b>		
Bicycle Lanes		4 dots (all red)
Public Transit		4 dots (all red)
Barrier free pathways and trails		4 dots (all red)

Book Road Lands – Community Benefits

# BOOK ROAD LANDS COMMUNITY BENEFITS



If you live in Ancaster, you live on former farmland. And the land is privately owned... Not owned by the province.

Please take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities for Community Benefits for the Book Road lands.

CLIMATE CHANGE			
Enhanced energy efficiency building standards			<input type="checkbox"/>
Incorporation of renewable energy technologies (e.g. solar panels)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground source heat pumps			<input type="checkbox"/>
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS			
Farmers market and local food market	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated land or financial contributions for community and/or cultural organizations			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community gardens			<input type="checkbox"/>
HOUSING			
Dedicated land to affordable housing providers	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial contribution to affordable housing providers			<input type="checkbox"/>
Incorporation of affordable housing in developments (e.g. Inclusionary Zoning)			<input type="checkbox"/>
NATURAL AREAS			
Establishment of an ecological preserve	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
RECREATIONAL AMENITIES			
Fund / construct new public facilities (e.g. recreational centre, library, indoor swimming pool, splash pads)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Parkland creation above minimum requirements			<input type="checkbox"/>

Book Road Lands – Additional Feedback

**HAVE YOUR SAY BOOK ROAD LANDS**

**DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

**DEVELOPERS PAY FOR ALL INFRASTRUCTURE, STREET LIGHTS, SEWER, EVERYTHING NOT TAXPAYERS**

**NO... just NO!**

**YES!**

**LET'S SPRAWL**

**NO SPRAWL NECESSARY**

**Somewhere my kids can have a lawn. Some single family houses.**

**High med Density**

**PARKS**

**SCHOOLS**

**HOSPITALS**

**NO DEVELOPMENT**

**No Development of the Greenbelt**

**Bike lanes**

**Tennis**

**Pickleball**

**EVERY EUROPEAN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPER HAS A GREENBELT**

**NO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT**

**PLEASE Save the wetlands! We need them!**

**On Farmlands, Wetlands, Nature, Livable Future!**

**The community would benefit more from LESS SPRAWL, not more DEVELOPMENT**

**FOOD TO EAT, not giant expensive houses built just to make \$\$\$**

**No Development of Greenbelt Lands!**

**No Development**

**Develop within the Urban Boundary**

**NO development**

**Med + High-Rise Homes**

**More Tennis Courts**

**No Dev on G37**

**HANDS OFF THE GREENBELT!**

**NO development on Greenbelt**

**Retain Agricultural Lands**

**Respect Indigenous Land! Hands OFF OUR GREENBELT!**

**No development of Greenbelt!**

**Long term care homes**

**Return the Greenbelt Lands!**

**Preserve our farmland**

**NO development on Greenbelt Lands! This process is corrupt**

**Long term care homes**

**NO development on any of the stolen lands! The city staff must not spend any labour on these proposals!**

**NO development of green belt**

**Return The Greenbelt Back Together No Development**

**No development!**

**Use existing land + demolish city buildings for full range of homes - NOT the Greenbelt lands!!**

**We need affordable supported housing YES in my backyard - work with Fed/Provincial to fund**

**NO DEVELOPMENT "Community benefits" cannot compensate for the damage done. RETURN THE LANDS TO THE GREENBELT!**

**Transparent Process No backroom deals!**

White Church Road Lands – Development Objectives

# WHITE CHURCH ROAD LANDS DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

What part of No do you not understand?

Please take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities for Development Objectives for the White Church Road lands.

Development Objective	Image	Priority Dots
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>		
Green Infrastructure <i>(such as Greenroofs)</i>		5 yellow dots
Incorporate existing buildings into development		5 yellow dots
Low Impact Stormwater Infrastructure <i>(such as permeable pavers)</i>		5 yellow dots
<b>COMPLETE COMMUNITIES</b>		
Inclusion of Employment uses		5 yellow dots
Mixed Use Buildings <i>(buildings that include residential, commercial, etc. uses)</i>		5 yellow dots
Inclusion of Institutional uses <i>(such as Places of Worship or Schools)</i>		5 yellow dots
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Long term care homes/ supportive housing		5 yellow dots
Different Low-Rise Housing Types <i>(e.g. Townhouses, Walk-up Apartments)</i>		5 yellow dots
Medium and High-Rise Housing Types <i>(e.g. Apartment buildings)</i>		5 yellow dots
<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>		
Tree Preservation		5 yellow dots
Preservation of Natural Areas <i>(such as Woodlots)</i>		5 yellow dots
Bird Friendly Design		5 yellow dots
<b>TRANSPORTATION NETWORK</b>		
Bicycle Lanes		5 yellow dots
Public Transit		5 yellow dots
Barrier free pathways and trails		5 yellow dots

White Church Road Lands – Community Benefits

## WHITE CHURCH ROAD LANDS COMMUNITY BENEFITS

**Please take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top 5 for Community Benefits for the White Church Road lands.**

What percentage of NO DEVELOPMENT do you understand?

Benefit Category	Image	Response (Dots)
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>		
Enhanced energy efficiency building standards		● ● ● ● ●
Incorporation of renewable energy technologies <i>(e.g. solar panels)</i>		● NO DEVELOPMENT
Ground source heat pumps		
<b>COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Farmers market and local food market		● ● ● ● ●
Dedicated land or financial contributions for community and/or cultural organizations		● NO DEVELOPMENT
Community gardens		● ● ● ● ●
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Dedicated land to affordable housing providers		● ● ● ● ●
Financial contribution to affordable housing providers		● NO DEVELOPMENT
Incorporation of affordable housing in developments <i>(e.g. Inclusionary Zoning)</i>		● ● ● ● ●
<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>		
Establishment of an ecological preserve		● ● ● ● ●
Financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations		● ● ● ● ●
<b>RECREATIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Fund / construct new public facilities <i>(e.g. recreational centre, library, indoor swimming pool, splash pads)</i>		● NO DEVELOPMENT
Parkland creation above minimum requirements		● ● ● ● ●

White Church Road Lands – Additional Feedback

Using a Post-it note, add what other development objectives or community benefits should be prioritized for the lands removed from the Greenbelt.

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES	COMMUNITY BENEFITS
No Development on Greenbelt	No Development!
NO!! Development	No development! Please focus on building Affordable housing inside the urban boundary.
DON'T TAKE NEW LANDS FOR DEVELOPMENT - USE WHAT IS ALREADY SET ASIDE FOR HOUSING!	You are destroying the future for young farmers. Return the land to the greenbelt. It should be protected IN PERPETUITY.
No Development on Greenbelt Lands!	No Development!
Let nature develop!	No development on any of these stolen lands! The city staff must not spend any labour on these proposals.
Protect our soil & environment No development out of city bounds. lands off GREENBELT	You can't eat Pavement
The provincial government should have listened to the Hamilton city council when they opposed removal of lands from the greenbelt - councils know what is best!	No development
NO SPRAWL NECESSARY	If this can't be stopped we need to occupy it!
Indigenous communities deserve prior informed consent!	NO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT
Do not develop lands.	Affordable housing in current greenbelt lands... Do not develop greenbelt
Should not be removed from Greenbelt. Reintegrate! Do not develop.	There is no compassion in pushing low-income/unhoused folks further into the margins.
affordable housing in community	Development damage wildlife homes

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Development Objectives and Community Benefits



Fifty Road Lands – Community Benefits

## FIFTY ROAD LANDS COMMUNITY BENEFITS

**Please take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities for Community Benefits for the Fifty Road lands.**

<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>		
Enhanced energy efficiency building standards		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
Incorporation of renewable energy technologies <i>(e.g. solar panels)</i>		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
Ground source heat pumps		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> </div>
<b>COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Farmers market and local food market		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> </div>
Dedicated land or financial contributions for community and/or cultural organizations		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
Community gardens		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
<b>HOUSING</b>		
Dedicated land to affordable housing providers		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
Financial contribution to affordable housing providers		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
Incorporation of affordable housing in developments <i>(e.g. Inclusionary Zoning)</i>		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>		
Establishment of an ecological preserve		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
Financial contributions to environmental stewardship organizations		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE WATER</span> <span>WE CAN SAVE MONEY</span> </div>
<b>RECREATIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Fund / construct new public facilities <i>(e.g. recreational centre, library, indoor swimming pool, splash pads)</i>		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> </div>
Parkland creation above minimum requirements		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>WE CAN SAVE ENERGY</span> </div>

Fifty Road Lands – Community Benefits

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Please take a maximum of FIVE dots and place the dots beside your top priorities for Community Benefits for the Fifty Road lands.

CLIMATE CHANGE		
Enhanced energy efficiency building standards		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
Incorporation of renewable energy technologies (e.g. solar panels)		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
Ground source heat pumps		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS		
Farmers market and local food market		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
Dedicated land or financial contributions for community and/or cultural organizations		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
Community gardens		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
HOUSING		
Dedicated land to affordable housing providers		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
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Incorporation of affordable housing in developments (e.g. Inclusionary Zoning)		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
NATURAL AREAS		
Establishment of an ecological preserve		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> <span>NO OR SPECIAL PRIORITY</span> </div>
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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

You can't eat pavement

Fifty Road Lands – Additional Feedback

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DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES	COMMUNITY BENEFITS
<p><u>NO</u> development</p> <p>Let nature thrive</p>	<p>Plain &amp; Simple - <u>DONT</u> these new developments are not providing any benefit to Hamiltonians, only the wealthy benefit from this corruption.</p> <p>No Benefit to remove from Greenbelt</p>
<p>STOP removing lands from the greenbelt! DO BETTER</p> <p>Leave it as needed Farmland + Green space</p>	<p>No development! Urban intensification</p> <p>No Development on Green Belt</p> <p>You are destroying the future for your farmers. The Greenbelt must be protected in perpetuity - ALL OF IT!</p>
<p>Put it back to Greenbelt!!</p> <p>no greenbelt development</p>	<p>No - no lands removed at all - slippery slope</p> <p>NO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Develop farms + food.</p>
<p><u>NO</u> Environmental destruction for the sake of urban sprawl - harms not just the natural world but also urban life.</p> <p>Do not develop.</p>	<p>No Development on these lands! Do Not spend time at all on any of these proposals. You're explicit if you do.</p> <p>Wetlands over warehouses</p> <p>No development of Greenbelt lands!!</p>
<p>No Development objectives</p> <p>Build Within The Urban Boundary as all the reports say we can - we have the right!</p>	<p>don't do it! do literally anything else</p> <p>who will hold developers accountable to their community commitments</p> <p>NO SPRAWL</p> <p>Given the rise of baby boomers and life expectancy will there be a housing crisis in the next 10 years?</p>
<p>STEP 1: STOP</p> <p>FOLLOW THE 11TH DIRECTION (preserve wetlands!)</p>	

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Greenbelt Removal Lands

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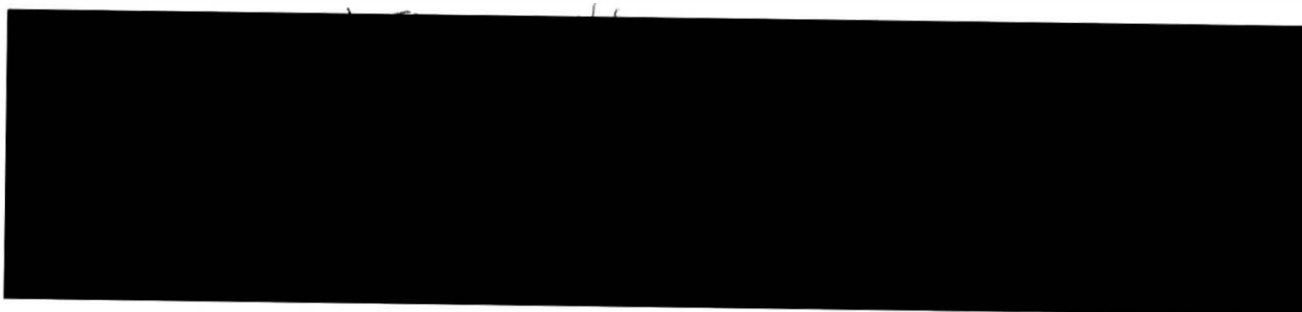
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

The greenbelt is essential to our ecosystem in this area as well as to Hamilton's iconic status. By developing the greenbelt, future complications for the city could occur, including decreased tourism and environmental impacts such as flooding. Many Hamiltonians are strongly against increasing city sprawl, which would complicate factors including traffic, public transport, and services paid for by taxpayers, and so development of greenbelt/forever greenbelt areas may not gain support of the people whose opinion should matter most.

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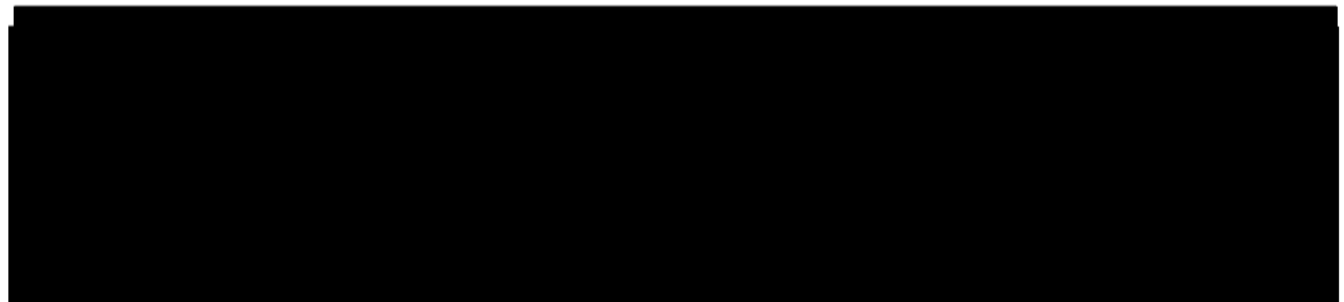
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

Respectfully, this is ~~pure~~ pure corruption!  
Ottawa's study of expansion land costs showed that it would cost the city \$850+ per house built outside of the city boundary, whereas if they built within the boundary they would be up to a \$400 surplus! The Hamilton residents will see HUGE tax increase to pay for these "Houses". We will not pay double or triple ~~where~~ where we can have the same housing in city limits

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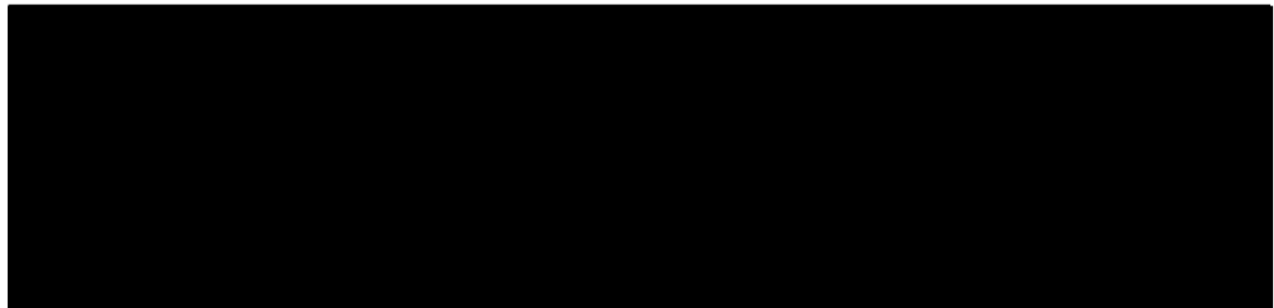
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

In The IC report, the "comfort level" of local developers including Matt Johnson and Sergio Mancha of Urban Solutions was a factor in modifications being considered by the Minister to Hamilton's OP. These two people met with two ministers staff Oct 31<sup>2022</sup>, ~~thereby~~ the expansion boundary was announced NOV 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. Mr Johnson said he was "satisfied" with changes. That is pure corruption

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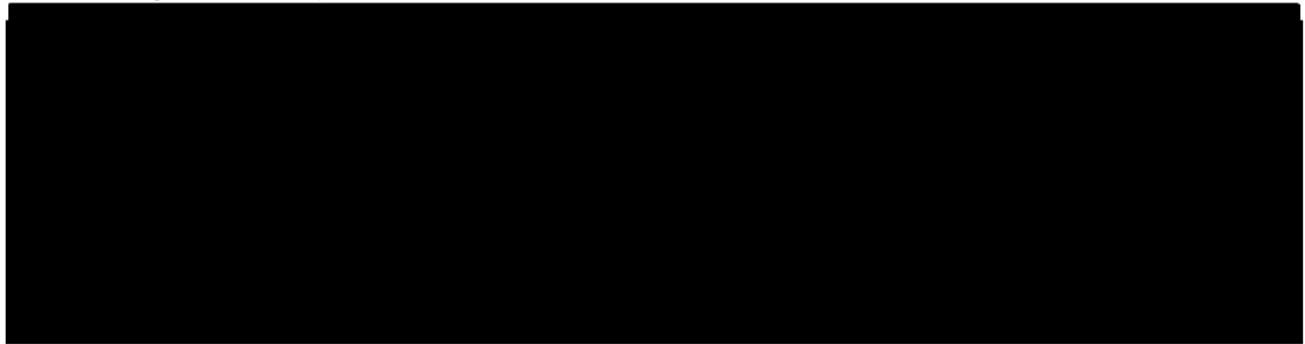
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

*To keep Greenbelt for environmental purposes  
& to farm this property either with private  
or commercial farming companies to  
provide an affordable & plentiful food  
source for our growing community!!  
To build affordable housing in the  
urban friendly in the City Centre  
- update the infrastructure roads etc  
in this area.  
- spend funds on our roads, schools  
hospitals & recreational facilities.*

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

you are ill informed.  
I ask what land do you  
think you are on?  
you are on a  
former farm

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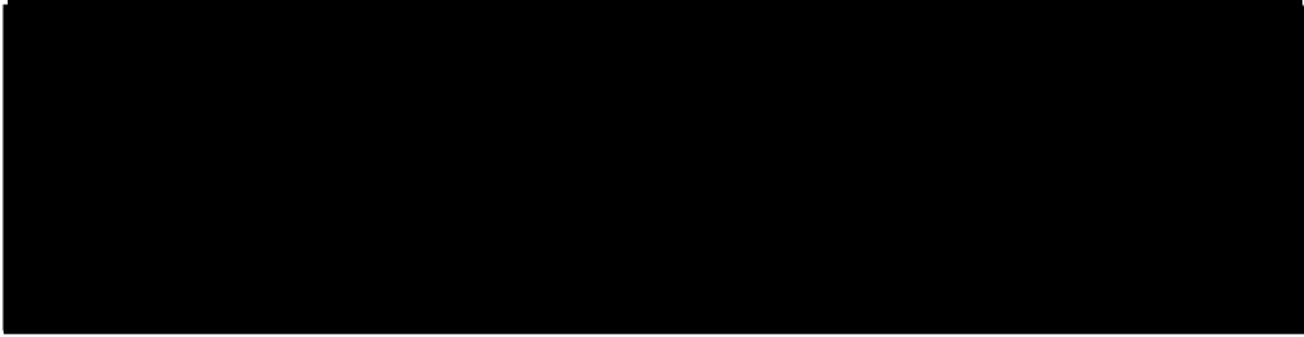
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

*The city should make it very difficult for developers to proceed with development on Greenbelt lands. The city should make development within the existing urban boundary a priority and eases the permit process for developers who are building houses within the existing urban boundary.*  
*Dr. Tom Nugent should be supported in his quest to have his lands removed from the greenbelt.*

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GREENBELT LAND IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
INCREASE HOUSING STARTS. IN FULL IS THE  
MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO INCREASE HOUSING.  
MUCH MORE EFFICIENT TO UTILIZE EXISTING  
INFRASTRUCTURE & REDUCE COMMUTING.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

No developing Greenbelt (or former) lands  
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

We were promised ~~it~~ that the Greenbelt would  
NOT be developed. That will not solve or help  
the housing crisis. Farmland is a need, more  
high-end/priced developments are not!

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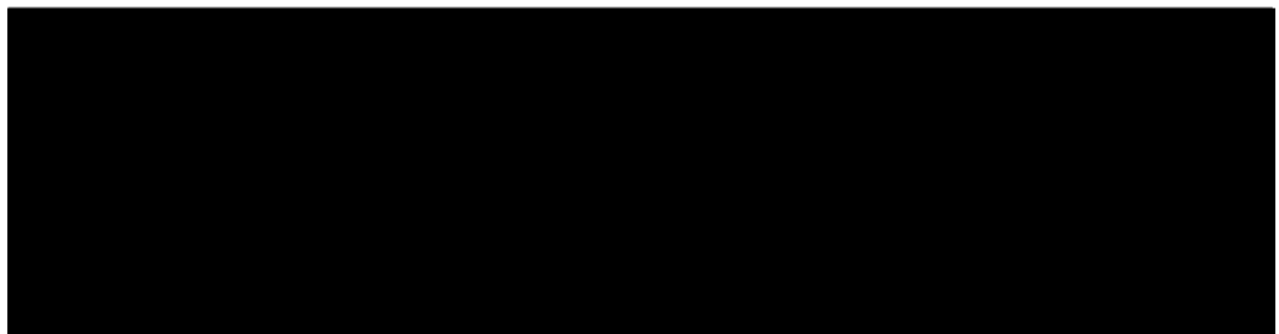
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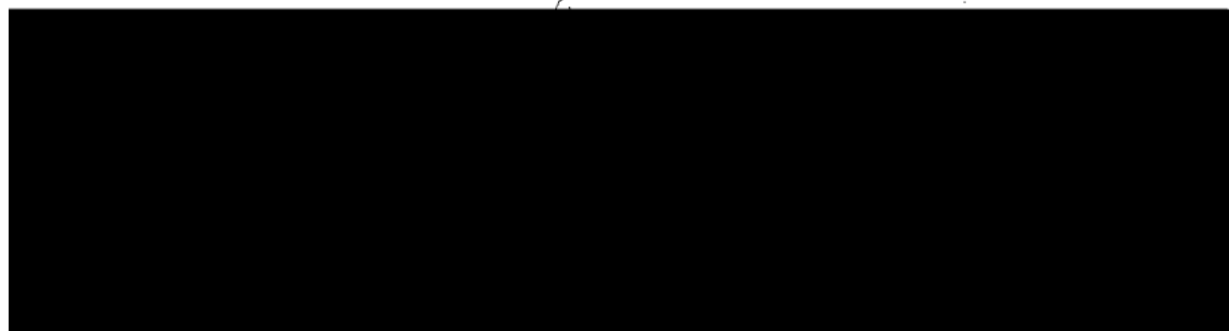
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

The survey sent out about Greenbelt development had NO option to state that we do not want greenbelt development in any way. I also was not able to go into the consultation meeting as the venue was at capacity. I've emailed my councillors, the mayor, and more. The Greenbelt lands should not be developed and there is no opportunity for the will of the people to be expressed. This is shameful and frustrating as a resident of Hamilton.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

No development on Greenbelt land

PRINCIPLES :

1. No development at all on food lands. Food lands of all types need to be resolutely protected for that purpose.

NO ASPHALT OF ANY KIND ON FOOD LANDS.

2. The Airport is a key hub of this city's future economic development. It must be able to do that. NO HOUSES IN AIRPORT AREA

3. Develop IN OUR BOUNDARY as it is now, looking to keep infrastructure spending under control!

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*no development on Greenbelt lands,*

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All Hamilton lands to be immediately returned  
to the Greenbelt.

Do not participate in this land grab!

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

*Keep the Greenbelt green with no development.*

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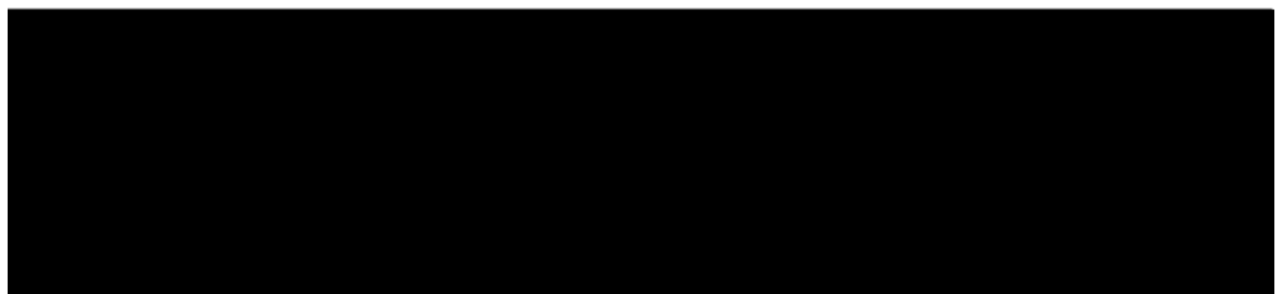
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

In regards to negotiations w the province regarding development, please ensure any promises are binding and will be monitored by an oversight committee. Failure to meet commitments must be met with harsh penalties restricting ability for said developers to further receive permits. Finally, any terms like "re-wilding" need to be clearly defined with expert consultation as they are not standardized and legally will not provide a strong hold.

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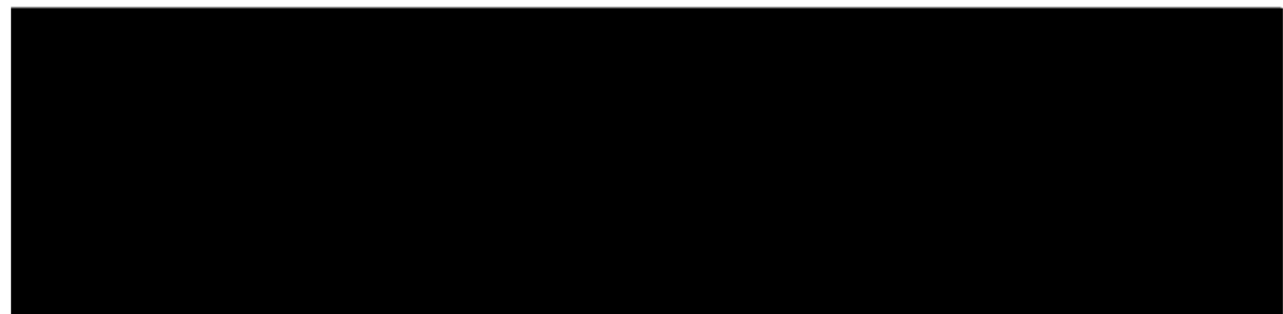
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

No development! Restore the Green Belt, as the whole process is a corrupt kickback. Develop affordable housing within former city limits. Thanks! We ♥ our City + support Municipal gov't land decision-making power for housing in the GTA.

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Today's Paradise (Don Mitchell)

Don't build a suburb on a parking lot.

Build in my city. We need it there!

Up not out!

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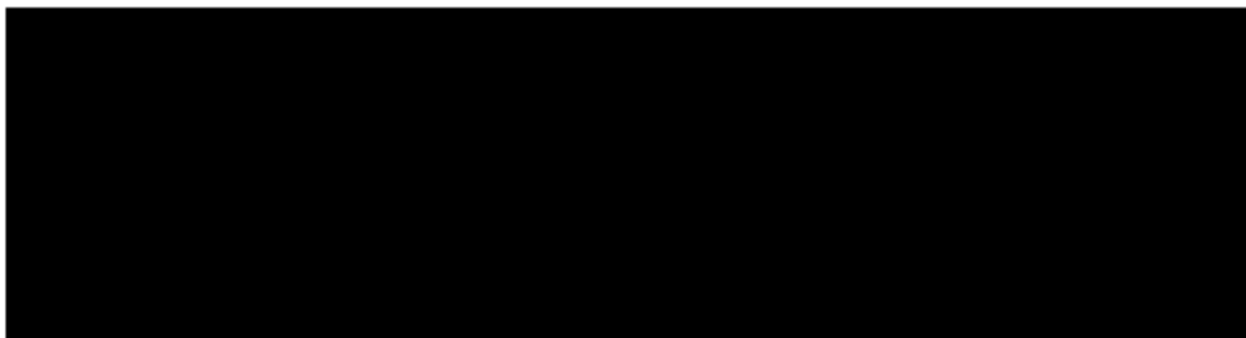


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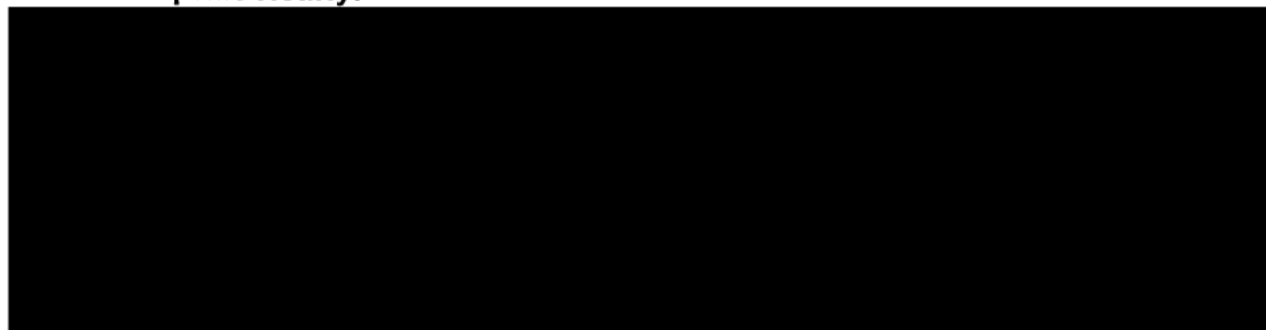
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

The imposition of both the urban boundary expansion and the removal of Greenbelt lands by the province goes against the repeatedly-demonstrated will of both Hamilton City Council and Hamiltonians. The exposed actions of the province makes it imperative that Hamilton City Council use all tools at its disposal to ~~delay~~ delay and obstruct potential developments at least until the provincial government can be held fully accountable for its corrupt actions & betrayal of public trust.

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There should be NO development on the Greenbelt. The AG's report and Integrity Commission's report and other reports show that the process for choosing Greenbelt land was flawed, dishonest and inept. Greenbelt land is not needed for housing for so many reasons. Go back to the beginning and develop appropriately - within urban boundaries on previously designated land. No sprawl. No loss of green space. Save the Greenbelt for future generations.

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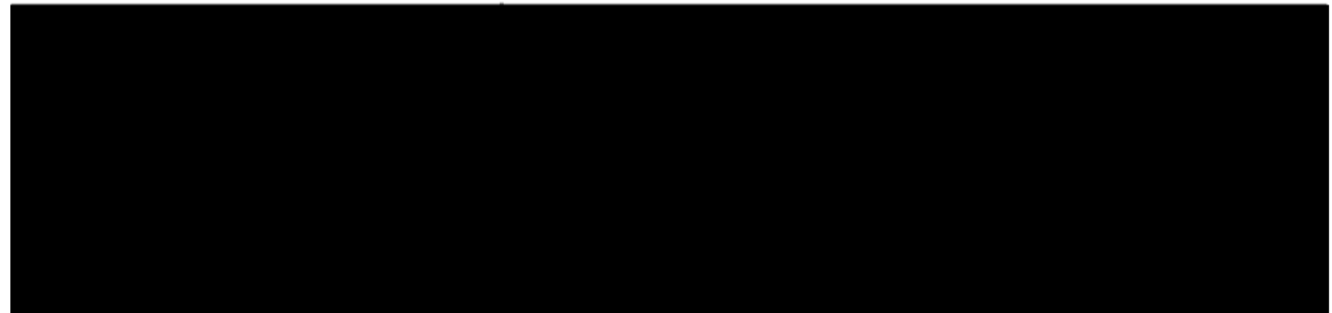
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STOP All Development<sup>d</sup> Now<sup>"</sup> on  
Green Belt  
Do not development on Greenbelt  
lots of opportunity for  
Affordable Housing within Boundaries  
not on farmland, or green spaces,  
or waterways —  
Cannot proceed with the shady/corrupt process!

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

Councillors, Hold The Line!

NO Boundary Expansion  
& Hands OFF The Greenbelt,  
Ford!

Uphold sanity, honesty &  
democracy!

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The citizens + communities within Hamilton have already spoken out against developing into the Greenbelt lands. My primary concern is protecting the established greenspaces (that will only assist with climate change mitigation). And my second priority is that development focus on Affordable housing, not million dollar homes. Please do not proceed with developing the greenbelt lands.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

The cynicism & contempt  
for the public is outrageous.  
The Ford government should be  
working for the people of Ontario.  
If they get away with this blatant  
disregard of the <sup>planning</sup> rules & their  
promises, it shall further disillusion  
the public & it will be another  
blow to democracy.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

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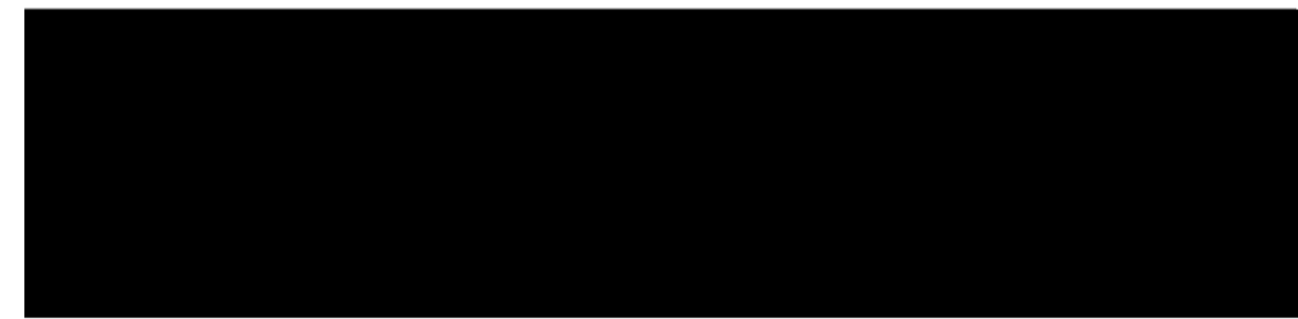
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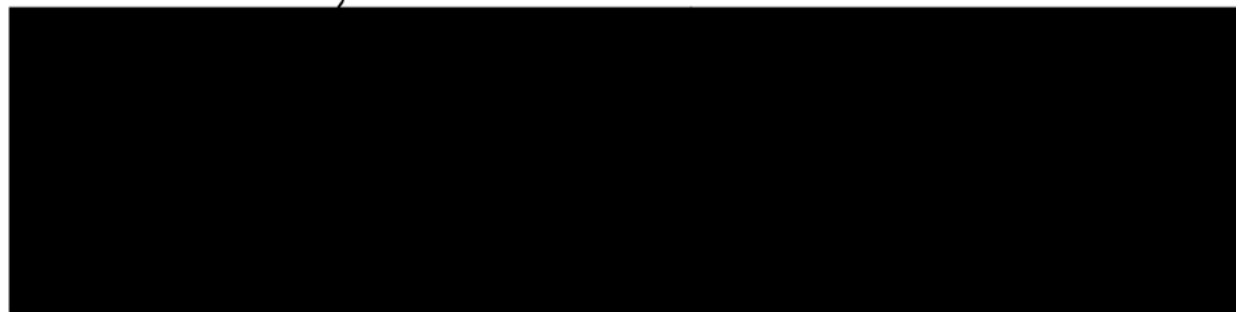
Opening up the greenbelt was originally to develop it for housing - how much can the city guarantee that any other "community benefit" will be granted?

**NO TO DEVELOPMENT!**

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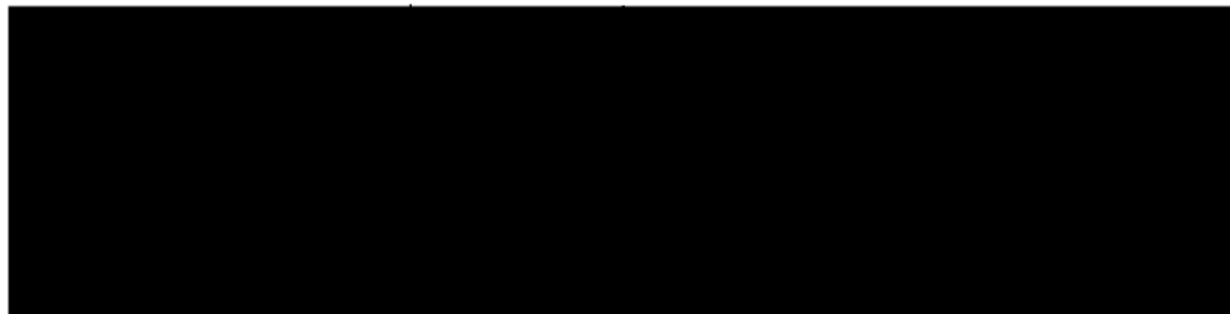
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

52 years of watching the corn, soya & wheat on local farms. Sprawl will level these rolling hills, pave over the fertile lands, ruin the natural waterways & destroy wildlife habitat. Develops all those north Hamilton steel producer empty acres. Services are there, busses available no vehicle pollution -

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

All lands must be returned to the green belt without cost to the taxpayer.

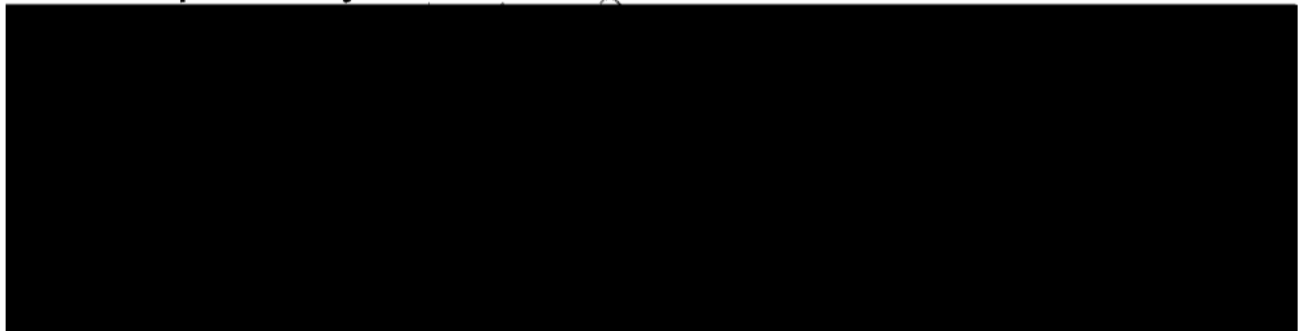
Municipal services should not be provided to lands removed from green belt.

Criminal charges should be pursued.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

The public deserves fair & transparent review of land management policies & decisions in Ontario. We have the policies in place for review and assessment to protect our natural heritage while facilitating common sense growth. Egregious violations of this process are a serious breach of public trust and we must not tolerate a corrupt & self serving PC party to steal land.

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NO development

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~~At~~ Currently, the majority of our food is grown overseas. Those places overseas are now on fire & underwater. When we need to grow our own food or else starve, are we expected to say "Boy, I sure am glad we ~~paid~~ paved over that so Davy's friends could get richer!"

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suspend proceeding with development  
until RCMP finishes investigation,  
charges laid + the case against Doug  
Ford has been heard + decided by  
the courts,

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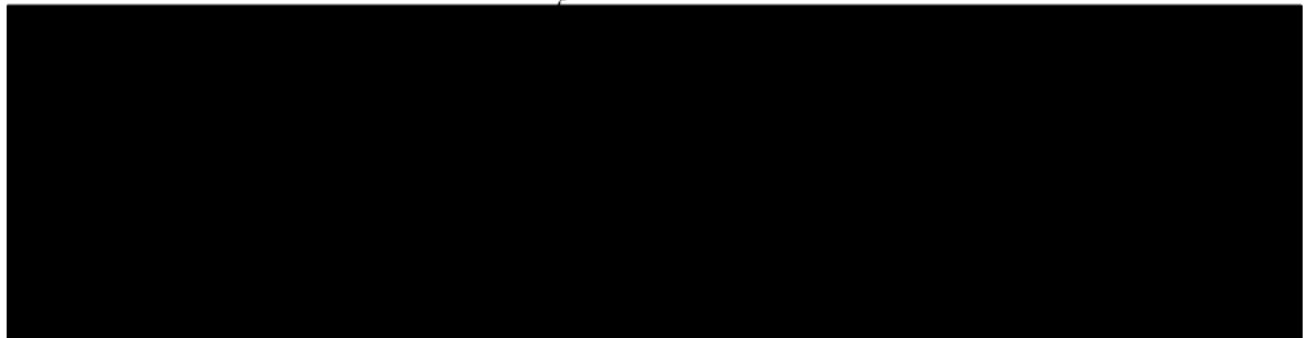
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

*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 exposure will show Ontarians that due diligence was not followed or even considered by Ford. It will also expose the fact that he won't demand the builders to submit viable plans for future developments in predetermined areas. I believe there are no plans, there are no other bids or considerations in the GTA to double down on sustainability. This is the canary in the Coal Mine. Right here*

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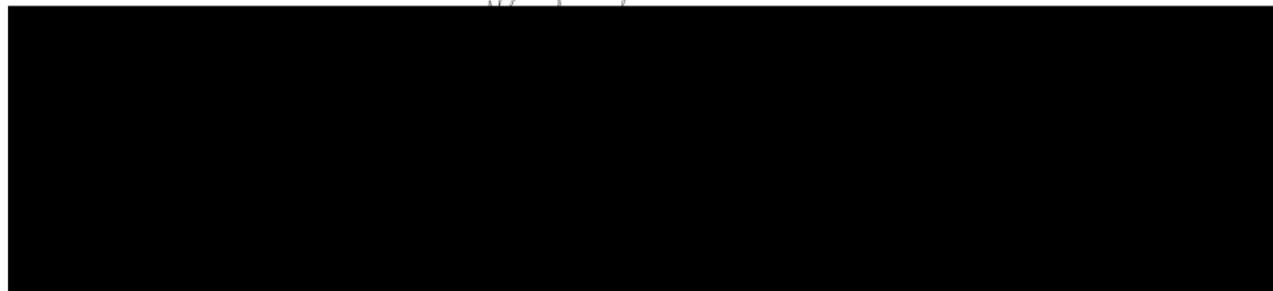
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

The Greenbelt lands are already a home -  
to many essential keystone species, flora &  
fauna that support our diverse ecosystem.  
There also needs to be rigorous, informed  
prior consent of First Nations & Indigenous  
groups whose traditional territory is under  
Greenbelt lands. If this municipality and  
province are truly committed to reparation,  
reconciliation, and accountability to Indigenous  
folks, you will return these Greenbelt  
lands to Indigenous nations & the many creatures  
that call it home.

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- ① Make retention of farmlands & wetlands the top priority.
- ② Insist on a high proportion (>75%) of affordable (i.e. affordable to those in the lower income brackets) housing units. Overall Doug Ford's priority is for more housing units - not more expensive housing units.
- ③ Use existing vacant land outside of the greenbelt as a 1st priority for development - there's lots of this in Hamilton.

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Please block or inform the public to stop all building on Green belt

How do we remove Ford? force his hand?

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

Homes should be limited to 2000 sq ft or less

Heated by electricity - no gas supply

Separation of grey water

Minimize or omit laws

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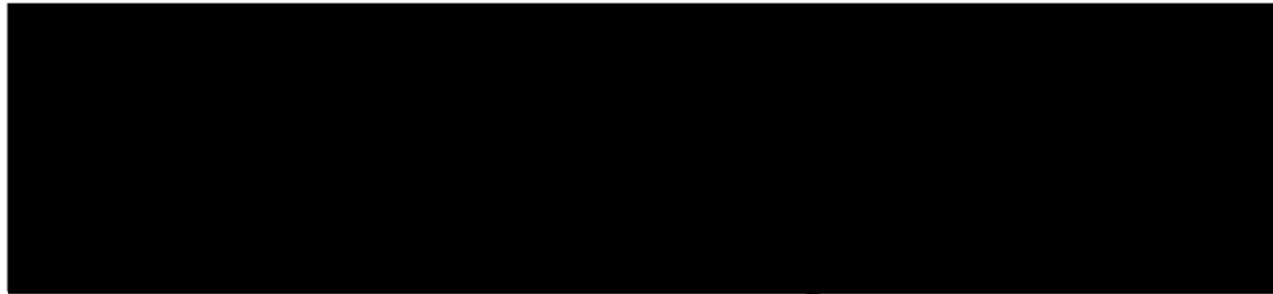


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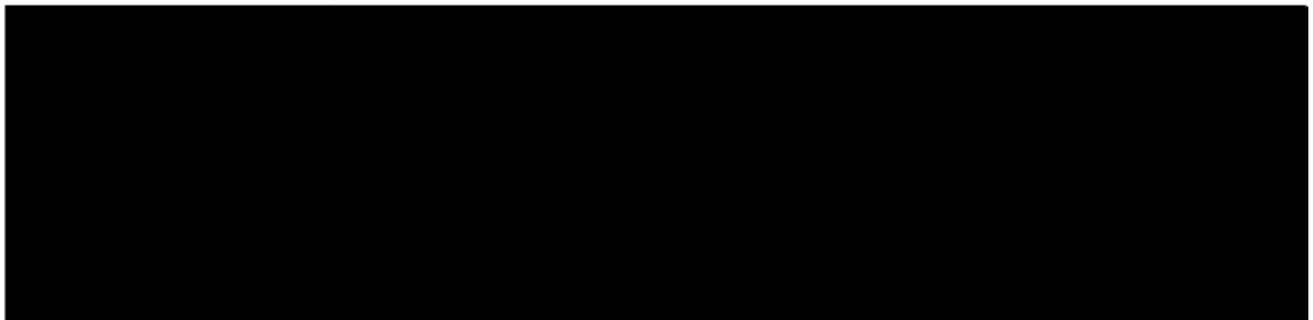
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- Update building codes to use green technology, in any new build
- solar panels
- sewage infrastructure
- heat pumps
- electrical
- EV stations
- metal roofs
- limit size of homes to 2000 sqft or less
- limit time from approval to build to 1yr or less
- Minimize use of concrete in favour of porous materials
- minimize lawns/golf courses in favour of naturalized green space

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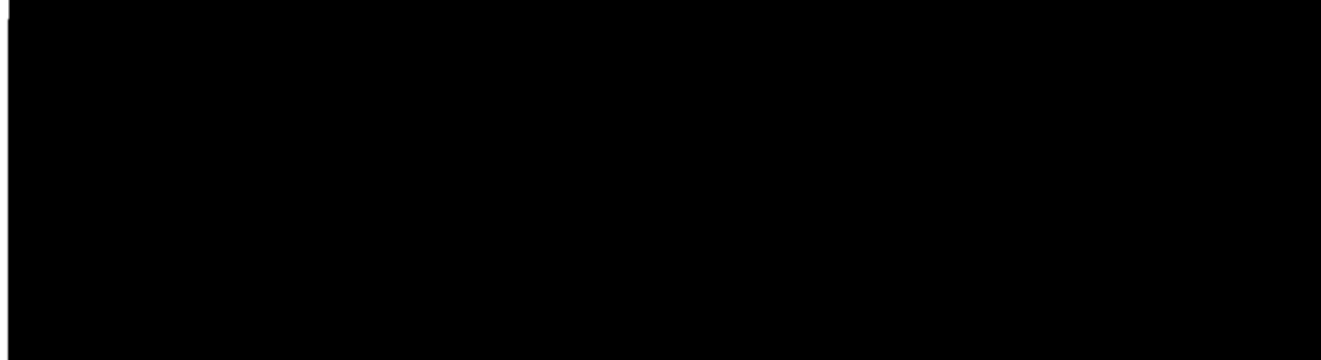
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

I OPPOSE ANY DEVELOPMENT  
OF THESE LANDS  
REGARDLESS OF ANY  
POTENTIAL "COMMUNITY  
BENEFIT"  
  
HOW DO I PROVIDE THIS  
COMMENT

If you are not already on our mailing list for future consultations concerning this project, would you like to be added?

YES  NO  N/A (Already on List)

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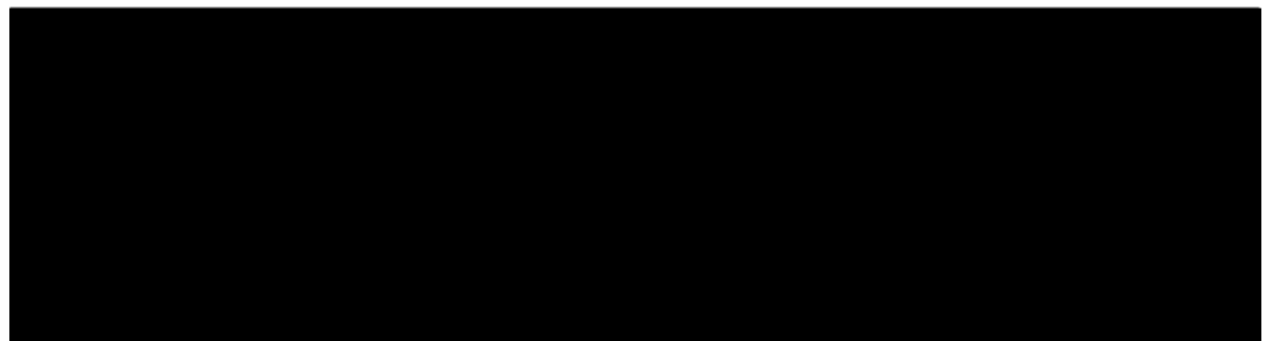
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:

~~Nothing should~~  
It is imperative that these lands be returned to the Greenbelt for the perpetuity and health of our future generations. There are better solutions to the housing crisis and there is a community out here of individuals with the forethought and INTEGRITY to ensure these lands remain protected while ~~help change the development~~ getting to the true causes of this housing crisis. If you are not already on our mailing list for future consultations concerning this project, would you like to be added?

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of this housing crisis. Do NOT support LAND GRABS

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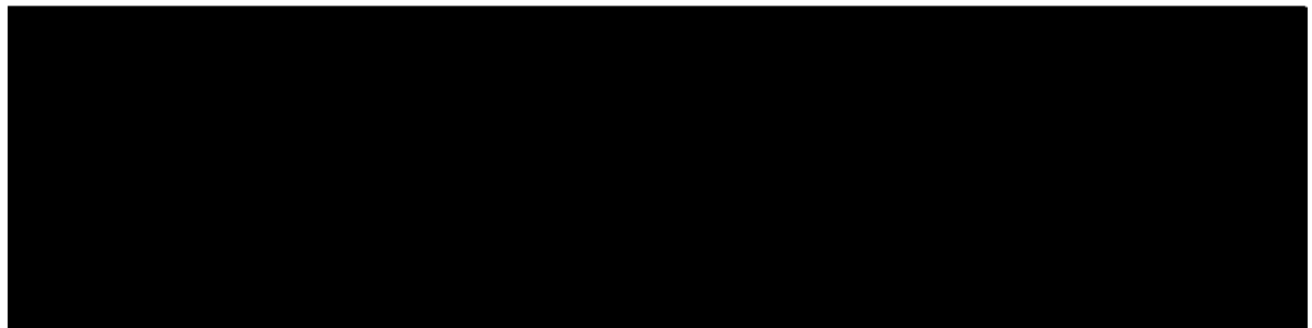
**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

*I am in agreement with removing the Book Rd lands from greenbelt protections. My parents purchased property on Fiddlers Green Rd in the 1970s. The land they purchased was a sand & gravel pit. They were against it being made greenbelt in 2005 by Dalton McEwen & at that time tried to have their property removed to no avail & much to their dismay. It is atrocious that a government can take personal property & make designations such as this without compensating the owners. This land was never "agricultural" land & never will be since the property was used as a sand & gravel pit use the land to build houses!*

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

Development needs to be on  
land that is already serviced.  
The greenbelt and farmland  
must be protected for us  
to grow our food and to  
protect our wildlife and  
marsh lands.  
Hamilton must build within the  
existing urban boundary.

If you are not already on our mailing list for future consultations concerning this project, would you like to be added?

YES

NO

N/A (Already on List)

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

IF (BIG IF) THEY'RE NOT RETURNING LAND THEN  
THERE SHOULD BE (HAVE BEEN) A WAY OF PREVENTING  
SUCH THEFT IN THE FIRST PLACE. ELSE  
GOVERNMENT PROMISES CONTINUE TO BE  
WORTHLESS IF ONE CAN DISMISS WHAT  
PREVIOUS ADMINS CREATE. HOLD FORD  
ACCOUNTABLE AND THOSE PROFITEERS.  
INVESTIGATE

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YES  NO  N/A (Already on List)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

I don't want any development  
of any type on the greenbelt  
lands

If you are not already on our mailing list for future consultations concerning this project, would you like to be added?

YES  NO  N/A (Already on List)

If so, please provide your contact information (Mailing Address OR Email).  
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ *No development please !!* \_\_\_\_\_

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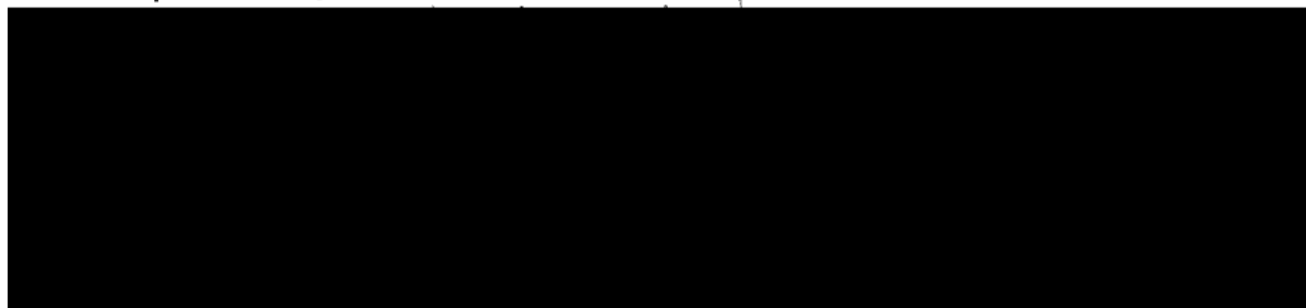
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / REMARKS:**

No development  
of  
Greenbelt  
Use what we have in the boundary,

If you are not already on our mailing list for future consultations concerning this project, would you like to be added?

YES



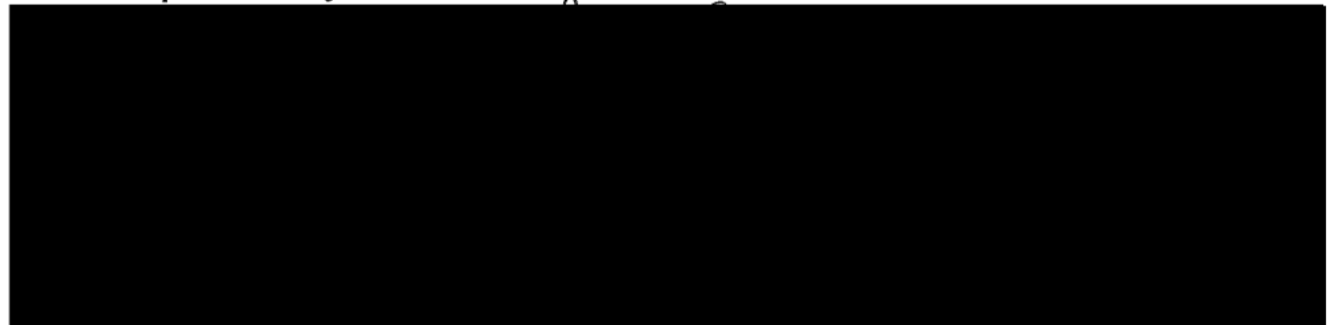
NO



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

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

Thank you so much

[REDACTED]

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

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Hello,

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

[REDACTED]

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

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FYI

**Jocelyn Strutt, MCIP, RPP** (She/Her)  
Senior Project Manager, Public Engagement  
Government and Community Relations Division  
City Manager's Office, City of Hamilton  
(905) 546-2424 Ext.5702



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Please do NOT cause flooding!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

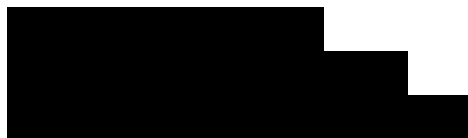
And developers who are friends with Doug Ford and his government!

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

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

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

Regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

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

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Hello Jason

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

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

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Clark, Brad](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Thorne, Jason](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Ward 8 Office](#)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:51:10 PM

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

[REDACTED]



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

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Hello,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**To:** [ason.thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:ason.thorne@hamilton.ca); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)  
**Subject:** City Survey  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:35:23 PM

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

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

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

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

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

Just get over yourselves.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Upcoming meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:54:53 PM

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

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

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

We are angry and we will NOT forget.

Take back our Greenspace!!!!

[REDACTED]  
Hamilton and Ancaster homeowner

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

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Hello Honourable Elected Officials,

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

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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

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

Please do the right thing,

[REDACTED]



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

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Hello everyone,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate on this.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Hamilton, ON

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Opposing Development  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:22:54 PM

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

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Greenbelt Survey  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 11:47:40 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Lifetime Hamilton Resident

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

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

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Mount Hope

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

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

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Hi everyone,

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

Thanks for your time and consideration,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** I oppose the development of any land taken from the Greenbelt regardless of supposed "community benefits"  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:15:16 AM

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

Thank you kindly for your time,  
Concerned citizen

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**Subject:** Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 10:20:52 AM

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

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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

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

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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Dear Minister Clark,

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

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

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

You overruled that decision, despite the fact that Hamilton was able to meet your housing targets and prevent future taxes going to sprawl infrastructure.

You added 5,000 acres to our sprawling city with urban boundary expansion.

Hamilton has an area over 1,000 km almost twice the size of Toronto.

To add insult to injury, then you demanded the City Of Hamilton relinquish almost 1900 more acres of Greenbelt, this again after we'd pledged to meet the housing targets within our former boundary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]  
Hamilton, Ontario

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

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Hello,

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

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

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

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

Thanks,

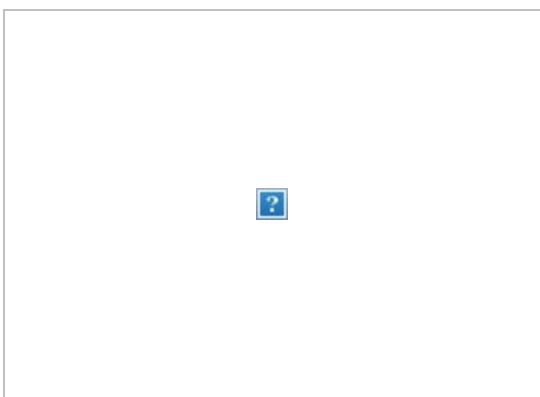
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**Subject:** Stop Sprawl Build Smart  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 8:18:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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

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



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

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Hello,

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

Thank you,

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"COMMITMENT IS WHAT WE DELIVER"



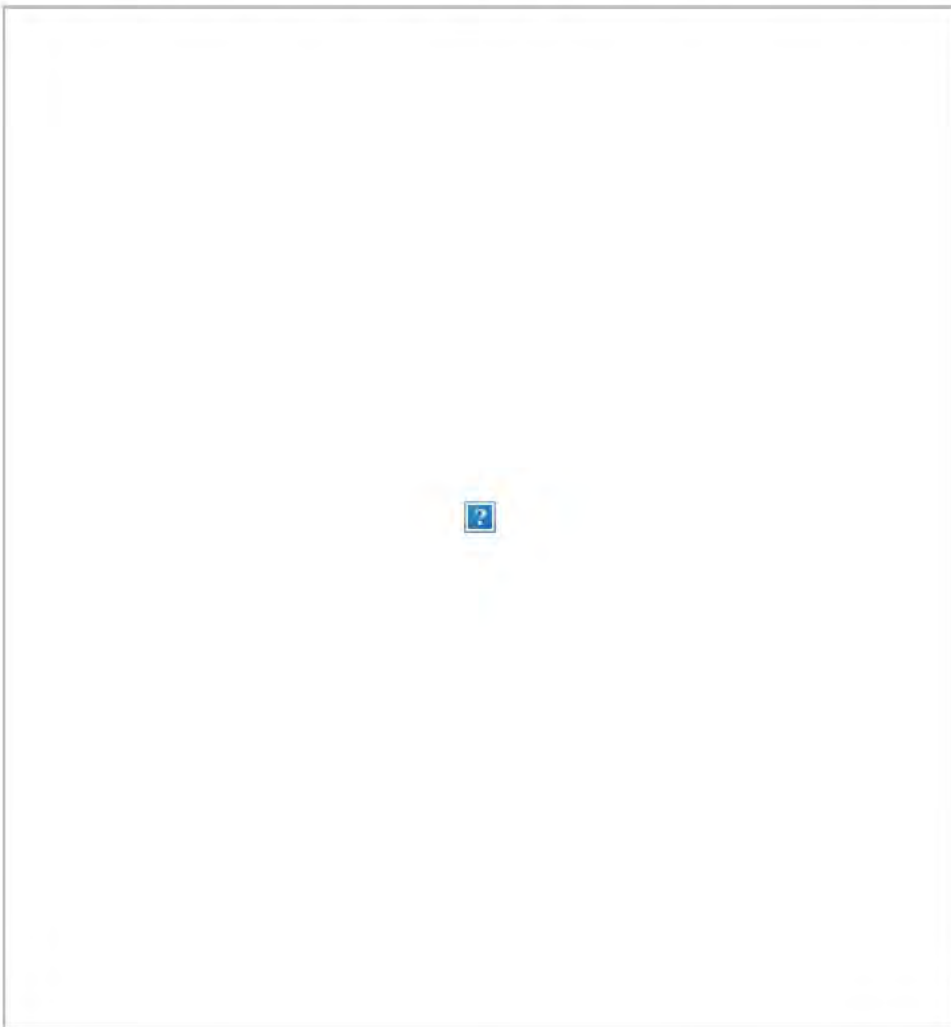
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**From:** Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>  
**Sent:** August 28, 2023 1:41 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: GREENBELT LAND REMOVED NOTICE

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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

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



Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

**Charlie Toman, MCIP, RPP**

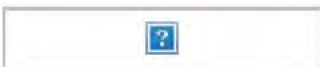
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**From:** Kelsey, Lisa <[Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [REDACTED] Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>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

Hello [REDACTED]

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

Regards,

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

**Legislative Coordinator**

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

Good Afternoon,

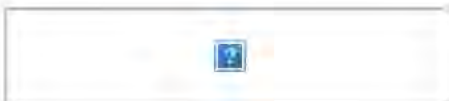
I just recently received the letter for my property address [REDACTED] that stating greenbelt land had been removed.

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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Thank you

[REDACTED]

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

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Regards

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

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

Remember:

**You can't eat pavement!**

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Greenbelt Grab  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 12:08:21 PM

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In hope,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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

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

[REDACTED]



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

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Dear Mr. Ford:

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

Key reasons to avoid the ill-considered expansion of building into the greenbelt, include (but are not limited to):

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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

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**Cc:** [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org); [Skelly, Donna](#)  
**Subject:** NO DEVELOPMENT ON GREENBELT LANDS  
**Date:** Monday, September 4, 2023 2:13:27 PM

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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Mayor Horwath and Council and City Planning Staff,

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

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

Please register this note as

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

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

Regards

[REDACTED]

You cannot have infinite growth on a finite planet

"it isn't a choice between a healthy economy or a healthy environment. It's about preserving the environment so we can have a healthy economy."

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

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

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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

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Dear Premier Ford,

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

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

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

I trust that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

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Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Owner,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** Greenbelt plan and survey  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:47:37 PM

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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.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Great Confusion in Hamilton  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:46:57 PM

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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,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie; clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:Toman.Charlie@clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Survey Greenbelt Protection  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:22:09 PM

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Century Farm – Location Garner Rd West Ancaster, ON. Conc 4 PT Lot 35

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**

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

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 6, 2023 2:16 PM  
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**Subject:** Greenbelt

No to development of the Greenbelt!

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**Subject:** Reverse Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:07:27 AM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

Thank you for

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

Regards,

[REDACTED]

(from Ward 4)

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

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Please make no development on our Greenbelt.

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

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

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

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

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, and Council Members,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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.

Regards



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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

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

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

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,

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and City Council -

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

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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 [REDACTED]

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hamilton Ward 8 resident for 25 years

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

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]  
Dundas

Sent from my iPad

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

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Co-operatively,

[REDACTED]

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resident of ward 2.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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

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Regards,

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Ward 1 resident



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

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Regards,

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**Subject:** Subject: Protecting the Greenbelt - No Development!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 5:40:03 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath, and Council Members,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** greenbelt  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:27:26 AM

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Please restore protection of the greenbelt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Removal Lands  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:14:22 PM

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Hello Charlie, sending through my thoughts about the current Greenbelt situation. Unfortunately, I was not able to get into the meeting last night; as a working mom it's difficult to start lining up at 5pm. Hoping to get into next week's meeting.

I'm concerned the city isn't offering enough housing options for our growing community.

We keep building up, taking lands away from our green spaces within our city. Not everyone wants to live in a condo or apartment. Families should have the opportunity to have their own backyard and green space, if desired. I believe the city is driving families out of our community to other regions where they can purchase their desired housing type. We are losing talent as these people will work in other regions or if they do decide to work in our community, they now have to commute further to work, resulting in more commuter traffic and emissions.

I can't help thinking there has to be more of a balanced approach to the housing crisis. Yes we need intensification, I'm not disputing that, but we also need other housing options, such as ground related housing.

On a side note, as a concerned Ward 12 resident, I have an unsettling feeling that, maybe not today, and maybe not tomorrow, but at some point the beloved Ancaster soccer fields (next to Ancaster High, even though currently heritage) will be developed and overrun with condos because our council only sees fit to build within our city limits, leaving the area without green space, with more traffic and no community gathering space.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

My best,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Robichaud, Steve](#)  
**To:** [kkolli@dillon.ca](mailto:kkolli@dillon.ca); [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public meeting last night in Ancaster  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:49:13 PM

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Just passing this along

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**Sent:** September 7, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** Lam Tablada, Christina <Christina.LamTablada@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** Public meeting last night in Ancaster

I think you really need to read this article below. As well I think you should consider indigenous people's priority and ask them to step up to the mic for their Questions next meeting prior to anyone else. This article as well picks up on your mistakes last night.

<https://medium.com/@menvasofia/forced-community-input-is-no-better-than-a-lie-d41b71de22ea>

Thank you  
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Toman, Charlie](#)  
Subject: Book Rd Green Belt Lands  
Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:12:28 AM

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Hi Charlie I attended the meeting yesterday I thought you did a great job explaining things I greatly appreciate knowing the city has our backs. I built my dream home at [REDACTED] Ancaster I built it myself its peaceful and we love seeing the wildlife everyday in our yard wether its many many varieties of birds , turtles , fox , turkeys its just a great place to live. These lands have no business at all being removed from the greenbelt we built knowing its all protected lands no one would build behind us cause its PROTECTED LANDS. These lands are also far away to build a neighborhood it makes zero sense way up by an airport that could even expand there are so many lands that are available right now could be developed why our area???? Very suspicious ..... Also the roads on Wilson and meadowlands are all jammed not to mention 403 we do not have the roads to accommodate . As we saw the massive turnout last night over capacity and many not allowed in due to regulations THE PEOPLE have spoken again and Mr Ford who I voted for said he is governed by the people he needs to do what is right and return the lands. If they ram it down our throats and it proceeds I am either going to sell next spring and be heartbroken or I stay for the madness of construction all around and watch the peace leave this area if I stay below is what I hope would be in consideration for the area. Finally how the heck do they think they will increase our taxes by a huge margin I already pay 10,000 dollars per year

In my Book Rd block

1. No commercial Buildings this would take away from the setting
2. Parklands to take advantage of the green space , the area behind our home is close to the airport so this would be ideal houses really should not go in
3. Ensure trees are replanted
4. No townhomes!!!! no retirement homes not suited for this area remember they want to build homes amongst multi million dollar homes
5. Dont cut down trees that dont need to be cut down use as many as you can in your planning
6. This is not an area for affordable housing its not near anything no bus routes nothing in walking distance like I said not a good choice to build neighborhood

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Greenbelt removals are not acceptable  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 11:47:51 AM

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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, [REDACTED]

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Living on stolen and abused land under the broken Dish With One Spoon  
and Two Row Wampum



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 9:27:20 AM

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There are so many reasons for this development of the Greenbelt not to go through. The main consideration might be the additional tax burden on people not benefiting from this development. And of course, we all know that this deal is very shady and will undermine the morale of all Ontarians.

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**Subject:** No Negotiation with Ford government on Greenbelt Lands  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:18:40 PM  
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## **Subject: No Negotiation with Ford government!**

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

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,



Mount Hope, Ontario



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**Subject:** Please please protect the Green Belt  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 4:50:47 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council -

I am emailing to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan - there should be no development on the Greenbelt. Ever ~ land is precious, as are the birds, insects, & mammals including us who rely upon the land for our: food, enrichment, clean water, clean air...

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 & Burlingtonians 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 must protect the Greenbelt and expand it - never pave over let alone to enrich wealthy developers. Urban sprawl 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 & every one of us (not to mention our kids & grandkids...) forever.

It is imperative to protect the green belt & all its inhabitants ( animal, vegetable or mineral) ;)

respectfully,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]NO Development in the Greenbelt Lands  
**Date:** Friday, September 8, 2023 3:07:54 PM

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Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council,

As a long time resident of the City of Hamilton, this same said municipality being designed as a fully democratic institution holding public consultation, I request the following:

Use Council's powers to immediately stop any provincially-mandated planning actions that promote sprawl development. Sprawl and Greenbelt sprawl does not bring affordable housing.

Ontarians have lost trust with the current provincial government. Hamiltonians need to feel confident that any provincially dictated decisions have been the result of transparent and completely democratic processes that would actually solve the housing crisis in Ontario.

Ask Council to pass a planning motion that asks the Ontario Auditor General to investigate any provincially imposed planning actions (such as the passage of Bill 23 which eliminates Conservation Authority input into planning proposals which include wetlands and natural heritage areas) on the municipality, in order to determine if they are the result of a transparent and democratic process, which will improve the housing challenges we face.

Pass a Council motion which calls on the province to focus the limited labour and construction resources on building homes where people live and not on sprawl housing in the greenbelt to increase property taxes and enrich a small number of very wealthy developers.

It is incumbent upon all of you to help correct the very harmful planning decisions of this government.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Protect the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Friday, September 8, 2023 10:13:02 PM

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To Mayor Horwath, Council, and City Planning Staff,

The Ontario Greenbelt serves to protect farmlands, wetlands and ecologically sensitive areas. Once these lands are developed they are gone forever - not the next election cycle, not a few generations - forever.

It is clear the Ford government has intentionally, irresponsibly, and potentially illegally opened these lands to developers who stand to become obscenely wealthy from plundering Ontario's greenspaces. The city has an obligation to its citizens to not engage in the sham land use planning process put forward by the province. Acquiescing to the province only serves to legitimize a completely illegitimate process. Hamilton must take a stand against corruption and protect the valuable, finite greenspaces we have left.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Removal Lands-follow up from Wednesday  
**Date:** Friday, September 8, 2023 10:57:54 AM

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Dear Charlie:

\*Under Protest\*

My development priorities for potential upcoming planning negotiations:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Greenspace
3. Green building

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Owner,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** GREEN BELT  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:45:17 PM

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**Dear Ministers,**  
**I oppose any development of these lands regardless of  
any potential “Community Benefits”**  
**I opposes the removal and any urban development of the lands  
removed from the Greenbelt Plan.**

Furthermore, I request that **Doug Ford resign from his position and step down as leader** due to the high level of corruption that he has condoned, supported, initiated and also turned a blind eye to whenever he finds it convenient.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Council Business with the GREENBELT  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:48:03 PM

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## Will Council obstruct development and REFUSE TO MEET WITH the Provincial Negotiator?

Please take the **ALL necessary actions** to put an end to this GREENBELT fiasco and protect our green spaces!

Thanks for all the work you do!!

Yours,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca); [Thorne, Jason](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Ward 1 Office](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Ward 12 Office](#); [Ward 13](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Give back the greenbelt land and NO to development...  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 9:23:48 PM

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Minister Calandra,

**I oppose any development of the greenbelt lands regardless of any potential “Community Benefits”.**

I support the City of Hamilton who also **opposes the removal and any urban development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan**. City Council provided direction on July 14, 2023 to provide public input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest.

You have overridden the democratic will of the municipalities and residents to open vast areas of greenbelt and farmland to avaricious developers who have bought and paid for your compliance.

The government’s own task force has determined that opening up the greenbelt is not required in order to build affordable housing that is located in existing developed areas of the city.

**Give back the greenbelt land and NO to development.**

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** [Ward 1 Office](#); [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Sept. 14 Planning Committee meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:20:44 PM

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Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Committee:

We have written to Housing Minister Paul Calandra and MPPs Neil Lumsden and Donna Skelly to state our strong opposition to the provincial government's removal of 1,964.5 acres from Hamilton's Greenbelt. We are likewise opposed to any development of these lands regardless of any potential "community benefits."

The standing-room-only crowd of at least 500 people who gathered at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre on Sept. 6 to call for reinstating these lands into the Greenbelt was really impressive. An overwhelming message was sent to Premier Ford and the cabinet that they are on the wrong track. In addition to the City of Hamilton's opposition, a coalition of First Nations chiefs has urged the government to abandon plans to develop former Greenbelt lands in Hamilton and across the GTA.

We attended the Ancaster meeting and are fully in support of the many residents who urged the City to abandon negotiations with a provincial facilitator relating to potential development of the Greenbelt lands. As one attendee described the meeting, "This is what democracy looks like!" Participants wisely called for the province to work with the City in concentrating new development within existing built-up areas.

We urge the committee to warn the government it would be folly to make matters worse if the housing minister were to adopt a worst-case scenario of potentially issuing a Minister's Zoning Order to enable urban residential development on the Greenbelt lands. It is time for the government to return the lands to the Greenbelt, as a demonstration of responsible and environmentally sustainable planning that protects ecological systems, the natural environment and agricultural land near Canada's most urbanized region.

We'll leave the final word to Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, who underlined the value of the Greenbelt in an article published Sept. 9. As he wrote: "It's inspiring to see farmland management taking the forefront in today's headlines, emerging as a significant political issue in Canada's largest province...In essence, the Greenbelt policy was not just a commendable idea; it was an imperative...It is essential for food security, education, awareness and the well-being of our society. These vital aspects should never be open to sacrifice."

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Hamilton boundary expansion  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 9:53:40 PM

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Hello. I am a Hamilton resident and am writing to you regarding the proposed urban boundary expansion. I hope that you will remember that thousands of citizens/residents voted to keep the boundaries as they currently are, and that the housing goals (number of homes built) can be reached by keeping the existing boundaries. I am sincerely hoping that you will do your very best to ensure that homes are built within this area, are Affordable, and make use of existing infrastructure. This will benefit all of us who call Hamilton home, and help make Hamilton a family friendly, affordable, forward thinking community. Have a good day.

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Opposition to the development of lands removed from the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 5:18:43 PM

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Hamilton, and I'm expressing my position that I oppose any development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt, regardless of any potential "community benefits."

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Wetlands  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:30:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Screen Shot 2022-04-13 at 12.29.53 PM.png](#)

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*Hello All;*

*This email will be quite short.*

*RETURN THE REMOVED GREENBELT LAND TO THE PROTECTED STATUS!*

*Ford should not be allowed to simply reverse his promise to keep these land protected (made while he was campaigning for re election) and then on being elected change his mind and take thousands of acres of previously protected land out of protection. He used the argument that we need more homes. In that regard he is correct, however, it has been proved over and over and over again, that these lands ARE NOT REQUIRED. Also we need housing for homeless and low income people to be able to afford housing and who really believes that this is the type of housing these big developers plan on building. There is so much more I could write, but suffice it to say:*

*RETURN THE REMOVED GREENBELT LAND TO THE PROTECTED STATUS AND MAKE A PLEDGE TO LEAVE THE GREENBELT PROTECTED INTO THE FUTURE.*

*Saving our planet can only be done one step at a time and this is one step you all have the ability to take.*

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**Subject:** City of Hamilton Survey on Greenbelt Development  
**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:18:13 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for posting the Survey on Greenbelt Development on the Engage Hamilton Web site. I saw no checkbox for "No development" on the survey. I am not going to contact the Province of Ontario with my "No development" preference, as I did not see a clear submission method that did not require checking at least one of the development priority boxes. I fear my feedback could be misconstrued by the Province as requesting development that I do not want. Hamilton does not need a Ministerial Zoning Order for Greenbelt Development. Homes can more easily and cheaply be built on serviced land within the City limits. Please ask your Webmaster to revise the Survey on Greenbelt Development to include a "No development" option. I will then gladly provide my feedback.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** Opposition to Greenbelt Expansion  
**Date:** Monday, September 11, 2023 7:58:10 PM

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I am opposed to the removal of Greenbelt lands to build any form of development. There are alternative lands available. Restore the Greenbelt.

With the rise in food insecurity, building on farmland that cannot be replaced, instead of the alternative lands already identified and available puts our ability to sustain our population in jeopardy for the sake of money.

You need to think beyond a few tomorrows. Restore the Greenbelt.

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Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

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**Subject:** No development on Ontario's Greenbelt  
**Date:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:27:18 PM

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

Regards,

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**Subject:** There should be no development on the Greenbelt  
**Date:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:20:32 PM

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**Subject:** Don't hand \*OUR\* Greenbelt to robber-baron developer friends of Doug Ford  
**Date:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:27:49 PM

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

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Thorne, Jason](#)  
**To:** [Toman, Charlie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Greenbelt.  
**Date:** Monday, September 11, 2023 2:36:38 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 11, 2023 2:27 PM  
**To:** Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; 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 - there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

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

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**Subject:** Refuse to engage with Greenbelt development  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:00:42 AM

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To all the municipal and provincial elected officials listed above,

I am writing to express my opposition to any development on Ontario's Greenbelt. Greenbelt development is disastrous, economically and socially, for municipalities that have to assume the costs of sprawl and it is disastrous environmentally for all of Ontario and Canada. Once the damage of development occurs, it cannot be undone.

Hamiltons have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to Greenbelt development and the province's own taskforce has stated that Greenbelt development is unnecessary to reach housing goals.

In his stubborn persistence, Doug Ford demonstrates that he is concerned only about his business interests, not about his constituents or the generations of Canadians to come.

I oppose any development of Greenbelt lands, regardless of any proposed, potential "community benefits".

Your's truly,

[REDACTED]

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Subject: [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]"Sept 14 Planning Committee"  
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:42:40 PM

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To Hamilton City Council,

I would like to state that **I think that council should refuse to meet with the Provincial Negotiator.** It is clear that our provincial government has not conducted any of the Greenbelt removals with Ontarians in mind. Hamilton does not want our urban boundary expanded and we do not want any part of The Greenbelt removed. Given the Integrity Commissioner's report and the Auditor General's report, the lands that were removed from The Greenbelt need to be returned immediately. The government's own Committee determined that new Greenbelt land was NOT needed at all to build the homes we need in the next decade. It makes no sense at all to be cutting into our sensitive lands when we have land that could be used. Doug Ford may call them fields full of weeds, but these areas are some of the most productive farming lands in all of Canada. Ontario farmers have lost confidence in this government and have stated that Ford might as well say "Let Them Eat Concrete!" as they obviously do not care about the rest of us. Our wetlands will be especially important given that we will experience more extreme climate events due to Global Warming. This has already started! I feel lied to, misled, ignored by our government whose only interest is in creating billions of dollars in wealth for their developer friends. We must stand strong and demand that these lands do NOT get developed at all.

I appreciate how you have stood up to the province so far in stating that we do not want our boundaries expanded or to have Greenbelt lands removed. I hope that after the release of the reports and the RCMP investigation, that you will refuse to meet with the provincial facilitator. All of Ontario is watching what Hamilton will do, let's take a further stand!

Thank you for your time,  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Hamilton should be a self-sufficient City.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:07:33 PM

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**say 'NO' to all development on the Greenbelt!  
stop all negotiations with the Province on the subject.**

[REDACTED]

ward 2, Hamilton.



From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Kroetsch, Cameron](#); [Wilson, Maureen](#); [Hwang, Tammy](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Cassar, Craig](#); [Wilson, Alex](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#)  
Cc: [Robichaud, Steve](#); [Toman, Charlie](#)  
Subject: Third Generation Farm in the Book Rd West Lands  
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 1:41:42 PM

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Dear Council,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend and speak at the upcoming Planning Committee Meeting to be held Thursday Sept 14, but wanted to provide my unique perspective on this issue.

I'm a third-generation farmer with land in the Book Road West block, recently removed from the greenbelt. As we all know, these lands were only put into greenbelt in 2016 against the recommendations of a taxpayer funded environmental study prepared by Dillon Consulting, so this removal is a rightful correction of a previous political injustice.

My family has worked these lands since 1960, and through the years the business has changed from wholesale produce, to pick your own fruits and vegetables and finally into two separate flower operations. These changes were due to shifts in demographics and the economics of farming in general. It has become very difficult to make any profit growing produce on a small scale. To reach the required economics of scale, you need a minimum of 200 acres of flat, well drained, sandy loam soil. While we are proud of our heritage in Ancaster, we also recognize that it is time for a change. Developing this block is the right move for Ancaster (Hamilton) and the right move for the few farms left in this block.

I hear a lot of talk about why we should save this farmland, and while I can appreciate the sound bite, I think it is important to hear from an actual farmer. Below are a few of the many reasons why, as a farmer, I support the development of a beautiful community in the Book Road lands.

1. This is **NOT** prime farmland. It never has been, and it never will be. In fact, I recently purchased a farm in Tillsonburg, and I can tell you from experience, that is prime farmland. Land rents for \$150/acre in the Book Road area compared to Norfolk County were land rents for \$450 to \$700 an acre. That's what farmers are willing to pay, and that should speak volumes.

2. Leaving this as farmland doesn't help the farmers on this block. It's become far too

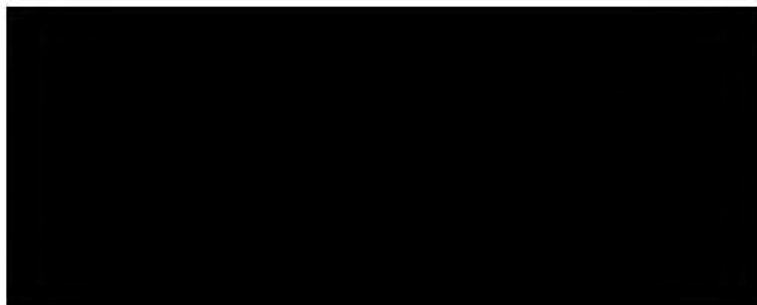
dangerous to drive heavy farming equipment down the road. The block is sandwiched between homes to the North, commercial to the West, and future airport development to the East. No one farm is big enough to be economically viable on its own which means moving equipment down the road to other parcels of land. Recently installed curbs on Garner Road make moving some of this equipment both extremely dangerous, and in some cases impossible.

3. Prior to 2016, this land was considered white belt lands to be included in the future development plan for Ancaster (Hamilton). Why else would we have Walmart, Canadian Tire, Longos, Rona, and all the other stores kitty corner to this block. It only makes sense to develop a beautiful community within walking distance of grocery and other shopping amenities.

4. We don't have a shortage of farmland in Ontario, we have a shortage of houses. I drive an hour to my Tillsonburg farm three days a week, and the last 45 minutes of my drive there is through beautiful, prime farmland. We do not have a shortage of food producing land in Ontario! Furthermore, the advancement and efficiency in vertical farming is proving to be the way of the future.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my experience, and trust that you will take this into consideration while planning for the future of this land.

Sincerely



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**Subject:** I'm behind you  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:43:15 PM

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Dear Hamilton City Councillors,

I applaud everything you are doing to keep Greenbelt land green and to intensify housing opportunities within Hamilton land that is zoned for housing.

You have my full support to do whatever you can to thwart the provincial government in its land grab.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Sept 14 Planning Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 2:11:06 PM  
**Attachments:** [Sept 14 Planning Committee submission.docx](#)

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Please accept my input into the Sept 14, 2023 City of Hamilton Planning Meeting regarding the removal of lands from the Greenbelt.

In light of current reports from the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner, it is imperative that the City of Hamilton immediately cease any further participation in this so called public "consultation" engineered by the Ford government. This extremely wasteful process is profoundly undemocratic and serves only to cover up actions of the Ford government which have questionable legal status.

Hamilton citizens have already clearly spoken at every opportunity: "Hands off the Greenbelt". Decimation of the greenbelt lands is of absolutely no benefit to anyone except land speculators and possibly Tory coffers.

Please advise the provincial "facilitator" that they are no longer welcome in our city.

[REDACTED]  
Ward 1 resident

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**Subject:** The City's Role in Fighting the Unnecessary  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:06:52 PM

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Hi Everyone,

Via a recent StopSprawl e-blast, I want to strongly urge you to *strongly* resist current provincial initiatives/beliefs that will unnecessarily enable further GTHA urban sprawl and, if it will help, refuse to negotiate with the currently proposed Provincial "Negotiator" for Hamilton. Planning staff, Councilours and many *many many many* residents with expertise and local understanding have fully reviewed, and voted against, this option and recognized its hazards (economic, environmental, etc...) already.

Please stick to the facts and people's will on this.

I'm pretty sure my kids are counting on it.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Soil map of Book Road refutes "sub par" claim.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:29:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
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Hello,

I've noticed some letters on the agenda from individuals who wish to sell their land in the former Greenbelt at Book Road. They claim that the soil is sub par. Curious because there are letters from other farmers in the same area, who are not looking to sell and who say the soil is some of the best around. And who say that Book Road land actually rents at a price of \$350/acre. Other prices may reflect the availability of arable land in the area. Less land available may result in higher prices.

Anyone can easily check the Ministry of Ag. "soil capacity for agriculture maps" so I thought I'd show you what I found. Most of Book Road is prime land (1,2,3) and much of the rest are wetlands.

Vyn's flower farming operation was one that was adversely affected by the [crop spray behind the Garner Marsh](#) two summers ago when two farmers lost all their crops. No wonder he wants out of farming in Ancaster and is selling up. The pressures of impending urbanization like this on farmers are all the more reason why we need to hold firm to the boundaries between rural and urban activities.

Please vote to cease or pause negotiations with the Provincial facilitator. Since directing Staff to engage, new information has arisen with the AG and IC reports as well as potential investigation by the RCMP.

Thank you,

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Ward 12

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**Subject:** Provincial Facilitator  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:53:26 PM

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Good Day,

I will be delegating in person at Thursday's Planning Dept. meeting and would like to offer you a preview of why I have decided to do so.

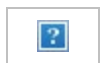
Planning Department's negotiations with the land developers and the Provincial Facilitator fly in the face of the democratic will of the majority of Hamiltonians. This has been demonstrated by surveys as well as by the massive turnout at the Information Session last week.

Equally importantly, the Department's participation in this blackmail scheme by the Ford government plays into the hands of an administration that has proven itself repeatedly and on many fronts to be untrustworthy and undemocratic.

Hamilton needs to hold the line, and that will be my request in my delegation to Planning tomorrow. I sincerely hope for your support as a Councillor.

[REDACTED]  
Ward IV  
Hamilton

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent..." – Calvin Coolidge



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**Subject:** Re: Former Greenbelt Lands - Special Meeting of Planning Committee Thursday September 14, 2023  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:40:09 PM

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To All:

I am writing to submit my comments as part of the current City of Hamilton consultations.

**I am and will continue to remain opposed to opening the Greenbelt lands for development as planned by the Province of Ontario.**

I have previously submitted my rationale on the import of a permanent Greenbelt with ecological integrity, the reality that available land does not constitute the crux of the housing affordability crisis, and the poor governance and consultation processes involved to the Mayor and our local councillor, along with my position on maintaining Council's decision regarding the urban boundary.

The recent Provincial Auditor General and Integrity Commissioner reports re-enforce my concerns substantively and in terms of process. These concerns exist as fundamental principles which become exacerbated by the site specific inappropriateness of proposals to develop within the NES noise sensitivity zones surrounding the Hamilton International airport and its 24/7 cargo operations.

Given the City's opposition to removal of the Greenbelt lands as confirmed by Council motion, I believe Council should reiterate its position considering these reports. Given the proposed Greenbelt Plan review, which also comes fraught with peril, Council should request the lands be returned to the Greenbelt as per the Auditor General's key and final recommendation. Council should also request deferral of the current provincial facilitator process at least until the reviewer and parameters of the broader review become known and publicly available. Council should be prepared with its community benefit positions but participation in 'rigged negotiations' should be on hold.

If, and when, the Province moves forward unilaterally, the City should, of course, be prepared with its input on community benefits derived from its recently conducted survey and these consultation meetings. These should include:

- demands regarding affordable homes (in terms of both price levels and percentage of developments) to counter the million dollar home development proposals,
- provincial funding of infrastructure (water, roads, sewers, transit, internet etc) and security related service (fire, police, etc) so that the City of Hamilton is not financially disadvantaged and to replace lost development levies
- 'complete' communities in terms of housing, employment, parks and greenspace, recreation, and culture
- Etc.

**Council's role entails protecting the public interest in this City pertaining to the Greenbelt, even and especially if the Province will not.** I encourage you to state the City's firm opposition to



Greenbelt land development, to place any forced negotiations on hold, and to be prepared with the City's demands.

Thank you for your consideration.

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"There are no sides... Only solutions."

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**Subject:** Sept 14 Planning Committee Comments for Public Record  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:41:00 AM

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I am writing in advance of the meeting on Thursday to have my comments here added to the public agenda.

I want to add my voice to the many Hamiltonians who oppose the Ford government's attack on the Greenbelt.

Hamilton is not acquiescing to Greenbelt land removal. Council voted against this. Over 16000 Hamiltonians surveyed were against this. Yet the Ford government overrode our municipal democracy and forced incursion upon and destruction of the Greenbelt.

The damning information in the Auditor General's Integrity Commissioner's report is appalling.

I oppose development on these lands, and insist that the City of Hamilton stop all "negotiations / consultations" with the provincial facilitator.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Greenbelt and Airport Issues  
**Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:02:32 AM

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Councillor Cassar's office recommended I send this email (which I sent to Councillor Cassar on September 2nd), to all city councillors and appropriate staff.

Councillor Cassar: I read with great interest the Sep. 2nd Spectator Article about removing Greenbelt lands and airport noise restrictions. A bit of history is needed here. In the 1990s I was director of Strategic Planning, part of the Environment Department of the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth (C.V. attached). My division was responsible for the preparation of the 1995 Regional Official Plan. One of it's provisions was a land use designation called "Airport Influence Area" (AIA) which identified an area where land uses that could conflict with airport operations were prohibited. It was based in part on noise complaint information that we were aware of since Planning had been for a short time responsible for Hamilton Airport operations.

We had very little faith in the NEF contours as they existed at that time since they seemed to bear little relevance to noise complaint information. How noise affects humans is very subjective. Some people are more sensitive to noise than others. Winds, air density and vegetation are factors that affect noise. As an example, we were getting noise complaints from areas near Brantford which resulted in a change to flight departure patterns. On a personal note, I live in the Garner/Kitty Murray Lane area and can hear planes taking off from and landing at the airport (as I write this email, I've heard at least three planes take off or fly near/over my home).

Since I left the employ of the Region in late 2000, shortly before amalgamation, I don't know how the AIA was treated in subsequent iterations of the official plan which eventually morphed into the City of Hamilton Official Plan. I was pleased to note that the Spectator article recognized the need to protect airport operations. The airport is of significant economic importance and anything that could jeopardize it's operation, including potential land use conflicts, must be avoided.

Residential developers will try to marginalize any protection policies by trying to minimize the impact of noise through their own consultant studies and support of mitigation actions such as construction sound proofing, and warnings on title (if that's still allowed). However, that won't stop future home owners from complaining to the airport operator and local councillor about airport noise and subsequent pressure to alter airport operations (e.g. banning night flights). The best way to protect the airport operations is to simply not allow these types of land use conflicts - no compromise.

Regards - [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Greenbelt  
**Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:23:16 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We demand that Hamilton stop negotiating with the province over the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt grab has been a corrupt and flawed process as proven by the damning reports by the Province's own watchdogs. The Ford government's response has indicated a lack of willingness to negotiate in good faith.

We all know housing is necessary and there is enough land in the city boundary.

We need clean air and water and farmland which is what the greenbelt provides.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

September 19, 2023

**Re: Correction of a Mistake on the Nugent  
Property that is 18 years Overdue**

**To: Mayor Andrea Howath, City Concillors, Steve Robichard, Jason Thorne**

After attending the Ancaster Planning Meeting on Sept 14, 2023 , I am again requesting that my property be transferred from the GreenBelt back to the Twenty Rd. East Area Properties in Mount Hope where it belongs and was before it was wrongly moved into the Greenbelt. Please refer to my previous letter of August 31, 2023, for more details. As a veterinarian and farmer I supported the creation of a GreenBelt to protect the environment and viable farmland . My family has grown farm produce in the Hamilton Area for over 180 years, but since 2005 we do not trust either our political or our justice system. That was the year that the McGuinty Govt. imposed the GreenBelt on land owners with no compensation, to buy the votes of city dwellers, who got off free. My property was put in by mistake, due to a creek on someone else's property because of poor satellite images with no one on the ground checking for mistakes. When I requested to have this blatant mistake corrected, I was told to come back in 10 years as the McGuinty Govt. had put a Ten Year Moratorium on the correction of mistakes in the GreenBelt. The Ont. Ombudsman was supportive but powerless to help. However a MMAH planner did a site visit to confirm this blatant mistake, so my property could be removed early in 2015. Instead the Wynne Govt. refused to correct this mistake. We have loss all trust in our political and justice system and now understand why the First Nations are using civil disobedience to regain their stolen land rights. On Oct. 2016 my planner and myself met with the MMAH Staff in Toronto and our proposal for release of my property was well received. This property which I purchased 45 ago years is bordered by 15 houses. It has both city sewers and water, already paid for, and public transit close by. Lear Studies have declared it unsustainable for farming. Since the city has closed in on it, I am having to clean up garbage and building material dumped on it. Also any crops grown to control weeds is damaged by ATVs and Dirt Bikes. I have a deed and paid full market value, but the public feel entitled to use it. The correction of this mistake is totally justified and defendable. There should be absolutely no opposition to it. Therefore I am requesting for you to work with the Provincial Facilitator to finally correct this injustice. I look forward to hearing a response to my request as soon as possible.

Dedicated to Democracy

From: Don Mclean  
Sent: August 27, 2023 3:59 PM  
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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

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**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

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**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](mailto: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

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**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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nringer Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)  
Subject: Greenbelt development

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](mailto: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

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**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

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**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  
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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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

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**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](mailto: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

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>

**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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)

**Subject:** 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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)

**Subject:** 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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)

Subject: 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](mailto:Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org); [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org); [Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:Donna.Skelly@pc.ola.org)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>

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Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
\*

**From:** Michelle Tom  
**Sent:** August 28, 2023 7:10 PM  
**To:** [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto: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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** 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  
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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

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**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  
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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](mailto: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

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**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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; [charlie\\_toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:charlie_toman@hamilton.ca); [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** Protect the Greenbelt

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Regards Sharon Paterson

**From:** Verena & Greg Walter

**Sent:** September 1, 2023 12:07 PM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** Greenbelt Grab

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In hope,

Verena Walter

**From:** Peter Appleton

**Sent:** September 1, 2023 12:47 PM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** Greenbelt expansion lands

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Thank you

Peter Appleton

**From:** Cathy Stewart

**Sent:** September 4, 2023 9:13 PM

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

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

**Cc:** Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

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

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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Pauline Prowse

**From:** Erin S  
**Sent:** September 5, 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> motion to request the Province of Ontario to abandon plans to develop on the Greenbelt, it is clearly not appropriate to respond to the on-line consultation. Any response, which focuses on community benefits, if included in information provided to the Province, would give the misleading impression that I support removal. Which I do not.

Please register this note as

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

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

Regards

Dave Carson,

**From:** BETTY BERRY  
**Sent:** September 5, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>

**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](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

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**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  
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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](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** Reverse Greenbelt Development

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.

Thank you for

Colina Phillips

**From:** Cameron, Robin

**Sent:** September 6, 2023 9:31 AM

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**Subject:** protect the greenbelt

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council

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

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

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 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

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**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

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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.

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Regards Liz Eeuwes

**From:** Therese Taylor

**Sent:** September 6, 2023 11:15 AM

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** 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](mailto: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!**

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Regards

Jennifer

From: Jen Sanges  
Sent: September 6, 2023 6:46 PM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

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**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

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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

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Co-operatively,

Mary Margaret Kachurowski

**From:** Luba Petkovic  
**Sent:** September 7, 2023 5:23 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

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**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.

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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

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**From:** SUSAN B.  
**Sent:** September 6, 2023 7:27 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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

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Judy **Labelle**

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**Sent:** September 6, 2023 6:24 PM

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Victoria Zess

**From:** Donna Spurr

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Donna Spurr

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

Please restore protection of the greenbelt.  
Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Alison Niccols

**From:** Anne Kopy-Medeiros  
**Sent:** September 7, 2023 11:07 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto: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 Kopy-Medeiros

**From:** Quinn, James S <

**Sent:** September 7, 2023 11:48 AM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** Greenbelt 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](mailto: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](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; Skelly, Donna <[donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)>; [Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:Neil.Lumsden@pc.ola.org)

**Cc:** Rick Johnson

**Subject:** No Negotiation with Ford government on Greenbelt Lands

**Subject: No Negotiation with Ford government!**

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

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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup>* 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

**From:** Vicky Mason-Espin

**Sent:** September 7, 2023 4:49 PM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**Subject:** Please please protect the Green Belt

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. Ever ~ land is precious, as are the birds, insects, & mammals including us who rely upon the land for our: food, enrichment, clean water, clean air...

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 & Burlingtonians 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 must protect the Greenbelt and expand it - never pave over let alone to enrich wealthy developers. Urban sprawl 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 & every one of us (not to mention our kids & grandkids...) forever.

It is imperative to protect the green belt & all its inhabitants ( animal, vegetable or mineral )  
;

respectfully,

Vicky Mason-Espin



**From:** Deanna Hove  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 1:38 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Comment Submission for Sept. 14 Special Meeting of Planning Committee

Hello,

I would like to submit the attached letter as a comment for the Special Meeting of Planning Committee to be held on September 14th, to be added to the record.

Thank You,  
Deanna Hove

Legislative Coordinator  
Planning Committee, City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor Hamilton,  
Ontario L8P 4Y5

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing to submit a written comment for the September 14, 2023 Special Meeting of Planning Committee to provide feedback to you on the provincial amendments to the Greenbelt plan. Put simply, there should be no development on the Greenbelt.

Despite the fact that both Hamilton city council and mayor Andrea Horwath oppose the development, Hamiltonians are being polled on *how* they would like the Greenbelt developed, and given no option to directly oppose urban development, and given inadequate means to engage with this, as the meeting held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 did not have enough capacity for myself and others interested to attend.

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 similarly protected land in Southern Ontario and 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanna Hove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deanna" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hove".

Deanna Hove

**From:** Cathy Roberts  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 12:47 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Special Planning committee meeting

I am sending this letter and would like to have acknowledge of receiving it please

September 08, 2023

David & Catherine Roberts

To Hamilton City Council:

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the Book Rd Lands

We bought our property 1973 have lived here for 50 years. We were NOT in the Greenbelt

Looking at this property I see

Surrounded by Industrial land to the West  
Proposed Airport Industrial to East  
Town centre to the North  
Air traffic flying overhead  
Industrial bakery to the South

City water on Garner Rd to the houses (which my husband and I fought for)  
Gas distribution Centre on south side of Garner at Hamilton Dr. (which services as far as Lake Erie).  
Sewers across the road from our property  
Major highways East West and South  
Garner up to Upper James is already developed or about to be  
Book Rd Lands are the obvious next step.

Most of the properties in the Book Rd lands are too small for profitable farming.  
Most of the owners have owned this land for as many or more years than we have and are certainly not developers)

Making this area the most favourable for future development and the expanding population due to Federal Immigration policies.

THESE LANDS WERE NOT IN THE GREEN BELT BEFORE 2016 AND WERE PLACED THERE WITH NO SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT UNDER POLITICAL SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. There was no dialogue or due process with my husband and I.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND CORRECT PROCEDURES WERE NOT FOLLOWED, NOTABLY WITHOUT DIRECT NOTIFICATION TO ALL OWNERS WE BEING ONE OF THEM.



Therefore we should request the City to open an investigation into how our lands were put in the Greenbelt in the first place

It has been ongoing since 2016 to have these lands EXCLUDED from Green Belt as it should never have happened. I would like the right to have my property what it was when we bought it, especially as no one informed us of any changes.

We have not received anything from the city since 2015 (other than our tax bill) nor did we receive notification of the meetings to be held in September 2023.

The province of Ontario taking our property on Garner Rd West OUT of Greenbelt, was the correct thing to do, to put right what Hamilton City Council did without the correct procedure.

I will also be in touch with the Integrity Commission Office with regards to the matter of our property being placed in Green Belt under suspicious political circumstances

I think what happened should be taken further. No one went to the Integrity Commission when our land was placed IN Greenbelt when it should not have been, now they go to them when it came out of Green Belt. City of Hamilton did not buy the land we own, we did, therefore we should have a say in what happens to it.

I must say many people including some council members who are opposing Ford's move with these lands, actually live in large homes on what were farms. Is that not hypocritical of them. If you wanted to keep land green for the future why buy homes on farmland.

David & Catherine Roberts.

**From:** Carolanne Forster  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 3:07 PM  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]NO Development in the Greenbelt Lands

Dear Planning Staff, Mayor Horwath and Council,

As a long time resident of the City of Hamilton, this same said municipality being designed as a fully democratic institution holding public consultation, I request the following:

Use Council's powers to immediately stop any provincially-mandated planning actions that promote sprawl development. Sprawl and Greenbelt sprawl does not bring affordable housing.

Ontarians have lost trust with the current provincial government. Hamiltonians need to feel confident that any provincially dictated decisions have been the result of transparent and completely democratic processes that would actually solve the housing crisis in Ontario.

Ask Council to pass a planning motion that asks the Ontario Auditor General to investigate any provincially imposed planning actions (such as the passage of Bill 23 which eliminates Conservation Authority input into planning proposals which include wetlands and natural heritage areas) on the municipality, in order to determine if they are the result of a transparent and democratic process, which will improve the housing challenges we face.

Pass a Council motion which calls on the province to focus the limited labour and construction resources on building homes where people live and not on sprawl housing in the greenbelt to increase property taxes and enrich a small number of very wealthy developers.

It is incumbent upon all of you to help correct the very harmful planning decisions of this government.

Respectfully yours,

Carolanne Forster

**From:** Carolanne Forster  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 1:40 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Written Delegation to Planning Committee September 14, 2023

As a long time resident of the Ancaster (originally) rural area, and living only one block adjacent to the proposed Book Road Greenbelt Removal from our community, I ask that this Council immediately stop any provincially- mandated planning actions that will develop our Greenbelt and any of our rural lands beyond the urban boundary before any 'expansions' dictated by this government.

The planning decisions you make today will determine whether our future contains a sustainable environment, and the protection of our precious natural areas which contain the wetlands, woodlands, shrinking farmlands, and biodiversity we need to survive.

We have no future, in the climate emergency of global warming we now face, with even further destructive sprawl, more sprawl mansions, more sprawl warehouses, endless concrete and asphalt and no respite for our natural environments.

To complicate our situation further, we now know, based on The Auditor General's Report and The Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, our government has engaged in unfair practices, a breach of public trust, and recent planning policy changes by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing which will not solve a shortage of affordable housing in the province.

Do not allow our Greenbelt to be carved up and sold to the highest bidder for massive profits while the rest of the citizens of Hamilton suffer permanent losses both of their natural heritage lands and the possible loss of their owned homes as property taxes escalate to pay for sprawl.

Work towards protecting our Greenbelt lands by legislation, in perpetuity, as was the original intention of the Greenbelt Act in 2005.

Respectfully,

Carolanne Forster

**From:** George Papalazarou  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 2:42 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** 'Karen Papalazarou  
**Subject:** Special meeting

Good afternoon,

I would like to share some facts that are relevant to the planning meeting coming up next Thursday, September 14, 2023.

We are land owners on Book road and feel that our views have been overlooked and ignored – both by city officials and by the media.

Our property was thrown into the green belt by Lloyd Ferguson in 2016, with the help of Steve Robichaud, because he felt that our right to sell our properties to the highest bidder was not our right at all.

There is a video clip circulating of the two of them having a chuckle about their success in putting us in the green belt. Not a professional way for city staff to behave in our opinion.

We all live on land that was once farms or green space. How else can a city grow?

Not everyone wants to live in high rise apartments in the downtown. I'm sure our city council, or city staff on the most part, would prefer a detached home on a small piece of land, which is the right of every citizen with the means to obtain it. Anyone who denies this right to others, should be first and foremost willing to live by the means they put forth themselves.

How hypocritical of our council to try and shame anyone with this dream of land ownership.

A report known as the Dillon Report (done by Dillon Consulting) was commissioned and paid for by the city prior to our lands being put into the Greenbelt in 2016.

The report clearly stated that the Book Road lands should not be put in the Greenbelt, however, a few months later, we were put in the Greenbelt thanks to Lloyd Ferguson and his collaborator, Steve Robichaud.

They ignored this very expensive study and went their own way. I suppose it was only taxpayers money so it must be ok. If the taxpayers only knew how their money was wasted. Perhaps an investigation should be held to see how the Book Road lands ended up in the Greenbelt.

We are hoping the planning department sees the light and will do the right thing and stop blocking the necessary and fair development of the Book Road lands.

Sincerely,

George & Karen Papalazarou  
Book Road landowners  
**From:** David Roberts  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 5:05 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Green Belt Book Rd.

Request to speak re. Book Rd Green Belt.

David M. Roberts  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Ref. Book Rd. Green Belt.

I would like you to answer the following  
Before the change to Green Belt in the Book Rd. what notice should have been sent to Residents of the area.

What notice was sent.  
Could I see a list of addresses any notice of change to the Book Rd. to Green Belt was sent.  
We have had only Tax bills from the City since Amalgamation.

I would like to speak about this.  
David M Roberts

**From:** Duncan Forster  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 10:13 PM  
**Subject:** Protect the Greenbelt

To Mayor Horwath, Council, and City Planning Staff,

The Ontario Greenbelt serves to protect farmlands, wetlands and ecologically sensitive areas. Once these lands are developed they are gone forever - not the next election cycle, not a few generations - forever.

It is clear the Ford government has intentionally, irresponsibly, and potentially illegally opened these lands to developers who stand to become obscenely wealthy from plundering Ontario's greenspaces. The city has an obligation to its citizens to not engage in the sham land use planning process put forward by the province. Acquiescing to the province only serves to legitimize a completely illegitimate process. Hamilton must take a stand against corruption and protect the valuable, finite greenspaces we have left.

Duncan Forster

**From:** Rick Barb Bodner  
**Sent:** September 9, 2023 3:33 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Cassar, Craig <[Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE Sept 6 Ancaster Arts Centre meeting

Thanks to Charlie Toman et al for the update & presentation.

Although we missed the deadline we will send emails ,again,to all government officials.

WE ARE SAYING “NO TO GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT”

We are happy our council & the committees have prepared for the worst scenario but feel our tax dollars are being wasted on these efforts at this time since the happenings at the provincial level indicate Ford will have to save face before the next election by reversing Bill23.

I believe the recent, past city planners meeting ,like at the Fairgrounds, have already indicated taxpayer priorities for new housing/area development as well as the Hamilton/engage online submissions.

Please spend any available time to settle the homeless/affordable/tiny home issue. It has been too long in deciding what to do since many excellent ideas have been put forward.

Best reards,

**RICK AND BARBARA BODNER**

**From:** Judy Hill

**Sent:** September 10, 2023 7:30 AM

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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.

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.

Regards

Judy Hill



Sent from Judy's iPhone

From: Anne Dwyer  
Sent: September 10, 2023 8:52 AM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Subject: Special Mtg of Planning Committee

Dear Hamilton Council,

Stand with Hands Off the Greenbelt!  
Refuse to plan the Greenbelt expansion!

Thank you,  
Anne Dwyer  
(Hamilton resident)

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Irene Laurie

**Sent:** September 11, 2023 10:31 AM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)

**Subject:** Greenbelt survey

I'd love to see an option for no development.

Looking at the survey from a research perspective, this will create a bias in the data.

Please let me know if you correct this and I will fill in the survey.

Thank you,  
Irene Laurie

**From:** Jennifer Waring  
**Sent:** September 11, 2023 11:28 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Delegation to the Planning Committee, September 14, 2023

**Delegation to the Planning Committee Meeting, September 14, 2023**

My name is Jennifer Waring and I live in Dundas. I have not filled out the City Survey on Greenbelt Development because there should be no development of the greenbelt. Hamilton's elected councillors and mayor have made it clear to the provincial government that we do not need these poached lands to achieve the housing needs of our growing community. I support this position.

As evidence of corruption and underhanded dealing mounts, the most important reasons for shutting down Greenbelt development remain that **we simply DO NOT need that land for housing, and we DO need that land for biodiversity, combatting climate change, and local food production.** (Which is not to say that the government shouldn't be condemned for its corrupt process.)

Therefore, the only responsible course is to push back, to oppose the provincial government until it stops curtailing municipal democracy, and/or reverses its Greenbelt plans.

Thank you for receiving this delegation.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Waring

**From:** Jill

**Sent:** September 10, 2023 10:13 PM

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

**Subject:** Planning Committee Meeting on Sept 14th (Greenbelt)

Dear Members of City Council and the City Planning Committee,

I attended the recent Open House, while I understand the instinct to secure what little the Province will afford us in terms of smart sustainable development, I sincerely urge you to stand strong against the bully tactics of MZOs. This landgrab is illegal and categorically wrong.

Our Greenbelt lands (and what they stand for) are far too precious to be negotiated. So participating in surveys and garnering community feedback is a farce, and all trust has been lost as a result of ignoring all previous consultations with experts and the public at large.

I believe all our efforts are best put towards protesting, lawsuits against this provincial government, and banding together with other municipalities who feel the same way.

Respectfully,  
Jill Tonini

**From:** Kathy ROUNG

**Sent:** September 10, 2023 9:54 PM

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**Subject:** Hamilton boundary expansion

Hello. I am a Hamilton resident and am writing to you regarding the proposed urban boundary expansion. I hope that you will remember that thousands of citizens/residents voted to keep the boundaries as they currently are, and that the housing goals (number of homes built) can be reached by keeping the existing boundaries. I am sincerely hoping that you will do your very best to ensure that homes are built within this area, are Affordable, and make use of existing infrastructure. This will benefit all of us who call Hamilton home, and help make Hamilton a family friendly, affordable, forward thinking community. Have a good day.

Kathy ROUNG

**From:** David Vyn  
**Sent:** September 10, 2023 10:26 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
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**Subject:** Third Generation Farm in the Book Rd West Lands

Dear Council,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend and speak at the upcoming Planning Committee Meeting to be held Thursday Sept 14, but wanted to provide my unique perspective on this issue.

I'm a third-generation farmer with land in the Book Road West block, recently removed from the greenbelt. As we all know, these lands were only put into greenbelt in 2016 against the recommendations of a taxpayer funded environmental study prepared by Dillon Consulting, so this removal is a rightful correction of a previous political injustice.

My family has worked these lands since 1960, and through the years the business has changed from wholesale produce, to pick your own fruits and vegetables and finally into two separate flower operations. These changes were due to shifts in demographics and the economics of farming in general. It has become very difficult to make any profit growing produce on a small scale. To reach the required economics of scale, you need a minimum of 200 acres of flat, well drained, sandy loam soil. While we are proud of our heritage in Ancaster, we also recognize that it is time for a change. Developing this block is the right move for Ancaster (Hamilton) and the right move for the few farms left in this block.

I hear a lot of talk about why we should save this farmland, and while I can appreciate the sound bite, I think it is important to hear from an actual farmer. Below are a few of the many reasons why, as a farmer, I support the development of a beautiful community in the Book Road lands.

1. This is **NOT** prime farmland. It never has been, and it never will be. In fact, I recently purchased a farm in Tillsonburg, and I can tell you from experience, that is prime farmland. Land rents for \$150/acre in the Book Road area compared to Norfolk County were land rents for \$450 to \$700 an acre. That's what farmers are willing to pay, and that should speak volumes.

2. Leaving this as farmland doesn't help the farmers on this block. It's become far too dangerous to drive heavy farming equipment down the road. The block is sandwiched between homes to the North, commercial to the West, and future airport development to the East. No one farm is big enough to be economically viable on its own which means moving equipment down the road to other parcels of land. Recently installed curbs on Garner Road make moving some of this equipment both extremely dangerous, and in some cases impossible.

3. Prior to 2016, this land was considered white belt lands to be included in the future development plan for Ancaster (Hamilton). Why else would we have Walmart, Canadian Tire, Longos, Rona, and all the other stores kitty corner to this block. It only makes sense to develop a beautiful community within walking distance of grocery and other shopping amenities.

4. We don't have a shortage of farmland in Ontario, we have a shortage of houses. I drive an hour to my Tillsonburg farm three days a week, and the last 45 minutes of my drive there is through beautiful, prime farmland. We do not have a shortage of food producing land in Ontario! Furthermore, the advancement and efficiency in vertical farming is proving to be the way of the future.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my experience, and trust that you will take this into consideration while planning for the future of this land.

Sincerely

David Vyn

**From:** Jodi Eastwood  
**Sent:** September 10, 2023 11:00 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Green Belt Land Ancaster

September 08, 2023

Jodi Eastwood and Brian Duck

To Hamilton City Council:

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the Book Rd Lands

We bought our property in 2017 have lived here for 6 years. Our taxes have been classified as rural residential, which we are up to date on, there was no information given to us about greenbelt lands, nor was this information provided to us when we submitted permits for our major renovations of our house. We were NOT in the Greenbelt, if we are the tax base should be lowered and we should be provided with renumeration, since technically we are unable to use our land as we intended to.

Looking at this property I see

Surrounded by Industrial land to the West  
Proposed Airport Industrial to East  
Town centre to the North  
Air traffic flying overhead  
Industrial bakery to the South

City water on Garner Rd to the houses (which my husband and I fought for)  
Gas distribution Centre on south side of Garner at Hamilton Dr. (which services as far as Lake Erie).  
Sewers across the road from our property  
Major highways East West and South  
Garner up to Upper James is already developed or about to be  
Book Rd Lands are the obvious next step.

Most of the properties in the Book Rd lands are too small for profitable farming.  
Most of the owners have owned this land for as many or more years than we have and are certainly not developers)



Making this area the most favourable for future development and the expanding population due to Federal Immigration policies.

THESE LANDS WERE NOT IN THE GREEN BELT BEFORE 2016 AND WERE PLACED THERE WITH NO SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT UNDER POLITICAL SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. There was no dialogue or due process with my husband and I.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND CORRECT PROCEDURES WERE NOT FOLLOWED, NOTABLY WITHOUT DIRECT NOTIFICATION TO ALL OWNERS WE BEING ONE OF THEM.

Therefore we should request the City to open an investigation into how our lands were put in the Greenbelt in the first place

It has been ongoing since 2016 to have these lands EXCLUDED from Green Belt as it should never have happened. I would like the right to have my property what it was when we bought it, especially as no one informed us of any changes.

We have not received anything from the city since 2015 (other than our tax bill) nor did we receive notification of the meetings to be held in September 2023.

The province of Ontario taking our property on Garner Rd West OUT of Greenbelt, was the correct thing to do, to put right what Hamilton City Council did without the correct procedure.

I will also be in touch with the Integrity Commission Office with regards to the matter of our property being placed in Green Belt under suspicious political circumstances

I think what happened should be taken further. No one went to the Integrity Commission when our land was placed IN Greenbelt when it should not have been, now they go to them when it came out of Green Belt. City of Hamilton did not buy the land we own, we did, therefore we should have a say in what happens to it.

I must say many people including some council members who are opposing Ford's move with these lands, actually live in large homes on what were farms. Is that not hypocritical of them. If you wanted to keep land green for the future why buy homes on farmland.

Jodi Eastwood and Brian Dyck

**From:** Theresa McCuaig

**Sent:** September 10, 2023 1:18 PM

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**Subject:** City of Hamilton Survey on Greenbelt Development

**Importance:** High

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for posting the Survey on Greenbelt Development on the Engage Hamilton Web site. I saw no checkbox for "No development" on the survey. I am not going to contact the Province of Ontario with my "No development" preference, as I did not see a clear submission method that did not require checking at least one of the development priority boxes. I fear my feedback could be misconstrued by the Province as requesting development that I do not want. Hamilton does not need a Ministerial Zoning Order for Greenbelt Development. Homes can more easily and cheaply be built on serviced land within the City limits. Please ask your Webmaster to revise the Survey on Greenbelt Development to include a "No development" option. I will then gladly provide my feedback.

Thank you,

Theresa McCuaig

**From:** Paul Rogers  
**Sent:** September 8, 2023 9:11 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Special Meeting of Planning Committee, Sept.14/23: Comments

To the Legislative Co-ordinator, Planning Committee, attached are our comments for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, Sept.14/23.

Regards,

Pam & Paul Rogers

Re: Book Road Area

This letter is for the planning committee meeting next Thursday, September 14/23.

We own property on Book Road and it's time to hear our side. So far, it's only been one sided both by City Officials and the media.

In 2016, our lands were underhandedly put into the Greenbelt by Lloyd Ferguson and Steve Robichaud, even though the consultant hired by the City (Dillon Consulting) concluded that these lands should not be included into the Greenbelt. There is a video circulating that shows the two of them chuckling about it. This was solely a political stunt and probably should be investigated. By putting our lands in the Greenbelt also devalued our properties. How would you feel if this happened to your property. What we are asking here is to right a wrong.

There is a housing crisis and blocking development will only make it worse. Large parcels of land need to be available to developers to make it financially viable to build affordable houses that are so desperately needed. Who is going to build homes if not the developers or home builders. Not only are the Book Road lands cost efficient but more importantly time efficient for the City to expand.

Not everyone wants to live in downtown Hamilton, in a high rise or tenement housing. I wouldn't want to, would you? The City has had years to revitalize the downtown area, to bring people together, a community where families can live, feel safe and thrive but this has not happened. I think its hypocritical of the City to ask people to live downtown Hamilton, on Barton St, etc. but where do they live. They most likely live on a beautiful property that was once farmland. Shameful.

The Book Road lands would be a beautiful community, where families can afford to live, go to school, go to church, play in parks, recreation facilities, surrounded by natural areas and is also close to the highways and airport.

Please take this into consideration: leave the Book Road lands out of the Greenbelt and let's plan Ancaster's next beautiful affordable community.

Yours truly,

Pam & Paul Rogers  
Book Road landowners

**From:** [paul.rogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:paul.rogers@sympatico.ca) <[paul.rogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:paul.rogers@sympatico.ca)>

**Sent:** September 13, 2023 10:39 AM

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

**Subject:** Planning Committee Meeting, Thursday, Sept.14/23

To the Legislative Co-ordinator, Planning Committee, attached is our comments with reference to Book Road lands for the meeting tomorrow.

Regards,

Pam & Paul Rogers

To: Planning Committee – Meeting Thursday, Sept.14/23

Re: Book Road

I attended the Open House last week run by the City of Hamilton. I thought they did a great job presenting and keeping things in order.

What I thought I would witness would be that the citizens of Hamilton would come together as a community, be respectful, to listen to both sides, voice any opinions or questions they may have. Instead, it seemed most people attending were from an organized group (Stop Sprawl/Save Greenbelt) from out of town, bound to follow any protest anywhere to cause further disruption. That was clear from the beginning of the meeting with people shouting, 'let them in'. Their agenda is not 'what's good for Hamilton', they just want to have attention and control. It certainly doesn't help with the media playing into their hands, the City being one-sided which encourages these anti-groups.

Someone from this anti-group suggested that the City could put tent cities on the Book Road properties. The City doesn't own the properties on Book Road, the properties are owned by private citizens. One of the City staff on stage should have quickly relayed that information, instead, the anti-group clapped and cheered. A suggestion at the meeting with areas like Barton St and Cornwall would be a place for new homeowners to live. Seriously? I really doubt that anyone there would chose to live on Barton or move to Cornwall.

Hamilton has tried to revitalize the downtown area for years. It's definitely not an area for everyone but people & families should be able to choose a safe, clean place for them to live, be part of a growing community. Book Road in Ancaster can do that. Ancaster should not be exempt from development. These lands were erroneously put into the Greenbelt (2016) against the consultant's (Dillon) report paid by the taxpayers of Hamilton. Now who is wasting tax payers dollars? This injustice should be investigated; retired councillor, Lloyd Ferguson, city planner Steve Robichaud and Ted McMeekin to name a few.

This morning I read the ad in The Hamilton Spectator from Craig Cassar, Ward 12 Councillor for Ancaster & Flamborough. Full of misleading information, I suppose mostly to gain more publicity from the anti-groups to get them all riled up for tomorrow's meeting.

The meeting tomorrow night will be far from any intelligent discussions coming from the city councillors as they are clearly not interested in the other side of this and is just another theatrical production. We are asking the city to leave the Book Road lands out of the Greenbelt and let's provide Ancaster with a new affordable community.

Pam & Paul Rogers  
Book Road landowners

**From:** Ruth Van Horne

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**Subject:** Wetlands

*Hello All;*

*This email will be quite short.*

*RETURN THE REMOVED GREENBELT LAND TO THE PROTECTED STATUS!*

*Ford should not be allowed to simply reverse his promise to keep these land protected (made while he was campaigning for re election) and then on being elected change his mind and take thousands of acres of previously protected land out of protection. He used the argument that we need more homes. In that regard he is correct, however, it has been proved over and over and over again, that these lands ARE NOT REQUIRED. Also we need housing for homeless and low income people to be able to afford housing and who really believes that this is the type of housing these big developers plan on building. There is so much more I could write, but suffice it to say:*

*RETURN THE REMOVED GREENBELT LAND TO THE PROTECTED STATUS AND MAKE A PLEDGE TO LEAVE THE GREENBELT PROTECTED INTO THE*

*FUTURE.*

*Saving our planet can only be done one step at a time and this is one step you all have the ability to take.*

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Cheers, Ruth

**From:** Lara Stewart-Panko

**Sent:** September 10, 2023 5:18 PM

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**Subject:** Opposition to the development of lands removed from the Greenbelt

Hello,

I'm a resident of Hamilton, and I'm expressing my position that I oppose any development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt, regardless of any potential "community benefits."

Sincerely,  
Lara Stewart

From: Gord McNulty  
Sent: September 10, 2023 8:20 PM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Cc: Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>  
Subject: Sept. 14 Planning Committee meeting

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Committee:

We have written to Housing Minister Paul Calandra and MPPs Neil Lumsden and Donna Skelly to state our strong opposition to the provincial government's removal of 1,964.5 acres from Hamilton's Greenbelt. We are likewise opposed to any development of these lands regardless of any potential "community benefits."

The standing-room-only crowd of at least 500 people who gathered at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre on Sept. 6 to call for reinstating these lands into the Greenbelt was really impressive. An overwhelming message was sent to Premier Ford and the cabinet that they are on the wrong track. In addition to the City of Hamilton's opposition, a coalition of First Nations chiefs has urged the government to abandon plans to develop former Greenbelt lands in Hamilton and across the GTA.

We attended the Ancaster meeting and are fully in support of the many residents who urged the City to abandon negotiations with a provincial facilitator relating to potential development of the Greenbelt lands. As one attendee described the meeting, "This is what democracy looks like!" Participants wisely called for the province to work with the City in concentrating new development within existing built-up areas.

We urge the committee to warn the government it would be folly to make matters worse if the housing minister were to adopt a worst-case scenario of potentially issuing a Minister's Zoning Order to enable urban residential development on the Greenbelt lands. It is time for the government to return the lands to the Greenbelt, as a demonstration of responsible and environmentally sustainable planning that protects ecological systems, the natural environment and agricultural land near Canada's most urbanized region.

We'll leave the final word to Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, who underlined the value of the Greenbelt in an article published Sept. 9.

As he wrote: "It's inspiring to see farmland management taking the forefront in today's headlines, emerging as a significant political issue in Canada's largest province...In essence, the Greenbelt policy was not just a commendable idea; it was an imperative...It is essential for food security, education, awareness and the well-being of our society. These vital aspects should never be open to sacrifice."

Thank you.



Gord & Angie McNulty

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**Sent:** September 10, 2023 8:45 PM

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**Subject:** GREEN BELT

**Dear Ministers,**

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

**I opposes the removal and any urban development of the lands  
removed from the Greenbelt Plan.**

Furthermore, I request that **Doug Ford resign from his position and step down as leader** due to the high level of corruption that he has condoned, supported, initiated and also turned a blind eye to whenever he finds it convenient.

Yours,

Becky Sappong

**From:** becky sappong

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**Subject:** Council Business with the GREENBELT

## **Will Council obstruct development and REFUSE TO MEET WITH the Provincial Negotiator?**

Please take the **ALL necessary actions** to put an end to this GREENBELT fiasco and protect our green spaces!

Thanks for all the work you do!!

Yours,  
Becky Sappong

**From:** Debbie EAGAN HASHIMOTO

**Sent:** September 10, 2023 9:24 PM

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**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Give back the greenbelt land and NO to development...

Minister Calandra,

**I oppose any development of the greenbelt lands regardless of any potential “Community Benefits”.**

I support the City of Hamilton who also **opposes the removal and any urban development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan**. City Council provided direction on July 14, 2023 to provide public input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest.

You have overridden the democratic will of the municipalities and residents to open vast areas of greenbelt and farmland to avaricious developers who have bought and paid for your compliance.

The government's own task force has determined that opening up the greenbelt is not required in order to build affordable housing that is located in existing developed areas of the city.

**Give back the greenbelt land and NO to development.**

Debbie Eagan-Hashimoto

**From:** Howard Cole

**Sent:** September 11, 2023 2:19 PM

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**Subject:** There should be no development on the Greenbelt

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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,

Howard Cole

**From:** Dawn Cole

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**Subject:** No development on Ontario's Greenbelt

Dear Mayor, members of Hamilton Council, and city staff:

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**Subject:** Don't hand \*OUR\* Greenbelt to robber-baron developer friends of Doug Ford

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Howard W. Cole

**From:** dstermann  
**Sent:** September 11, 2023 5:48 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Greenbelt Scam

Dear clerk, please submit my email below that I have sent to Hamilton council, the Premier and MPPs

I'll keep this brief.

The Premier has corrupted the process to release Greenbelt lands to select developers.

1. He MUST restore all lands he took back into the Greenbelt NOW.
2. Any review of the Greenbelt lands must be, as scheduled, in 2025! Not earlier. Why is the government hell bent on fast tracking the review process by 2 years? Follow the money
3. Hamilton council was to be part of process with a provincial facilitator. I understand the city's reasoning on this however, things have now changed since the AG's and the Integrity Commissioner's reports. The reports make it very clear that the process was corrupted. The rules have changed and Hamilton should NO LONGER work with the facilitator. Doing so just makes us complicit in the corruption.
5. Not one minute of labour from any Planning staff should be charged to any work associated on these proposals on Book Rd, in Stoney Creek or Winona. Receive their requests and put them at the bottom of the pile. They can not bump other legitimate development proposals.
4. Hamilton council should unite with all members of the AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) to litigate the Ford government against this theft of the Greenbelt.
5. Insist that there be an RCMP criminal investigation in to this scandal
6. Fact is that there is ENOUGH lands within our existing urban boundary to build intensively and along transit lines.

Sincerely,  
a most frustrated taxpayer and voter  
Doreen Stermann  
Ward 1  
Hamilton, Ontario

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

**From:** Kevin Butter

**Sent:** September 11, 2023 6:25 PM

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**Subject:** A concerned green belt farmer

Hello Councillors, Staff and Madam Mayor,

My name is Kevin Butter. I'm a resident of Ward 12 and a 5th generation farmer with 103 acres of land on Butter Road, directly adjacent to the removed Book Road parcel. I'm reaching out to you as I am very concerned about the destruction of prime farmland. I've farmed the Shaver Road and Garner Road areas for as long as I can remember. My father has grown crops in the area for 50 plus years. His words to describe the land that is in jeopardy are that "these are some of the nicest soils in Ancaster". These soils have grown vegetables and potatoes for many years and now grow some of the nicest corn and soybeans around. The subject lands that will be destroyed if residential development goes ahead should be protected and kept out of harm's way so that it can continue to produce food. The lands that they are considering for development are also saturated with major wetlands and an extensive creek system.

New subdivisions will only add to an already congested traffic problem and will make our roads more dangerous as



we don't have any police presence now to combat the SPEEDING problem we currently have. The pressure of residential development on farming operations makes it very difficult to move large equipment on local roads so we can do the job we are trying to do: grow food. With subdivisions neighbouring farm operations come complaints of noise, odour, dust all of which make farming more difficult. The roads don't get repaired now so how will the addition of another 10-20,000 new vehicles all trying to cram on our deteriorating roads help anything? Oh, and the additional taxes we will be required to pay to build new infrastructure, including the new stormwater tax are not in the best interests of residents or farmers.

Farmers care for the land. The dirt that grows our food for future generations also filters the water. We are being punished for the past development that has wreaked havoc on our waterways. These days when it rains it takes about 1-2 days before it floods our farms which hasn't happened my whole life and is now a regular occurrence since the watershed has been destroyed with impervious concrete and asphalt. The water has nowhere else to go and flooding is the inevitable result.

So, I ask you to consider the future of agriculture and the future for our children coming up into this situation as they are too young to understand now, but at some point will figure out that the greed of a few has ruined the chance of clean water and clean food for the many. I write all of this as a farmer who has nothing to gain from the flash sale of the Book Road Greenbelt . Please do all that you can to save the Greenbelt.

Sincerely, a concerned Greenbelt farmer.

Kevin Butter

Ancaster Sent from my iPhone

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

From: Janice currie

Sent: September 11, 2023 7:44 PM

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

Subject: Sept 14 special Planning Committee - Greenbelt Grab written submission

Councillors,

I believe you are all well aware of how the citizens of Hamilton feel about the Greenbelt Grab itself, and the subsequent outrageous and disturbing details which have come to light in the media, by the Auditor General, and the Integrity Commissioner.

At the time when it was agreed - reluctantly - to engage with the Provincial facilitator none of the facts/reports since released were known.

That, in itself, should be reason enough to cease such engagement.

In addition, however, I believe it is important to reflect on the fact that Hamilton had already committed to meet a target of 47,000 homes by 2051 - within the former urban boundary! I understand that Hamilton are on target to meet that goal and am unaware of any reporting which explains why this goal, and the trajectory, do not meet the requirements of the Province.

Until such explanation is provided I see absolutely no reason why any 'negotiating' is required.

I hope you will see fit to reconsider your previous vote, and now vote to cease any and all discussions with the provincial facilitator.

Janice Currie

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Paul Chapman  
**Sent:** September 11, 2023 8:05 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Book Road Greenbelt

Planning Committee,

Thank you for reviewing emails concerning the Book Road Greenbelt. Our family home and acreage has been located at 48 Garner Rd W since 1956. We strongly believe that this area should never have been placed in the Greenbelt in the first place and we asked that this area be removed.

There is little future for this area with respect to farming. Young people are searching for a place to live, not a place to farm.

Garner Road on the north side has development, sewers in place, easy access to Hwy 403, and will be widened in the future, making this decision to remove the Greenbelt status, a very common sense solution for our future generations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul R Chapman

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

From: Irene Fischer

Sent: September 11, 2023 9:33 PM

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

Subject: Planning Committee

Legislative Coordinator

Planning Committee

City of Hamilton

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

As a generational land owner for about 50 years the Book Road Residents Association has been engaged with the City of Hamilton for decades to advance the development of these lands. Farming is no longer a viable option and that the 2016 decision to put the lands in the green belt was without merit and was done suddenly without notice and needs to be reversed.

Fred Fischer

Sent from my iPad

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

From: Michael Fischer

Sent: September 11, 2023 10:58 PM

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

Subject: Planning Committee

- > Legislative Coordinator
- > Planning Committee
- > City of Hamilton
- > 71 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario
- > L8P 4Y5

My family has owned property on Book Road for 50 years. Since owning this property, it has always been our intention to collaborate with the City of Hamilton to develop this land. No substantial farming has occurred on this land. A more suitable use for this property is to build infrastructure and homes to help alleviate the current housing crisis in Ontario. The 2016 decision to place our property in the Greenbelt designation was completed without any credible reasoning. This decision must be reversed in order to allow our city to grow and continue to be a welcoming home for residents of the City of Hamilton.

Michael Fischer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Megan Saunders

**Sent:** September 12, 2023 9:00 AM

**To:** Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** Refuse to engage with Greenbelt development

To all the municipal and provincial elected officials listed above,

I am writing to express my opposition to any development on Ontario's Greenbelt. Greenbelt development is disastrous, economically and socially, for municipalities that have to assume the costs of sprawl and it is disastrous environmentally for all of Ontario and Canada. Once the damage of development occurs, it cannot be undone.

Hamiltons have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to Greenbelt development and the province's own taskforce has stated that Greenbelt development is unnecessary to reach housing goals.

In his stubborn persistence, Doug Ford demonstrates that he is concerned only about his business interests, not about his constituents or the generations of Canadians to come.

I oppose any development of Greenbelt lands, regardless of any proposed, potential "community benefits".

Your's truly,  
Dr. Megan Saunders MD

**From:** Bianca | Tiny Homes Ontario  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 11:52 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Sept 14th Planning Committee

Dear City Clerk,

I have just submitted an online request to give an oral in person delegation at the Special Meeting of Planning Committee Thursday evening at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

This is my first time submitting so I am also emailing just to see if I have covered my bases, and see what you need from me. I am interested in giving a formal presentation (with slides if possible?) or just an oral presentation.

I am the co-producer of the Tiny Home Show and also a Tiny House Consultant, I have been working in this realm for over 5 years now, and with success have influenced and helped develop policy and bylaws for tiny homes across the province. I would like to showcase the need for new and alternative solutions to urban sprawl, in the form of inclusive zoning and tiny homes. I would like to show the public and the province that there are solutions to the housing crisis that involve gentle intensification to lands already used for single family dwellings as opposed to digging into the greenbelt further. Tiny homes provide a solution and other municipalities are in support in many ways. I will use the Tiny Home Shows attendance rate as an example of the appetite for this, as well as feature policy and zoning for tiny homes that have been implemented by other municipalities across Ontario.

Thank you and let me know what my next steps are.

With Warmth,

Bianca Metz  
*Tiny House Consultant & Sustainable Living Specialist*

**From:** Bianca | Tiny Homes Ontario  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 12:10 PM  
**Subject:** Urban Sprawl - Sept 14th Delegation

Hello Councilors and key City Officials,

I write to you today for your support in delegation on Thursday evening. Not 40 or so days ago I hosted a Tiny Home Show at the very venue this meeting will take place. As a Tiny House Consultant and co-producer of the show, my goal is to offer solutions to the housing crisis and climate crisis, as they exist in crisis together - the solutions must exist together as well.

I have worked over the past 5 years to influence and develop policy to showcase tiny homes as a solution to gentle intensification, to use them where family dwellings already exist, using city infrastructure already in place. This solution is a win-win for rural and urban lands, protected lands, and anywhere that has a population in need of housing, which is - everywhere.

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Thank you and I look forward to contributing to this challenge in any way I can.

With Warmth,

Bianca Metz  
*Tiny House Consultant & Sustainable Living Specialist*



**From:** Tom Baker  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 2:10 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Sept 14 Planning Committee

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In light of current reports from the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner, it is imperative that the City of Hamilton immediately cease any further participation in this so called public "consultation" engineered by the Ford government. This extremely wasteful process is profoundly undemocratic and serves only to cover up actions of the Ford government which have questionable legal status.

Hamilton citizens have already clearly spoken at every opportunity: "Hands off the Greenbelt". Decimation of the greenbelt lands is of absolutely no benefit to anyone except land speculators and possibly Tory coffers.

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Dr. Tom Baker

Ward 1 resident

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Ward 1 resident

**From:** Baier, George

**Sent:** September 12, 2023 2:43 PM

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

**Subject:** STOP URBAN SPRAWL - WE WILL NEVER GET IT BACK!!

**Importance:** High

Please City Officials! Try as hard as you can to prevent our over-consumption of our free land.

We are at the point where we are over-consuming it.

Maybe halt on the immigration a bit until we get our bearings and heal the normal balance around us.

Lets fix our own issues before taking on new people.

Please keep our nature! Its where we came from!

Thanks.

George Baier, P. Eng.

Milton, ON

**From:** Denise Giroux  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 3:03 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** September 14 Planning Committee meeting

Hello,

I am writing to oppose City Council's negotiating with the Ford government on the development of the Greenbelt lands.

Council has already registered its opposition to urban sprawl and the removal of lands from the Greenbelt; now it needs to refuse to negotiate with the province on this dirty deal, and insist that the province revoke the removal of all lands from the Greenbelt and fund the development of affordable housing within the urban perimeters!

thank you,

Denise Giroux

**From:** Holbrook, Anne  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 3:28 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Opposition to removal of GREENBelt lands

Dear City of Hamilton.

I want to register my opposition in the strongest possible terms to the removal of Greenbelt land in the Hamilton – Ancaster – Dundas area.

Our area includes some of the best farmland in the country and as someone raised on a family farm that fed cities, we need to preserve ALL of the farmland that we have left. It is alarming to see the ongoing urban sprawl despoil land in South-Western Ontario, here and the Niagara region.

We need much stronger protection of farm lands, forests and wetlands and they should certainly not be at the whim of governments and so-called developers to destroy.

Fifty to sixty years ago, citizens made a plea to the Ontario government to take development north to poorer quality land – Sudbury area, Parry Sound, etc. and build transport infrastructure there – transit with rapid trains. That should still be a priority along with high speed Internet.

Canada is only Canada with wide open spaces. My family did not come to Ontario 200 years ago and die young of deprivation to see it eventually covered with pavement and urban sprawl. I have resigned myself to seeing Ancaster intensify within town boundaries with much more multi-unit buildings and other towns and cities will have to intensify and grow up rather than out, but this is only so that we can preserve rural lands. Families need access to green spaces for health.

Respectfully, Dr Holbrook

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Dr Anne M Holbrook,MD,PharmD,MSc,FRCPC

**From:** Charlane Surerus

**Sent:** September 12, 2023 3:42 PM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]"Sept 14 Planning Committee"

To Hamilton City Council,

I would like to state that **I think that council should refuse to meet with the Provincial Negotiator.** It is clear that our provincial government has not conducted any of the Greenbelt removals with Ontarians in mind. Hamilton does not want our urban boundary expanded and we do not want any part of The Greenbelt removed. Given the Integrity Commissioner's report and the Auditor General's report, the lands that were removed from The Greenbelt need to be returned immediately. The government's own Committee determined that new Greenbelt land was NOT needed at all to build the homes we need in the next decade. It makes no sense at all to be cutting into our sensitive lands when we have land that could be used. Doug Ford may call them fields full of weeds, but these areas are some of the most productive farming lands in all of Canada. Ontario farmers have lost confidence in this government and have stated that Ford might as well say "Let Them Eat Concrete!" as they obviously do not care about the rest of us. Our wetlands will be especially important given that we will experience more extreme climate events due to Global

Warming. This has already started! I feel lied to, misled, ignored by our government whose only interest is in creating billions of dollars in wealth for their developer friends. We must stand strong and demand that these lands do NOT get developed at all.

I appreciate how you have stood up to the province so far in stating that we do not want our boundaries expanded or to have Greenbelt lands removed.

I hope that after the release of the reports and the RCMP investigation, that you will refuse to meet with the provincial facilitator. All of Ontario is watching what Hamilton will do, let's take a further stand!

Thank you for your time,  
Charlane Surerus

**From:** Pip  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 3:47 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Stop the Greenbelt development

Dear Clerk,  
please do everything possible to help stop the provincial government's reckless development of our greenbelt. It is an outrageous betrayal of the public interest and trust.  
Please feel free to use my statement.  
Thank you  
Philip Kummel  
ward 3 Hamilton

Pip

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

From: Christine Fitzpatrick

Sent: September 12, 2023 4:06 PM

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

Subject: Greenbelt

Please say no to using the Greenbelt for development....It is not essential for housing there is sufficient land available to us...Agriculture is more important.

Thank you

Chris Fitzpatrick

Hamilton

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Christine Brown  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 4:41 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt grab

Dear City of Hamilton:

All the arguments against developing the Greenbelt have been made and heard. Action to return the land to its cherished designation and purpose is paramount and the obvious next step.

The broken promise from the Ford government to preserve the Greenbelt is a violation of rights of citizens for all things related to a sustainable future: food production, infrastructure costs, maintaining carbon sinks and animal habitat and making housing affordable being most obvious.

I live very close to the edge of the noise abatement area of the airport, and I can't imagine living within it. Building homes in that area would only add to mental stress and sleep deprivation.

There are no good arguments for using Greenbelt lands. They must be kept for agriculture, forests, and wetlands.

I stand against the violation of the Greenbelt and want to be on record as saying so.

Let's be bold against greed and being bullied.

Yours truly,

Christine Brown

Ancaster, ON



**From:** Cindy Kaye  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 7:01 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Special Planning Committee - Ancaster Fair Grounds

To whom it may concern,

Thank you so very much for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

As a resident of Ward 12, I have a few concerns regarding the urban boundary freeze back in 2021 and now the situation with the greenbelt.

My main concern is, maybe not today, and maybe not tomorrow, but at some point the beloved Ancaster soccer fields (next to Ancaster High, even though currently designated heritage) will be developed and overrun with condos because our council only sees fit to build within our city limits, leaving that area without green space, with more traffic and no community gathering space.

Thank you again for the opportunity.

My best,  
Cindy

**From:** Thomas Madronich  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 7:30 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [SaveOurStreamsHamilton@gmail.com](mailto:SaveOurStreamsHamilton@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Special Planning Committee Greenbelt meeting on Thursday, Sept 14 will be held in Marritt Hall at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

**This is a totally unacceptable venue for a regional issue.  
The impacts of land planning theft are regional.  
The Planning issues are regional.  
The insider trading and dealing should be in a criminal setting, the planning as well should be seated in the center of the region and the city.  
The criminal investigation should be led at the superior court, the planning should be heard at the center of the impacted region ie: City Hall. 45 minute bus ride for a meeting with no authority.. (I have 2 cars but I'm not driving to a meeting which has no power for a fait accompli.) This is a criminal matter and should be treated by the city as such otherwise you are impotent.) I can prove adverse financial impact for the landowners who were not informed, I personally have been impacted by the lack of opportunity to have a fair and open process. My clients have been impacted.**

Andrea Horwath You should be litigating a criminal insider trading angle on this. This is a theft clear and simple. The planning issues should be dealt with at the regional center because the planning impacts are regional..

Tom

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

From: Deb Peace

Sent: September 12, 2023 8:43 PM

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

Subject: saving the Greenbelt lands

As Hamiltonians, we find ourselves completely frustrated by the Provincial Government's anti-democratic and likely criminal

handling of the Greenbelt lands, ignoring all the hard work that has been done in Hamilton to prove that there is

plenty of space within our urban boundary to build housing for those in such need. Doug Ford has put Hamilton Council

between a rock and a hard place where there is threat of the city being punished for not cooperating with this scheme.

The Greenbelt lands are precious and should be protected. We can never get them back once they are damaged by

development. Given our climate crisis, this should be the priority of every government. Greed & lack of vision is causing

harm. Requiring the city to come up with some compromising agreement is not the route to take. We demand an end

to greenbelt removal.

Deborah Peace

**From:** Action 13  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 8:47 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** For special Planning Cmte. meeting Sept 14

Please find attached my submission for the upcoming Greenbelt meeting.

thank you,

Zoe Green  
Co-founder  
Action13.ca

September 12, 2023

City of Hamilton  
Planning Committee

**Special Meeting of the Planning Committee - September 14, 2023**

We are writing in support of City Council's interest in protecting the Greenbelt and Urban Expansion lands slated to be paved over, and challenging repeated attempts of the provincial government to force Hamilton to pave over these important and valued lands.

There is enough land to meet, even surpass, the number of housing units Hamilton will need to meet provincially set targets. All without paving the Greenbel nor paving outside of the former urban

boundary. This must be reiterated and messaged clearly at every opportunity.

We know that the people of Hamilton want to see the Greenbelt and farmland protected. There were close to 700 people who showed up for the public meeting in Ancaster on September 6.

On July 14, 2023 City Council decided to participate under protest with the provincially appointed Greenbelt Facillitator. Since that date incredibly significant details have been released including substantial reports from the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner.

In light of this we ask that the City halt growth planning on Greenbelt and Urban Boundary expansion lands until i) the RCMP announces how it will be investigating the Greenbelt grab, ii) a cost analysis of this growth plan is completed, and iii) the process used by the province to identify urban expansion lands is scrutinized.

Land use is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. Limiting sprawl to protect farmland also helps ensure a more climate resilient city and greater food security. Inclusive urban neighbourhoods leveraging existing infrastructure and offering improved transit will provide greater benefit for the common good than paying to pave over unserviced lands.

Thank you for listening to the voice of the residents of Hamilton on this important matter. Regards,

Zoë Green

Co-founder, Action 13 [Action13.ca](http://Action13.ca)

“Community-led climate action”

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

From: Louise Brownlee

Sent: September 12, 2023 8:57 PM

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

Subject: Land Use Planning Meeting on September 14, 2023

Written submission from GASP - Grand(m)others Act To Save The Planet (GASP)

GASP members are appalled by the Ontario government's unwillingness to reverse the Greenbelt Grab. We learned from the Auditor General that the Ontario government "failed to consider environmental, agricultural and financial risks and impacts, proceeded with little input from experts or affected parties, and favoured certain developers/landowners."

In this Climate Crisis, GASP members cannot stand by while our government delivers chunks of our protected Greenbelt land to a small group of developers for an estimated \$8 billion in financial gain. We need a government who cares about the common good and makes decisions in an honest, fair and transparent fashion.

Reports from the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner have revealed the serious lack of due diligence associated with the Greenbelt Grab. The Sensitive Investigations Unit of the RCMP will likely uncover more details.

We are fully aware that the Ontario government is using the housing crisis as a ruse to enrich political supporters. Professional urban planners have proven that the Greenbelt Grab has nothing to do with the lack of housing in Ontario. The housing shortage is a complex issue - the Ontario government has ignored its own Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations.

The Province is now resorting to a rigged "negotiation" and "consultation" process with Hamilton to try to create the false impression that Hamilton is acquiescing to Greenbelt removal.

It is very clear that in fact, Hamilton is firmly against any Greenbelt removals. Many GASPs attended the meeting in Ancaster last week.

We are prepared to relentlessly protest, rally, and use the power of social media until the Greenbelt Grab is reversed. Grandchildren in Ontario deserve the Greenbelt farmland - current predictions are for planetary warming of 2.7°C. The next generation will face more droughts, floods and threats to the food supply. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Louise Brownlee, Carole Holmes and Lorraine Green on behalf of the members of GASP - Grand(m)others Act To Save The Planet (GASP). We are a grassroots, non-partisan group of grandmothers

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

From: Irene Fischer

Sent: September 12, 2023 9:33 PM

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

Subject: Planning Committee

Legislative Coordinator  
Planning Committee  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Housing is desperately needed for new immigrants to our city. The sooner we start building the better. Farming is no longer a viable option. Moving forward is our only option.

Irene Fischer

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Harriet Woodside

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

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** I'm behind you

Dear Hamilton City Councillors,

I applaud everything you are doing to keep Greenbelt land green and to intensify housing opportunities within Hamilton land that is zoned for housing.

You have my full support to do whatever you can to thwart the provincial government in its land grab.



Thank you.

Harriet Woodside

**From:** flora mol  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 9:45 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Planning meeting Sept. 14th

The greenbelt is more important than money with climate change wars around the world food water will be like a weapon on humanity hard to get just like masks ect in a pandemic Canada needs to be self sufficient producing life's necessity Water FOOD medication ect DOUG FORD CRIMINAL GREENBELT DEAL DESTROYING CANADA'S NATURAL RESOURCES WILDLIFE FOREST FARMLAND HUMANITY MEANS TO HEALTHY SURVIVAL ONTARIO NEEDS TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE WITH EDUCATED SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION DOUG FORD AND FRIENDS PROFIT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED before more damage is done thanks for the great work you're all doing My full support STOP THE GREENBELT STEAL  
Flora Molnar

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** michel proulx

**Sent:** September 12, 2023 11:07 PM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** Hamilton should be a self-sufficient City.

**say 'NO' to all development on the Greenbelt!  
stop all negotiations with the Province on the subject.**

David Johnson  
michel proulx  
ward 2, Hamilton.

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

From: Eileen Booty

Sent: September 13, 2023 4:09 AM

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

Subject: Greenbelt Negotiations

No negotiations with the province because Hamilton doesn't negotiate with bullies.

Thank you, E. Harris.  
Ancaster.

Sent from my iPad

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

From: Carolyn Stupple

Sent: September 13, 2023 7:12 AM

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

Subject: Development of Greenbelt (submission for September 14 Ancaster Meeting)

Why are there stakes in the ground on some of the Greenbelt areas in Hamilton?  
Why are the developers still knocking on doors, running full page ads enticing people with "affordable housing"?

City of Hamilton councillors have vote unanimously to reject the development of the Greenbelt The people of Hamilton have said "No" to development.

Species at risk have already been identified as threatened in these areas The cost to tax payers of the development and upkeep of these monster homes has not been given to the people.

All of the indigenous groups in the areas have not been allowed on all the Greenbelt land.

Archeological assessments have not been done.

The hugest area "Elfrida" has not been mentioned in the past meeting, and all these Greenbelt areas are connected in the above mentioned concerns. Birds, tree & plant, wildlife all use these areas as connecting areas, allowing species at risk to flourish through the Hamilton mountain land.

The so called "Ontario facilitator" has not been at these meetings to understand the complexity of this destruction.

You can not "reintroduce" all the species at risk -the notion is crazy, and only the developers have brought up such an idea.

If you take away the plants & trees, remove the topsoil for water mains, buildings, etc, you have little hope for wildlife to return.

Please do not allow this sell out!

We know that we have existing land already for 2 million people in areas that are already connected with water systems, waste treatment, public transportation.

Carolyn Stupple

Freelton (Hamilton, Ontario)

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

From: Laurie Galer

Sent: September 13, 2023 8:56 AM

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

Subject: Green belt development

I am unable to attend Thursdays meeting but I would like to send along my opposition to developing the green belt.

I agree with all of the many arguments against developing, including the fact that there is plenty of room within the current urban area.

I would also like to see the many empty buildings turned into affordable housing.

One laughable argument the government gives is that they will replace what they take with other green belt land. So they think they are God and create more natural space?

Laurie Galer

**From:** carole-ann  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 9:05 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Restoration

I would like my name on record that ALL the Greenbelt needs to be restored.  
Every part removed so far needs to be put back. Period!

Carole-Ann Durran

**From:** Teresa G

**Sent:** September 13, 2023 9:40 AM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Sept 14 Planning Committee Comments for Public Record

I am writing in advance of the meeting on Thursday to have my comments here added to the public agenda.

I want to add my voice to the many Hamiltonians who oppose the Ford government's attack on the Greenbelt.

Hamilton is not acquiescing to Greenbelt land removal. Council voted against this. Over 16000 Hamiltonians surveyed were against this. Yet the Ford government overrode our municipal democracy and forced incursion upon and destruction of the Greenbelt.

The damning information in the Auditor General's Integrity Commissioner's report is appalling.

I oppose development on these lands, and insist that the City of Hamilton stop all "negotiations / consultations" with the provincial facilitator.

Thank you,

Teresa Gregorio

**From:** A. Taylor  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 10:12 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Sept 14 Greenbelt meeting

Hello,

Here is my written submission for the Sept 14th Greenbelt meeting.

I am absolutely opposed to taking any land from the Greenbelt for these reasons:

1.) Our food supply will be negatively impacted.

Farmland within the Greenbelt plays a pivotal role in ensuring a stable and sustainable food supply for the Ontario. Taking valuable agricultural land out of the Greenbelt will have long-term implications for food production. Canada already imports more than 75 per cent of its fruits and vegetables. Removing any of this highly productive land in southern Ontario will only increase the country's dependency on imports. About 83 per cent of the total area removed is classified as Class 1 to Class 3 prime agricultural land, which the province's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs signifies is the highest quality and capability for agriculture.



2.) Risk to biodiversity and the environment.

The auditor general's report found the Ford government's 2022 decision to open a portion of the protected Greenbelt for development was made without consideration of environmental and agricultural risks. Altering its existing boundaries will result in adverse environmental and agricultural consequences. All of Ontario turtle species are deemed at risk already, so we need to preserve the Greenbelt as is.

3.) We don't need the Greenbelt to build housing.

The housing minister and Premier Ford say building on the Greenbelt is the only way to address Ontario's housing crisis. This government's own housing affordability task force found the main issue isn't about opening new land, but rezoning land within urban centres to allow densification. Opening the Greenbelt is not about housing, it is about profit.

Thank you,  
Annette Taylor

**From:** Elizabeth Knight

**Sent:** September 13, 2023 10:28 AM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)

**Subject:** Soil map of Book Road refutes 'sub par' claim.

Hello,

I've noticed some letters on the agenda from individuals who wish to sell their land in the former Greenbelt at Book Road. They claim that the soil is sub par. Curious because there are letters from other farmers in the same area, who are not looking to sell and who say the soil is some of the best around. And

who say that Book Road land actually rents at a price of \$350/acre. Other prices may reflect the availability of arable land in the area. Less land available may result in higher prices.

Anyone can easily check the Ministry of Ag. "soil capacity for agriculture maps" so I thought I'd show you what I found. Most of Book Road is prime land (1,2,3) and much of the rest are wetlands.

Vyn's flower farming operation was one that was adversely affected by the [crop spray behind the Garner Marsh](#) two summers ago when two farmers lost all their crops. No wonder he wants out of farming in Ancaster and is selling up. The pressures of impending urbanization like this on farmers are all the more reason why we need to hold firm to the boundaries between rural and urban activities.

Please vote to cease or pause negotiations with the Provincial facilitator. Since directing Staff to engage, new information has arisen with the AG and IC reports as well as potential investigation by the RCMP.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Knight  
Ward 12



**From:** Don Brown  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 11:13 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Delegation for the meeting in Ancaster

Hi!,

My name is Don Brown.

Please accept my "delegation" offering below for the assembly in Ancaster to-morrow evening. I'm a member of Elders For Climate Sanity, a subgroup of Hamilton350.org.

My message to the gathering,

How can you stop someone from doing something that will ultimately kill them? You cannot. Only they can stop doing what they are doing. To do so they may need some help. That's what we're here for.

We all make mistakes. The important thing about making a mistake is not that by doing so it was wrong. The important thing is what can be learned from making a mistake. This is what I hope Mr Ford and his associates will do. It seems he does not have to; I hope he does, and if he wants to we're here to help him.

This so-called « green space » does not have to lie there idle. It has a lot to offer as many have already described. Let's look at its real potential. It's here with all its wholesomeness to serve us all. Not just a few.

Respectfully submitted.

Don Brown

Nobis non desistendum est. We must not give up.

**From:** Jen G.D

**Sent:** August 28, 2023 2:52 PM

**To:** Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Steve <[Steve.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [letters@thespec.com](mailto:letters@thespec.com); [info@gasp4change.org](mailto:info@gasp4change.org)

**Subject:** Greenbelt survey missing no option

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

Thank you kindly for your time,  
Concerned citizen

**From:** Marina  
**Sent:** September 12, 2023 5:30 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Re: Greenbelt development

Hi,

I would like to voice my concerns about the development planned on the greenbelt

It is my opinion and others including farmers and environmentalists that valuable farmland with rich soil should not be ploughed up to build homes.

Once we lose this land we cannot produce our own local crops and grow what we need.

We will be at the mercy of foreign importers with high food prices and shortages of food.

Land for building homes is not lacking. Municipalities have Urban planners who plan development and housing on land they know is suitable for their needs.

Simply ignoring the will of the people and local government and pushing this through is shocking and undemocratic.

The greenbelt serves as an environmental buffer to provide habitats for wildlife and also for watershed management.

The taxpayers of Hamilton and their future generations will carry the burden of funding luxury mansions for the rich.

The only winners are the few developers getting large payouts and paying no development charges for this great deal. The large profit they make on this land will not be passed on to our city or taxpayers.

Rent control and preventing greedy corporations from renovations for profit by raising rents would be one step to stop residents losing their rental homes.

We have places people can rent but they are out priced just like these greenbelt mansions will be without controls.

Please consider our opinions and save this valuable land from being torn up.

Thank you

Marina

**From:** H Millar

**Sent:** September 13, 2023 11:47 AM

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

**Subject:** written submission to Greenbelt meeting Sept 14/23

To City Clerk of Hamilton

Please accept my written input into the Sept 14, 2023 City of Hamilton Planning Meeting regarding the removal of lands from the Greenbelt.

The Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner have both made it quite clear that it is not necessary to remove lands from the Greenbelt in order to address Ontario's current housing crisis. There is sufficient vacant land that could be developed - land that has existing infrastructure, roads and transit. Premier Ford wants us to believe that the studies regarding available lands for development are out of date and do not reflect the current increases in Ontario's population but this is simply not true. He implies that allowing the Greenbelt lands to be

developed into housing will allow young couples to be able to purchase a 'starter home' in Ontario, which is another bold faced lie that plays on the desperation of those who are struggling to attain housing. I am saddened that we have a Premier who could stoop to these kinds of shameful tactics.

Hamilton citizens have already spoken loudly and clearly that they do not want lands taken from the Greenbelt, and Hamilton City council agreed. Now the Ford government wants to override the mandate from the City of Hamilton, which is not only undemocratic to Hamilton residents but will also bring untold financial costs to Hamilton taxpayers who will be paying for the infrastructure needed to develop Greenbelt lands into luxury housing developments. Even the study group put together by the Ford government has stated that it is not necessary to use Greenbelt lands to achieve the government's housing development goals.

But this deal was never about housing. This deal is about greed, pure and simple.

The land deals engineered by the Ford government and the favoured developers have been carried out without proper consultation with the citizens of Ontario and Indigenous leaders. It's a deal that involves hidden mandates and secret backroom schemes with developers. The whole process reeks of corruption, and the more details that are uncovered, the worse it stinks. And now, Mr Ford has proposed a 'solution' that the Greenbelt development decision should be reviewed by the newly appointed Housing Minister - the person who is leading the very department that made these decisions in the first place.

This Greenbelt land swap scheme should be reversed and the Greenbelt lands should be returned to their designated status. As a Hamilton resident I wish to express to city council that it is my hope that they will do everything in their power to stop this development. Please use whatever permit approval delays or rezoning approval roadblocks or lawsuits that can be implemented to halt or slow this travesty of justice that is about to be carried out by the Ford government.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns about this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

Heather Millar  
Ward 2 resident

**From:** Tom Morelli  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 11:57 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Book Road Lands

The development of this area should incorporate City needs with the type of housing required to sustain future expansion requirements. This should not be just left up to developers but their plans must be fully approved by council. This includes building infrastructure (water, sewage, roads, etc) that not only facilitate the primary development of these lands but also for future expansion of residential, commercial, parks, etc. If there is a requirement to connect to current city infrastructure, developers should also be responsible for improving that current infrastructure (if needed) in order to facilitate these new communities and possible future expansion of these communities.

Ancaster has by far the lowest percentage of affordable housing of any other area in Hamilton. If the Ontario government is saying that we need more affordable housing, then the City should ensure that the developers plans incorporate that objective. The City of Hamilton needs to get lands ready for building these types of homes as well as other types. The longer this is delayed, the more expensive current properties will become (making it even harder for people to buy a home), especially with the large numbers that are expected to arrive in this province within the next few years.

Tom Morelli

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

From: Yvonne Sutherland-Case  
Sent: September 13, 2023 11:58 AM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Subject: Greenbelt lands removal

Attention: Planning Committee, City of Hamilton

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

In the face of recent scathing reports from the Integrity Commissioner and Auditor General regarding the nefarious behaviour of the Ford government in relation to the removal of lands from the Greenbelt and



the billions of dollars in profits made by connected developers, we must collectively act to protect this land for future generations to enjoy. Let's say no to sprawl and costly un-necessary infrastructure. Let's prevent further loss of our farmland and protect food production in Ontario. Let's focus on city densification within Hamilton's urban boundary and not in lands removed from the Greenbelt with no due process; no consultation with Indigenous leaders; no consultation with farmers or the citizens of Hamilton. Let's do what we can to mitigate climate change, protect wildlife, wetlands and farmlands.

I plead with City Council to immediately seek a judicial review of Ford's Greenbelt land removal or at the very least, await results of RCMP's investigation before proceeding with any development in these lands.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Yvonne Sutherland-Case  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** H Millar  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 12:01 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** written submission for Greenbelt meeting

To City Clerk of Hamilton

Please accept my written input into the Sept 14, 2023 City of Hamilton Planning Meeting regarding the removal of lands from the Greenbelt.

In light of current reports from the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner, it is of the utmost importance that the City of Hamilton use every tool in their toolkit to stop the Ford government from this unscrupulous scheme.

Hamilton citizens have already spoken loudly and clearly that they want the Greenbelt lands to retain their protected status. There is already more than enough vacant land throughout Ontario to achieve sufficient housing development. The Auditor General says so, the Integrity Commissioner says so, and The Ford government's own housing strategy planning group says so. So why are Greenbelt lands being sold off for the sole purpose of financially benefiting a few select developers???

This Greenbelt land swap scheme should be reversed and the Greenbelt lands should be returned to their designated status. As a Hamilton resident I wish to express to the city council that it is my hope that they will do everything in their power to stop this development.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns about this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

Douglas Millar  
Ward 2 resident

**From:** rand robichaud  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 12:53 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Protect the Green Belt

Protecting the Green Belt and reserving it as an environmental buffer and for farming means our cities will have an option for a more sustainable food supply. Looking forward we see a world we can no longer depend on for food and energy as we for instance move toward renewables and less carbon emissions. Supply chains are important but may prove unreliable and or more expensive in time of crisis.

It appears the financial and building industry are poised to benefit from building houses on farm land. In the short term it may boost the economy but building on farmland is not the only answer. Please consider other options. Let's further define the problem and consider everything we already have in place in providing a solution.

**From:** Claim Your Voice Studios  
**Sent:** September 13, 2023 2:17 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** NO to expansion into Greenbelt

To whom it may concern,

Am lending my voice to once again say "no" to building over the Greenbelt.

I continue to be mystified by the Provincial government's inability to see that this does not address the affordable housing crisis, that our city planners have discerned that we currently have enough land available within current urban boundaries (with infrastructure already in place), the lack of foresight about where our food will come from if we pave over our farmland, AND the long term health impact if we destroy the biodiversity that surrounds us.

Have courage and vision to do what is right, and re-think what "profit" is to be gained here....wealth in the hands of a few, or the well-being of a whole community!

Sincerely,  
Susan Crowe Connolly

**From:** Catherine Weir

**Sent:** September 13, 2023 3:45 PM

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**Subject:** September 14th planning committee

To our councillors and planning committee,

We, as Hamilton citizens are asking that you, as a city council and as planners, **REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PROVINCIAL FACILITATOR** on the issue of the greenbelt land development. The integrity commissioner has proven that the underhanded approach the government has taken has not followed due process and we need to push back on this lack of a democratic process.

It has been proven that the city has enough existing space to meet the requirements for housing that the province has stipulated for our area. It is unnecessary to build on these greenbelt lands that have been taken. We are asking that you fight on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton to demand Premier Ford do the right thing and give back the greenbelt land!

Sincerely,  
Catherine and David Weir

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**Subject:** Sept 14 Planning Committee

Regarding the upcoming "consultation" on Greenbelt land development:

Given the damning report on the provincial government's unethical manner of unlocking greenbelt lands, the resignation of two government officials, and the ongoing RCMP investigation into possible criminal charges, it would be wrong for the city of Hamilton to cooperate with provincial counterparts in any way that would effect these lands or their development. It would be unethical to be complicit with the provincial proceedings given the backdrop of corruption.

It is clear that the people of Hamilton disagree with this attack on rural/greenbelt lands. We should use every effort and action to prevent this unethical development, and save our lands.

Thank you.

Mark Forler  
Dundas

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

From: John Roy Lawrence John Roy

Sent: September 13, 2023 4:53 PM

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

Subject: Comments re Green Belt Additions

1. The city should freeze all negotiations about this area as it is deeply involved in a corrupt process.
2. These area needs to be returned to the Green Belt.
3. HOWEVER: In the event the present government lasts long enough to force the development of these lands here are the conditions and benefits I want to see.

- a. Not a single tree with a trunk over over 10 cm. diameter removeds. Even smaller trunk size can be designated for rare species of shrubs etc.
- b. Absolutely to paving over, burying, culverting or channelling of any existing stream beds including ones that just flow seasonally. All streambeds must be kept in their natural state as far back from the actual watercourse as necessary.
- c. No filling in or "relocation" (i.e. destruction) of any wetland areas.
- d. This land must be reserved for true affordable housing including City Housing Geared- to-income rental properties and housing units that a family with less than \$50,000 gross income can afford. to either rent or buy on favourable terms.

This is the only criteria for affordability and will meet the needs of the people being priced out of the market by the developers who want to profit from this land.

The whole focus should be on the bottom 25% of the income distribution. If the developers can't do this the land should be given back.

I am pretty sure if the City insists on all these conditions it can stall negotiation long enough to wait out the current government and can at the very least shame them into protecting as much of these lands as possible.

One additional piece of information that might be useful to the Ontario government and the developers: Given the strong opposition to removal of the land from the Greenbelt are they prepared to go ahead in

the face of a strong campaign of civil disobedience which will make the BC rainforest protests look like a school picnic? I don't live near the land in question but I would certainly look forward to being arrested in their defence.

Best Regards

John Roy

Hamilton Ontario

**From:** Harrison Ioannou

**Sent:** September 13, 2023 5:00 PM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>

**Cc:** Allan Scully

**Subject:** Comment Letter Regarding - Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan – Book Road Lands

Good afternoon,

In advance of the Special Meeting of Planning Committee, kindly find attached comment letter regarding the Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Book Road Lands).

We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Best regards,  
Harrison

HARRISON IOANNOU, MREI, Senior Development Manager



September 12, 2023

City of Hamilton Planning Committee  
c/o Legislative Coordinator, Planning Committee  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor,  
Hamilton, Ontario,  
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**Re: Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan – Book Road Lands**

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I am submitting this letter on behalf of Calloway Real Estate Investment Trust Inc. ("SmartCentres") who is the owner of the property known municipally as 1051 Garner Road West, Ancaster ("SmartCentres Ancaster"). This is in response to the request for public input on development objectives and community benefits related to Provincial Amendments to the Book Road Lands, in advance of the Special Meeting of Planning Committee on September 14, 2023.

SmartCentres has been a long standing corporate member of the Hamilton community dating back over 25 years. Over these years, SmartCentres has built approximately 1.75M square feet of commercial space in Hamilton, representing an investment on our part of over \$600M to-date.

SmartCentres Ancaster (1051 Garner Road West) is a retail shopping centre located near the Book Road Lands, at the intersection of Garner Road and Shaver Road. The shopping centre includes approximately 300,000 square feet of retail space including grocery, shopping, restaurant, and personal service uses. The shopping centre is an essential amenity critical to the nearby community.

It is understood that the Province's intent for the Book Road Lands is that they be developed into predominately residential uses.

The area is currently over-served by retail commercial. Any additional retail commercial uses in the area would be detrimental to the existing retail within the neighborhood, including the shopping



centre at 1051 Garner Road West. In order to minimize any impact on the competitive balance of the existing retail and commercial uses serving the community, we encourage the City and Province to limit the size and scale of any new retail and commercial uses within the Book Road Lands to small neighbourhood serving convenience retail and commercial uses, should development of the Book Road Lands proceed.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Harrison Ioannou

**From:** Jan Barton

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**Subject:** Maple Tree Farm Perspective on the Greenbelt Issue

**Importance:** High

Dear Hamilton Council,

We attended the Public Open House at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, which as you know was very well attended with line-ups at both mics to speak. We were unable to provide our input on the community benefits we would like to see on our lands and, unfortunately, we are now unable to attend the Planning Committee meeting tomorrow. Following is our input for your consideration as you deliberate.

We grew up in this area, my small family home was on Twenty Road East, seven houses in from Hwy 6, and directly in the flight path to Hamilton airport. After 43 years in our family home, my parents moved to Twenty Place, on Twenty Road West, a wonderful retirement village built on a farmland developed by Spallacci Homes. We bought Maple Tree Farm on Book Road West over 12 years ago, thankful that we were able to be the next owners and stewards of this beautiful 105 acres of mostly Carolinian Forest, so close to our family roots. We have learned to produce maple syrup here, our maple syrup has been shipped to over 50 countries in the world. We contracted Trees Unlimited to evaluate our forest and develop a 'Managed Forest Plan' to care for it and ensure its ongoing health.

So, with a combination of our intimate knowledge of this area, living in and loving the 'country' and nature, directly experiencing the benefits of farmland development through my parents' close move, and appreciating the proximity to the expanding airport, we knew the possibility of development loomed for this farm. However, five years after our purchase, in 2016, we were surprised when our lands *were put into the greenbelt with no consultation*. We attended public meetings to learn more, disheartened to learn that with our agricultural and greenbelt designations the physical footprint was locked down. Not that we intended to grow as a farm at the time, but we would not be able to grow if we wanted to. Nor could we benefit more from our back 20+ acres that are farmed by a local farmer for a mere \$1,000 a year (not even \$50/acre – not what we would call prime farmland!).

When the announcement was made by Doug Ford last October that our lands would now be removed from the greenbelt, we were not surprised but sad because we have created a very special community-gathering place for family and friends here on this farm. But we understand the logic. Once we settled with the reality of development all around us, we thought the best thing for us now is to contribute to building a **VISION** for a beautiful community development on this land that we love.

We partnered with our neighbour to the east of us to engage an expert community planner with Better Neighbourhoods Development Consultants. Attached please find a report that aims to detail the possibilities for development on our lands, including community benefits; the report was informed and qualified by Paul Robertson from Trees Unlimited and Barry Myler, an Ecological Consultant.

Our request is simple, this is a unique parcel of land that is not prime farmland and is situated with development all around us, let's make this a model community development that Hamiltonians can benefit from and cherish for years to come. A favourite quote of ours summarizes our input to you by Eleanor Roosevelt, *"the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

All the best with your meeting and thank you in advance for considering our input for this precious land.

*Warmly,*  
*Jan*

Jan Barton  
**Maple Tree Farm**

Jim and Jan Barton  
579 Book Road West Hamilton,  
ON

April 11, 2023

Dear Jim and Jan Barton,

I am writing to provide you with information about the developable acreage on lots 539 and 579 Book Road West in Hamilton, ON. The subject properties offer a unique opportunity for land development because of their proximity to the urban boundary and servicing, as well as their recent removal from the Greenbelt Plan. The developable acreage of these properties also presents a promising opportunity to address the pressing need for housing in Ontario.

The subject properties consist of approximately 60 hectares, or 130 acres of land, and contain two single-detached dwellings and several accessory buildings associated with agricultural use. The western lot features a maple tree farm, while both sites contain a watercourse with wetland features, and both sites contain active agricultural lands.



*Figure 1: Subject Lands – 2020 Aerial Imagery*

According to the Hamilton Rural Official Plan, the lands in question have been designated as Agriculture and Natural Heritage System. In accordance with Hamilton's zoning by-law, the lands have been zoned as Agriculture (A1) and Conservation/Hazard Land Rural (P7).



Figure 2: Subject Lands – Zoning By-law

To enable the construction of residential properties on the land through a plan of subdivision or vacant land condominium, it is necessary to amend both the Official Plan and Zoning designations of the subject lands, ensuring that their development potential is properly recognized, while at the same time more accurately representing and thereby preserving the natural heritage features of the site. As will be shown below, given the site's constraints, there are approximately 68.4 developable acres in total (see Appendix A).

## 539 and 579 Book Road West

As discussed above, one benefit of 539 and 579 Book Road West is their proximity to Hamilton's urban boundary and municipal services along Shaver Road, which includes water and wastewater services that terminate approximately 188 meters north of the site (see Appendix B). This presents an opportunity for reducing servicing costs in an otherwise rural, un-serviced area. Additionally, the other lands east of the subject sites that have been removed from the Greenbelt Plan could also have as their closest municipal service tie-in through 539 & 537 Book Road West, further enhancing the value of 539 and 579 Book Road West for residential development.

As well, the potential development lots are located approximately 1km from commercial amenities along Garner Road. This allows ease of access to businesses along Garner and Shaver Road and can stimulate economic activity, as well as more active lifestyles such as walking or cycling to commercial amenities rather than driving.

In addition to the advantage of proximity to urban service levels, the two lots joined as one development parcel would provide an even greater opportunity for development. By combining the two lots into one developable area, there would be a larger area to work with, which would allow for more flexibility in the type and scale of development. It would also be possible to design a more efficient and cost-effective servicing system that could accommodate the needs of the entire development. This could include shared infrastructure such as water, sewage, and stormwater management systems.

In addition, by combining the two lots, it would also be possible to create a more efficient and effective garbage collection system, which could result in cost savings and reduce the environmental impact of the development.

Finally, from a site circulation perspective, joining the two lots could also result in greater flexibility in terms of designing internal roadways and access points, which can improve the flow of traffic and reduce congestion within the development.

Overall, combining the two rural lots into one development parcel has the potential to result in a more efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable development, which can benefit both the developer and the surrounding community.

## Environmental Constraints

The site is impacted by lands the municipality has designated with conservation protections. These natural features include one or more watercourses with wetland features, floodplain associated with the watercourse, a maple tree farm, and an abandoned orchard.

The forested area under conservation protection that bisects the two lots at the north-east corner should not be subject to natural heritage protections.



*Figure 2: Subject Lands – Abandoned orchard (green), Watercourse (blue)*

Although protecting and preserving natural heritage features is crucial, it's equally essential to ensure that these protections are based on accurate and current information about the ecological value of the area in question. The green forested area is not ecologically valuable but rather an abandoned fruit orchard that has been overtaken by invasive species. Therefore, pending verification through an Environmental Impact Study, it would be appropriate to lift the natural heritage protections on this area and instead establish a native vegetation protection zone around the other natural heritage features. This would enable the development of the site to make the best use of the land and maximize its potential, while also safeguarding any significant natural heritage features.

Furthermore, the watercourse and its associated floodplain pose a minor challenge for development but can be easily resolved through engineering solutions and proper setbacks. Services can be extended through directional drilling with minimal impact to the feature, while a sensitively designed crossing could be easily developed as part of site design.

Additionally, the presence of the maple tree woodland and watercourse can be a significant selling point for a residential development. The natural beauty of the surroundings would be amplified, contributing to the development's aesthetic appeal. The woodland and watercourse would serve as habitats for various wildlife species and enhance the ecological health of the area, fostering a sense of community and shared environmental responsibility. Overall, these features provide an attractive and desirable living environment.

In addition, residential development would be a better use abutting the remaining natural heritage areas than would active agricultural lands for several reasons. First, the areas at the woodland edge are exposed to active agriculture operations and can be prone to invasives, degradation and fragmentation. It would be more practical to create a native species buffer at the edge of the forested area. As well, the residential development can be designed to incorporate green spaces and natural features, such as the forested area, into the development and ensure appropriate protections in a subdivision or condominium agreement. This can provide residents with access to natural amenities and recreational opportunities while also preserving the forested area, while also helping to reduce the fragmentation of the forested area by creating a buffer between the forest and other land uses. This can help to maintain the ecological integrity of the forest and reduce the negative impacts of adjacent land uses.

It is recommended that the potential development plan also would include several measures to minimize the impact of development on the environment, including:

- Completion of an Environmental Impact Study to accurately classify the quality and function of areas that have been zoned with restrictive protections;
- Preservation of existing natural heritage features through the establishment of appropriate setbacks and buffers;
- Implementation of best management practices for stormwater management and erosion and sediment control;
- Preservation of wildlife habitat through the implementation of appropriate measures such as restoration of woodland edge;
- Development of a trail network that promotes active transportation, community engagement with the forest's preservation, and outdoor recreation.



## Community Benefits

The development at these two sites would have community benefits. At Better Neighbourhoods, we specialize in New Urbanist-inspired land use development. A development that uses New Urbanist principles can have several community benefits, including:

- **Integrated Land Uses:** New Urbanist developments prioritize mixed-use development, which integrates residential, commercial, and public spaces. This can encourage more walking, biking, and transit use, reducing car dependency, and promoting a sense of community among residents.
- **Diverse Housing Typologies:** New Urbanist developments typically include a variety of housing types, from single-family homes to townhouses and apartments. This can help to create a more diverse and inclusive community, with residents from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds.
- **Complete Community:** By prioritizing pedestrian-friendly streets, public spaces, and community amenities like parks and gathering spaces, New Urbanist developments can create a more vibrant and connected community. This can foster a sense of belonging and help to build social capital, leading to stronger community engagement and more opportunities for collaboration.
- **Sustainable Development:** New Urbanist developments are often designed to be environmentally sustainable, with features like green roofs, rain gardens, and energy-efficient buildings. This can help to reduce the development's environmental impact and make it a more desirable place to live.

In addition to providing needed housing, the development's proximity to a mature maple tree farm can offer ecological and economic benefits to the community. The maple tree farm can serve as a natural area for residents to enjoy and appreciate, while also providing potential opportunities for agricultural or tourism activities that can generate local revenue and support local businesses.

The development's proximity to recreational opportunities, such as the nearby golf club with pickleball and clubhouse services, can also offer significant benefits to the community. Access to recreational opportunities can promote physical activity, social engagement, and overall well-being among residents, while also providing a gathering place for community members to come together and connect.

## Conclusion

It is recommended that the Official Plan and Zoning designations be amended to enable construction of residential development at 539 & 579 Book Road West.

- Factoring in environmental setbacks and natural heritage areas, lots 539 and 579 Book Road West in Hamilton, ON, have an approximate developable acreage of 68.4 acres or 27.72097 hectares.
- The properties were recently removed from the Greenbelt Plan and are close to the urban boundary, making them ideal for land development.
- Combining the two lots into one developable area would provide greater flexibility in the type and scale of development and enable a more efficient and cost-effective servicing system.
- The site's are approximately 1km from commercial amenities along Garner and Shaver Road.
- The forested area that bisects the two lots is currently overrun with invasive plant species and should not be subject to natural heritage protections.
- The potential plan would include measures to minimize the impact of development on the environment, preserve existing natural heritage features, and promote active transportation and outdoor recreation.
- The development's proximity to recreational opportunities and a maple tree farm can offer significant benefits to the community.
- With proper zoning and accessibility, the developable acreage of the properties presents a promising opportunity to address the pressing need for housing in Ontario.

I trust that the information provided above is to your satisfaction, and should you have any further inquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Godfrey', written in a cursive style.

Nicholas Godfrey, MA, MCIP, RPP

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**Subject:** Provincial Facilitator

Good Day,

I will be delegating in person at Thursday's Planning Dept. meeting and would like to offer you a preview of why I have decided to do so.

Planning Department's negotiations with the land developers and the Provincial Facilitator fly in the face of the democratic will of the majority of Hamiltonians. This has been demonstrated by surveys as well as by the massive turnout at the Information Session last week.

Equally importantly, the Department's participation in this blackmail scheme by the Ford government plays into the hands of an administration that has proven itself repeatedly and on many fronts to be untrustworthy and undemocratic.

Hamilton needs to hold the line, and that will be my request in my delegation to Planning tomorrow. I sincerely hope for your support as a Councillor.

Kathleen Livingston  
Ward IV

## Hamilton

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent..." – Calvin Coolidge

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**Subject:** Former Greenbelt Lands - Special Meeting of Planning Committee Thursday September 14, 2023

I am writing to submit my comments as part of the current City of Hamilton consultations.

I remain opposed to opening the Greenbelt lands for development as planned by the Province of Ontario. I have previously submitted my rationale on the import of a permanent Greenbelt with ecological integrity, the reality that available land does not constitute the crux of the housing affordability crisis, and the poor governance and consultation processes involved to the Mayor and our local councillor, along with my position on maintaining Council's decision regarding the urban boundary. I speak from a position of some knowledge as a former Chair of the Greenbelt Foundation and Greenbelt Fund. The recent Provincial Auditor General and Integrity Commissioner reports re-enforce my concerns substantively and in terms of process. These concerns exist as fundamental principles which become exacerbated by the site specific inappropriateness of proposals to develop within the NES noise sensitivity zones surrounding the Hamilton International airport and its 24/7 cargo operations.

Given the City's opposition to removal of the Greenbelt lands as confirmed by Council motion, I believe Council should reiterate its position considering these reports. Given the proposed Greenbelt Plan review, which also comes fraught with peril, Council should request the lands be returned to the Greenbelt as per the Auditor General's key and final recommendation, and Council should request deferral of the current provincial facilitator process at least until the reviewer and parameters of the broader review become known and publicly available. Council should be prepared with its community benefit positions but participation in 'rigged negotiations' should be on hold.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Jan Whitelaw

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**Sent:** September 13, 2023 9:40 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Former Greenbelt Lands - Special Meeting of Planning Committee Thursday September 14, 2023

To All:

I am writing to submit my comments as part of the current City of Hamilton consultations.

**I am and will continue to remain opposed to opening the Greenbelt lands for development as planned by the Province of Ontario.**

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**Mark S. Rudolph**  
President & CEO

"There are no sides... Only solutions."



**From:** Kathleen Kennedy  
**Sent:** September 14, 2023 9:43 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Greenbelt Land Development - \*\*Under Protest\*\*

I have a couple of suggestions to add to the Planning Meeting for tonight:

It is not clear to me at this time who is required to pay for the infrastructure to develop these lands, but I would suggest that the City of Hamilton require the developer(s) to pay for said infrastructure.

In my previous submission I suggested that the City negotiate greenspace, but I would like to elaborate and suggest that the developer keep as much of the natural heritage as possible and include hiking trails.

Also, I don't know the timing of the proposed meeting with the Provincial Facilitator, but I would suggest delaying the meeting as long as possible since the legislature is returning next week and there could potentially be new developments on the Greenbelt land swap, and we don't yet know what is happening with a potential RCMP investigation.

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

[Certified Breakthrough Coach](#)

Owner,  
Kathleen Kennedy Consulting

From: John Corbett  
Sent: September 14, 2023 10:09 AM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Subject: Special Planning Committee Submission

Please find attached correspondence. Thank you

**From:** bill.pearce bill.pearce

**Sent:** September 14, 2023 11:02 AM

**To:** Thorne, Jason <[Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca)>; Robichaud, Steve <[Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca](mailto:Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca)>; Toman, Charlie <[Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca](mailto:Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>; [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org); [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org); [donna.skelly@pc.ola.org](mailto:donna.skelly@pc.ola.org)

**Subject:** Greenbelt and Airport Issues

Councillor Cassar's office recommended I send this email (which I sent to Councillor Cassar on September 2nd), to all city councillors and appropriate staff.

Councillor Cassar: I read with great interest the Sep. 2nd Spectator Article about removing Greenbelt lands and airport noise restrictions. A bit of history is needed here. In the 1990s I was director of Strategic Planning, part of the Environment Department of the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth (C.V. attached). My division was responsible for the preparation of the 1995 Regional Official Plan. One of it's provisions was a land use designation called "Airport Influence Area" (AIA) which identified an area where land uses that could conflict with airport operations were prohibited. It was based in part on noise complaint information that we were aware of since Planning had been for a short time responsible for Hamilton Airport operations.

We had very little faith in the NEF contours as they existed at that time since they seemed to bear little relevance to noise complaint information. How noise affects humans is very subjective. Some people are more sensitive to noise than others. Winds, air density and vegetation are factors that affect noise. As an example, we were getting noise complaints from areas near Brantford which resulted in a change to flight departure patterns. On a personal note, I live in the Garner/Kitty Murray Lane area and can hear planes taking off from and landing at the airport (as I write this email, I've heard at least three planes take off or fly near/over my home).

Since I left the employ of the Region in late 2000, shortly before amalgamation, I don't know how the AIA was treated in subsequent iterations of the official plan which eventually morphed into the City of Hamilton Official Plan. I was pleased to note that the Spectator article recognized the need to protect airport operations. The airport is of significant economic importance and anything that could jeopardize it's operation, including potential land use conflicts, must be avoided.

Residential developers will try to marginalize any protection policies by trying to minimize the impact of noise through their own consultant studies and support of mitigation actions such as construction sound proofing, and warnings on title (if that's still allowed). However, that won't stop future home owners from complaining to the airport operator and local councillor about airport noise and subsequent pressure to alter airport operations (e.g. banning night flights). The best way to protect the airport operations is to simply not allow these types of land use conflicts - no compromise.

Regards - Bill Pearce

Mary Allen  
September 14, 2023

To the Clerk City of Hamilton,

I'm writing today to add my voice to that of many Hamiltonians who wish to comment at the City of Hamilton Planning Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, regarding removal of lands from the Greenbelt.

The recent reports from the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner make public what a lot of Hamiltonians have known all along – that the provincial government is not acting to support local communities, but rather a group of developers who stand to make billions of dollars from this action and have/will add to Tory coffers in return. This level of corruption won't be overlooked by Hamiltonians, despite the Ford government's insistence it is only focused on providing housing. Housing for who, and what kind of housing is a key issue that has been neglected in this "discussion" – Hamilton needs affordable housing for people in the inner city, not mega mansions that seem to be the development norm in the GTA.

I have no faith that the provincial government is open to fair public consultation on housing issues, rather they have already taken action behind closed doors that will have significant impact on our local environment and Ontario as a whole for years to come. I would urge City Council to discontinue futile discussions with the provincial government on removal of lands from the Greenbelt. Hamilton has demonstrated that it can build its provincially mandated budget of new units through densification and other strategies. The Greenbelt Grab is undemocratic, unproductive, and illegal; it's time to say Hamilton will not play at begging for favours when the real game is returning all lands removed from the Greenbelt back into protection.

Mary Allen  
Ward 1 resident



September 13, 2023

Chair and Members of Planning Committee  
The Corporation of the City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street South  
Hamilton, Ontario

**RE: SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2023  
PROVINCIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE GREENBELT PLAN  
BOOK ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

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Corbett Land Strategies (CLS) represents the generational landowners in the Book Road community and has done so since 2015. Prior to that date, the Book Road landowners actively participated in the City's various official plan and municipal comprehensive review processes to properly plan for their community and were participants in associated Ontario Municipal Board proceedings. They are not a group of land development companies or home builders but are a group of private citizens that wish to actively protect their family interests in the City's planning process and engage with the City in this important community building opportunity. This group remains active today.

The group wishes to draw Committee's attention to the correspondence prepared by their then legal counsel to the Honorable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (dated October 31 2016), as attached to this correspondence. This letter provides a comprehensive chronology of events that led to the inappropriate and unjustified inclusion of the Book Road area into the Greenbelt Plan in 2016. In fact, the residents commissioned environmental, agricultural and airport noise reports to confirm that the lands should remain outside the Greenbelt and be considered for urban development purposes to meet long term growth needs of the municipality.

Despite these efforts, the letter from legal counsel identifies specific elements of procedural unfairness, prematurity of decision making and legitimate expectation that due process would be followed to establish proper planning and scientific rationale for inclusion of these lands in the Greenbelt Plan. The Book Road residents were never afforded any response to these issues and their collective future continues to be significantly compromised.

The recent actions by the current Provincial government to remove these lands from the Greenbelt offers an opportunity to remedy the procedural unfairness of the 2016 decision and

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re-introduce these lands as a meaningful community building solution to the housing crisis that now confronts the City of Hamilton.

I would urge Planning Committee and City Council to support discussions with the office of the Provincial Facilitator to maximize the community development potential of this area.

Respectfully submitted,

*John B. Corbett*

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*John B. Corbett, MCIP, RPP*  
*President, Corbett Land Strategies.*

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MUNICIPAL, PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT LAW

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Sent by Delivery and E-mail

The Honourable Bill Mauro  
Land Use Planning Review  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs  
Ontario Growth Secretariat  
777 Bay Street, Suite 425 (4th Floor)  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Attention: Cindy Tan, Manager

Dear Minister Mauro:

**Re: Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review:  
Proposed Amendment to Greenbelt Area Boundary Regulation  
(EBR Registry Number 012-7198)  
Proposed Greenbelt Plan (2016) (EBR Registry Number 012-7195)  
Comments by the Book Road West Landowners Group**

We are counsel to the Book Road West Landowners Group (the "BRWLG") in connection with the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review (the "Co-ordinated Review"), including the proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (Ontario Regulation 59/05) (the "Proposed Greenbelt Area") and the proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan 2005 (the "Proposed Greenbelt Plan") (jointly referred to as the "Proposals").

The BRWLG is a group of over 120 landowners, with land holdings of approximately 1400 acres located in south-central Hamilton. The majority of these owners are generational landowners who utilize their lands for the operation of farms and other small businesses. The BRWLG land holdings are generally bounded by Garner Road West to the north, Concession 1 south of Book Road West to the south, Fiddlers Green Road to the east and Shaver Road to the West (the "Book Road West Lands"). The Book Road West Lands presently form part of the area known as the "Whitebelt" in the City of Hamilton (the "City").

The Minister of Municipal Affairs (the "Minister") is proposing to designate the Book Road West Lands as Protected Countryside within the Greenbelt Plan (Site 4), and to amend the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation to facilitate the proposed revisions to the Greenbelt Plan boundary. Our client has serious concerns about the appropriateness of the Proposals for two central reasons:





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1. **Lack of Procedural Fairness.** The duty of fairness requires that the Book Road West Lands not be added to the Greenbelt Plan or the Greenbelt Area until such time, and unless, the technical/scientific and planning merits for the addition are fully examined and established. Such merits have not been established to date, therefore the proposals are arbitrary. There is no urgency to adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area, since the City may request the Minister to make such addition in the future, outside of the 10-year review. On the other hand, the BRWLG has no right to appeal a decision of the Lieutenant Governor in Council that would have the effect of adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan or the Greenbelt Area. The addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan will significantly impact the interests of the BRWLG.
2. **Prematurity.** Adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area at this time may prejudice the City's ability to achieve the growth objectives of the proposed *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2016* (the "Proposed Growth Plan").

For the foregoing reasons, our client hereby requests that the Minister recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council a Proposed Greenbelt Plan and a Proposed Greenbelt Area that does not include the Book Road West Lands.

Alternatively, our client hereby requests that the Minister provide it with the reasons for the Proposals, as they apply to the Book Road West Lands, and appoint a hearing officer to conduct a hearing with respect to the Proposed Greenbelt Plan and Proposed Greenbelt Area in that regard.

It is acknowledged at the outset that several of the members of the BRWLG have made comments to the Minister on the Proposals, in their capacity as individual landowners. It is not the intention of the within comments to supercede or derogate in any manner from any one of those individual's comments. The within comments are intended in all cases to be read as being in addition to, and complimentary to, the individual's comments.

## **Background**

### ***The Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review and the Proposed Greenbelt Plan***

1. The Advisory Panel for the Co-ordinated Review addresses the matter of "Growing the Greenbelt" in Section 9.1.1 of its recommendations report titled *Planning For Health, Prosperity and Growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe: 2015-2014* (the "Provincial Recommendations Report"). The panel notes that it is considering two policy approaches to the expansion of the Greenbelt - (1) *extending the Protected Countryside to protect areas of critical ecological and hydrological significance*, and (2) *including major urban river valleys ...* (emphasis added) (page 148)



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2. As to the Protected Countryside designation, the Advisory Panel specifically contemplates that developing a rationale for expansions of the Greenbelt Plan may require that a longer term exercise or investigation occur:

*The panel recognizes that examining potential areas and providing the rationale to support Greenbelt expansions may be a longer-term exercise in some cases. However, based on information from stakeholders, background research, data from related initiatives (e.g., source protection plans) and recommendations from the Niagara Escarpment Commission, we believe there are some significant areas, particularly with respect to water (e.g. significant recharge areas) that could be added during the Co-ordinated Review. (emphasis added) (page 150)*

3. With respect to **Provincially-led processes** to identify possible boundary expansions, the Advisory Panel made the following recommendation (Recommendation 71), which sets out the many technical, scientific, and planning matters that such a process should investigate:

*Establish a Provincially led process, in consultation with the Niagara Escarpment Commission, municipalities, conservation authorities, stakeholders and the public, to grow the Greenbelt (including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation and Niagara Escarpment Plan areas) beyond its current boundary using a systems approach, based on areas of ecological and hydrological significance where urbanization should not occur, with consideration for:*

- *Protection of areas that sequester and store carbon or protect and improve resilience to climate change*
- *Rural source water protection priorities (i.e. not in settlement areas)*
- *Protection of adjoining areas of critical hydrological significance, such as important surface water areas, key headwaters, moraines, groundwater recharge areas, highly vulnerable aquifers and areas where stress on groundwater quantity may require further study*
- *Natural heritage systems as defined by municipalities and conservation authorities, with support for further studies and mapping where required*
- *Publically owned lands (municipal, conservation authority, provincial, federal) that meet natural resource criteria for growing the Greenbelt ...*
- *Minimizing negative impacts on agricultural viability ... (emphasis added) (page 150)*

4. The Proposed Greenbelt Plan includes a policy that reflects the above recommendation (Policy 5.7.1.2) in the section titled Growing the Greenbelt, which is divided into sections for Protected Countryside, Urban River Valleys, and Municipal Requests. Policy 5.7.1.2 relates to the Protected Countryside specifically with respect to Provincially-led amendments to add lands:



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*The Province shall lead a process to identify potential areas to be added to the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt, working with municipalities, conservation authorities and other key stakeholders. This identification shall build upon the systems approach of the Greenbelt Plan and consider the connections with the Agricultural, Natural Heritage and Water Resource Systems of the Plan. A focus shall be on areas of ecological and hydrological significance where urbanization should not occur.*

*Where determined these identified areas would benefit from Greenbelt protection, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may initiate amendments to the Greenbelt boundary regulation and Greenbelt Plan to grow the Greenbelt for these lands. (emphasis added)*

5. Like Recommendation 71, Policy 5.7.1.2 requires an investigation of technical and scientific matters (it must be demonstrated that the area under consideration has “ecological and hydrological significance”), as well as an investigation of planning matters (it must be demonstrated that the area under consideration is one where “urbanization should not occur”). The latter investigation would include demonstrating that the area under consideration was not required to meet other Provincial planning imperatives, such as those contained in the Growth Plan.
6. Section 9.1.2 of the Provincial Recommendations Report speaks to the Province’s experience with **municipal (and individual) requests** to amend the existing Greenbelt Plan since its approval in 2005. In this regard, the Advisory Panel specifically recommends that municipalities undertake comprehensive reviews to provide the context for assessing possible boundary adjustments:

*Since the approval of the Greenbelt Plan in 2005, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has received many inquiries and requests to revise policies, change designations, remove lands from the Greenbelt and adjust its boundaries. ...*

*A number of municipalities and landowners have asked to have their lands removed from the Greenbelt or to re-designate lands adjacent to Highways 400, 404 and the QEW corridor for strategic employment land purposes ...*

*Other landowners have requested that their lands be removed from the Greenbelt to provide for settlement area expansion. However, these requests are generally not supported by municipalities, most likely because of servicing constraints, growth forecasts not demonstrating a need, or the lack of comprehensive work to assess future development needs. As discussed in Section 4.1.7, we believe that municipalities should undertake a broad, comprehensive review of their growth needs for the entire municipality over the long term. This will provide a context for assessing specific boundary adjustment requests. ...*



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*Although the Advisory Panel mandate does not include site-specific matters, we have carefully considered the types of requests that have been made to the Ministry. A number of the concerns that prompted people to request changes to boundaries and designations in the Greenbelt intersect with the major themes of this report, and we have used them to inform our recommendations. We believe this review provides an opportunity to address many of the concerns through policy revisions based on our recommendations. ...*

*We expect that the more robust policy framework proposed in this report will enable the Province to respond to requested changes to Greenbelt policies, designations and boundaries through the anticipated amendments to the four plans that will be made within the timeframe of this review (i.e. by June 2016). (emphasis added) (pages 152-154)*

7. Indeed, the policy revisions to the Greenbelt Plan create a more robust framework for considering possible amendments to the Greenbelt Plan through a Provincially led process (where there can be no net reduction in the total land area within the Greenbelt Plan), and municipal requests to grow the Greenbelt. This framework is found in the new Section 5.7.1 of the Proposed Greenbelt Plan, titled "Growing the Greenbelt", which includes the following policies:
  - a. As noted above, the proposed new Policy 5.7.1.2 speaks to the process that will be undertaken when the Province examines possible Protected Countryside additions to the Greenbelt Plan, which process specifically requires a balanced investigation of the "ecological and hydrological significance" of the area under consideration, as well as whether the area is one where "urbanization should not occur".
  - b. The Proposed Greenbelt Plan also includes new Policy 5.7.1.4 respecting municipal requests to add lands to the Greenbelt Plan. This policy incorporates criteria that the Province developed in 2008, which were published in a document titled *Growing the Greenbelt*. One such criteria in Policy 5.7.1.4 is "demonstrating that a proposal would complement the Growth Plan and support other related provincial initiatives such as the *Great Lakes Strategy and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan*".
8. In either scenario - a Provincially led review, or a municipal request (outside of the 10-year review) - it is clear that when considering possible expansions to the Greenbelt, there is a requirement to both demonstrate the technical and scientific merits of the proposed expansion area, and demonstrate that the expansion will be complimentary to the Growth Plan.



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***City of Hamilton Participation in the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review***

9. The City has been actively engaged in the Co-ordinated Review, including the review of the Greenbelt Plan, since its commencement in February 2015. Details of the City's engagement in the Greenbelt Review process, particularly as it applied to the Book Road West Lands, are set out in the attached Planning Analysis prepared by Corbett Land Strategies (CLS) dated 31 October 2016 (the "CLS Report").
10. From the outset, the City's objective in respect of the Greenbelt boundaries was to identify changes to the boundaries that "are necessary to ensure Hamilton has sufficient land to accommodate future growth" (recommended by City staff in Report PED15078, and ratified by Planning Committee and Council in June 2015). Indeed, Dillon Consulting Inc. ("Dillon") set out at the beginning of its report on this topic (the "Dillon Report") that "*the City explored areas where Greenbelt boundary refinement opportunities may be situated within the municipality should a future comprehensive review confirm that additional lands are needed outside of the Whitebelt to accommodate growth to 2041*" (page vi).
11. Notably, staff viewed this objective in the context of "*ensuring there is no net decrease in the size of the Greenbelt in Hamilton ...*" (Report PED15078, page 2) notwithstanding that the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* requires that proposed amendments to the plan do not have the effect of reducing the "total land area within the Greenbelt Plan", with no reference to a reduction on a municipality by municipality basis. This is presumably the reason why the Dillon Report states that, "... *if lands are considered for removal from the Greenbelt in order to refine and add land to the Whitebelt, a similar area of land would also need to move from the current Whitebelt into the Greenbelt*" (page vi). Each of the Options that Dillon identifies are framed accordingly - where Dillon identifies a possible area for "removal", it then identifies possible area "additions" which are specifically described in the Tables as "area for addition to be paired with removal" (pages 52, 54).
12. The Dillon Report ultimately identified five (5) possible Options for the City to consider, and the potential strengths and risks of each Option:

Option 1: No Changes to the Greenbelt Boundary. Risks identified with this Option included:

*Potential risk of insufficient land supply for greenfield residential growth from 2031 to 2041 based on the assumptions in this report, including a maximum greenfield growth scenario. An insufficient land supply could have several impacts including:*

*- Potential inability to accommodate Growth Plan projections to 2041; ...*



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*- Limits the scope of comprehensive planning through a Municipal Comprehensive Review. It is at this stage that a detailed analysis would take place, and those lands needed and more suitable for contribution to the UHOP would be selected.*

Option 2: Minor Area Changes. For this Option, Dillon identified a removal at Waterdown & Lower Stoney Creek OR Upper Stoney Creek, "to be paired with" an addition at Nebo Road.

Option 3: Major Area Changes. For this Option, Dillon identified possible removals at Stoneybrook and North Twenty Mile Creek, "to be paired with" additions at Book Road West and Nebo Road. Risks identified with this Option included:

*Addition to the Whitebelt based on the high-level analysis and assumptions in this report (as opposed to a more detailed assessment of land need and land supply).*

Option 4: Deferral of Decision Until City Completes an MCR. Dillon described this Option as "the City would request of the Province that prior to Provincial finalization of the Coordinated Provincial Plan Review applicable to the City of Hamilton, the Province defer any decisions until the City has completed the municipal comprehensive review." Dillon identified the following strengths of this option:

*An MCR would allow for a full assessment of the opportunities and constraints to determine the amount of land (both employment and non-employment) required to meet the 2031 to 2041 forecasts.*

*An MCR would identify the appropriate lands to add to the Whitebelt area, in the event that additional lands is required for an urban boundary expansion on the basis of meeting the planning objectives at a cost effective, complete and healthy community.*

*Allowing the city to recommend Greenbelt boundary changes, if necessary, based on a detailed assessment.*

Option 5: Growing the Greenbelt. For this Option, Dillon identified the addition of the Book Road West Lands, Nebo Road and Red Hill Urban River Valley. The risks are identified as being the same as Option 1 above, which were the potential inability to accommodate Growth Plan projections to 2041, and limiting the scope of a municipal comprehensive review.

13. In Section 5.1 of its report, Dillon acknowledged that the Options were developed within a particular context, which requires more work in respect of:

**Land Need.** *Additional work is needed to test the assumptions considered in this report, including exploring land need, supply, and constraints in much greater detail.*



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***Logical Expansion of Lands.*** ...*The next priorities for employment and residential growth will be established through a future MCR.*

14. As noted in the CLS Report, City staff ultimately recommended a combination of Option 2 and Option 4 (Report PED15078(a), December 2015). Neither of those options included adding the Book Road West Land to the Greenbelt Plan or the Greenbelt Area. Planning Committee and Council both approved the staff recommendation in this regard, which recommendation formed part of the City's formal comments to the Province on the Co-ordinated Review.
15. Notwithstanding the City's formal comments to the Province, (1) identifying its general objective to maintain sufficient lands to accommodate future growth (PED15078, June 2015), (2) recommending an approach that ensured the City would have sufficient opportunity to properly study and assess future land needs to meet the objectives of the Proposed Growth Plan (PED15078(a), December 2015), and (3) rejecting an option to include the Book Road West Lands in the Greenbelt Plan, which option would potentially risk the City's ability to achieve Growth Plan targets (PED15078(a), December 2015), the Proposed Greenbelt Plan issued in May 2016 included the Book Road West Lands as Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan.
16. Notably, a publication released by the Province titled *Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, dated May 2016, erroneously implies that the City recommended the addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan:

*If approved, new policies in the Greenbelt Plan would describe ways the Greenbelt could be grown. Specifically, 21 major river valleys and seven associated coastal wetlands would be added to the Greenbelt Plan's "Urban River Valley" designation. In addition, four parcels of land identified by the City of Hamilton and the Region of Niagara would be added to the Greenbelt Plan's "Protected Countryside" designation. (emphasis added) (page 13)*

17. Notwithstanding:
  - a. the City's recommendations to the Province to defer the matter of Greenbelt boundary changes in Hamilton until such time that the City completed its municipal comprehensive review (subject to some minor boundary adjustments only), which did not include adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan, and
  - b. our client's efforts (at both the City and Provincial level) to address the apparent error of including these lands as Protected Countryside in the Proposed Greenbelt Plan (Council Minutes 14 Sept 2016),



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City Council adopted a Councillor's motion to support the Provincial proposal to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan. The motion was not supported by any technical, scientific or planning justification.

### ***Summary of Background Facts***

- a. **Provincially-led Process to Grow the Greenbelt** - Additions to Greenbelt to be based upon areas of ecological and hydrological significance where urbanization should not occur. Examination may be a longer-term exercise.
- b. **Municipal Requests to Grow the Greenbelt** - Municipality must demonstrate that the proposal to add would complement the Growth Plan.
- c. **City of Hamilton Comments on Co-ordinated Review (December 2015)** - Dillon Report identifies risks associated with options which include the addition of the Book Road West Lands that the options may preclude the City from meeting Growth Plan objectives, and acknowledges more detailed assessment to be completed. City makes formal comments to Province to defer any decisions on changing the boundaries of the Greenbelt Plan (including changes to add the Book Road West Lands) until the City has completed its municipal comprehensive review.
- d. **Proposed Greenbelt Plan (May 2016)** - Includes the Book Road West Lands as Protected Countryside (apparently based upon a belief that the City had "identified" the Book Road West Lands for such designation).
- e. **City Council Resolution (September 2016)** - Without any technical, scientific or planning analysis (but simply a resolution of a councillor), Council supports the Provincial addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan.

### **Comments**

#### **(1) Lack of Procedural Fairness**

18. For the reasons stated below, the duty of procedural fairness requires that the Book Road West Lands not be added to the Greenbelt Plan or the Greenbelt Area until such time that, and unless:
  - i. the technical and scientific merits of adding the Book Road West Lands has been examined, and established (to address Greenbelt Plan objectives); and
  - ii. it is established that urbanization should not occur on the Book Road West Lands, which would in part require the completion of the City's municipal





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comprehensive review, to determine whether the Book Road West Lands are required to meet the Proposed Growth Plan objectives (to address the broader, co-ordinated objectives of the Province).

*Legitimate Expectation*

19. In the circumstances, the BRWLG had a legitimate expectation that the Minister would not add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area prior to the City, (1) examining and establishing the ecological and hydrological significance of the Book Road West Lands as they relate to the existing Greenbelt, and (2) completing its municipal comprehensive review and determining that the Book Road West Lands are not needed in the context of achieving the objectives of the Proposed Growth Plan. The legitimate expectation was established by:
20. **First**, Provincial direction and policy respecting Growing the Greenbelt uniformly provides that, in the context of boundary amendments that are not the result of municipal requests (as was originally the case here), the Province will lead a process that investigates technical and scientific matters that speak to the environmental importance of the area under consideration, as well as relevant planning issues regarding whether the area is appropriate for urbanization. Similar requirements are applied in the context of municipal request for additions to the Greenbelt Plan - certainly a municipality is required to demonstrate that the addition will compliment the Growth Plan. Furthermore, there is an express acknowledgement that this process may occur within a longer time frame than the time frame of the Co-ordinated Review. Indeed, the very nature or essence of the Co-ordinated Review exercise speaks to an express intention to integrate and balance the objectives of the various plans, including those of the Growth Plan.
21. Viewed within this broad land use planning policy context, it is clear that the Province is promoting a co-ordinated and integrated approach to the implementation of the new plans, and given the complexity of managing the various overlapping planning objectives, the Province has fairly acknowledged that implementation of the plans may take time beyond the time frame of the Co-ordinated Review (for example, to allow municipalities to complete a municipal comprehensive review).
22. **Second**, the only study prepared in connection with potential Greenbelt boundary adjustments in the City of Hamilton was the Dillon Report, which report expressly acknowledges, in respect of options that included the addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan, that these options risk the City's ability to accommodate the Growth Plan as follows:



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- a. For Option 5, Dillon specifically identifies a risk that the City would not be able to accommodate the Growth Plan projections to 2041, and that the scope of the City's municipal comprehensive review would be limited.
  - b. For Option 3, Dillon expressly acknowledges that the proposed removals/additions would be based on a "high-level analysis" and "assumptions in this report" as opposed to a more detailed assessment of land need and supply.
  - c. By contrast, Option 4 would allow for a full assessment of the opportunities and constraints to determine the amount of land required to meet the Growth Plan forecasts.
23. In the context of this point, it is also noteworthy that it appears that the City and by extension, Dillon, may have made the erroneous assumption that the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* requires that there is no net reduction in the Greenbelt Plan on a municipality by municipality basis. If the assumption is in error, then it is possible that the Options which identify the addition of the Book Road West Lands would not have been considered at all.
24. **Third**, at no time prior to September 2016 did the City recommend that the Book Road West Lands be added to the Greenbelt Plan (contrary to the apparent assertion in the Provincial publication dated May 2016).
25. **Fourth**, the Province did not provide any technical/planning reasons for the addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area in May 2016 (other than the advice in the May 2016 publication that the City had requested such addition). As such, the decision in May 2016 to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area appeared to be arbitrary.
26. Notwithstanding our client's efforts, after the May 2016 release of the Proposed Greenbelt Plan, to obtain additional information about the circumstances surrounding the Provincial proposal to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan, no rationale for the addition was forthcoming.
27. Furthermore, Council provided no reasons for its adoption of the Councillor motion in September 2016 to support the Province's proposal to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan. As such, this decision continued the apparent arbitrariness of the Provincial proposal in May 2016.
28. For all of the reasons stated above, our client had a legitimate expectation that the Co-ordinated Review would be a fair, transparent, and reasoned process throughout. The arbitrary nature of the Provincial proposal in May 2016, and the City's motion in September 2016, undermines that



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expectation, and ultimately has the potential to undermine the public's confidence in the decisions and the decision-making bodies.

### *Statutory and Policy Regime*

29. There does not appear to be any urgency to the addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan or the Greenbelt Area. The Province has expressly acknowledged that the implementation of the plans may take place over a longer time period. Furthermore, pursuant to the applicable statutory and policy regime, the City is entitled to request that the Minister add the lands to the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area, outside of the 10 year review.
30. On the other hand, the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* does not accord the landowners a right to appeal the Lieutenant Governor in Council's final decisions in respect of the Greenbelt Plan or Greenbelt Area, including any decision, if it materializes, to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan or Greenbelt Area. Since the decision of the Lieutenant Governor in Council cannot be appealed, this forum for public comments represents the best opportunity for the BRWLG to seek a modification to the Proposed Greenbelt Plan and Proposed Greenbelt Area to remove the Book Road West Lands from the Greenbelt, or in the alternative, a hearing to more fully investigate the appropriateness of adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan.
31. On balance, considering the statutory and policy regime, it would be unfair to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area prior to the technical/scientific and planning issues identified above being resolved.

### *Importance of the Decision on the Landowners*

32. As noted in the CLS Report, adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan would have profound implications on existing generational landownership and viability of existing business and agricultural operations within and surrounding the Book Road West Lands.
33. The importance of this matter for the affected individuals mitigates in favour of withholding the addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area until such time that the technical/scientific and planning issues identified above are resolved.

### **(2) Prematurity**

34. Our client respectfully submits that it is premature for the Minister to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area, since (1) there is little technical or scientific study to support such an addition, and (2) insufficient analysis has been conducted to ensure that the addition of the Book Road West Lands will not prejudice the ability of the City to achieve its



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Growth Plan targets. The importance of these two matters are entrenched in the Greenbelt Plan, Provincial Recommendations Report, and Proposed Greenbelt Plan.

35. CLS has provided detailed planning reasons for why adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area at this time is not appropriate. In summary:
1. No technical or scientific reasons have been advanced for why the Book Road West Lands are proposed to be added to the Greenbelt Plan;
  2. Adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan would have profound implications on existing generational landownership and viability of existing business and agricultural operations within and surrounding the Book Road West Lands;
  3. The Book Road West Lands have the requisite locational attributes to accommodate urban development, when required to meet the City of Hamilton's growth targets; and,
  4. A decision to add the Book Road West Lands in the Greenbelt Plan is premature pending the finalization of the City's municipal comprehensive review process.
36. In short, it appears that the proposal to add the Book Road West Lands the Greenbelt Plan is premature, at the least, and, likely, inappropriate insofar as it adds to the Greenbelt Plan without adequate justification and without giving adequate consideration to ensuring that the City of Hamilton has sufficient lands to accommodate future growth. In this respect, the proposal is in direct contradiction to both Provincial guidance and policy on this matter and the City's stated objective in this regard from the outset of the review process.

### **Request**

37. Our client hereby requests that the Minister modify the Proposed Greenbelt Area and the Proposed Greenbelt Plan to remove the Book Road West Lands from both proposals on the grounds that there has been an apparent lack of procedural fairness, and that it is premature given the policy objectives of the Proposed Growth Plan and the lack of finalization of the Municipal Comprehensive Review. Thus, the Minister should recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council a Proposed Greenbelt Plan and a Proposed Greenbelt Area that does not include the Book Road West Lands.
38. Alternatively, if the Minister is not prepared to modify the Proposals at this time, our client requests that the Minister provide BRWLG with a copy of its written reasons for adding the Book Road West Lands into the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area, and appoint a hearing officer in respect of the matter to allow an inquiry into and advice as to whether the Book Road West Lands ought to be added to the Greenbelt Plan and the Greenbelt Area.

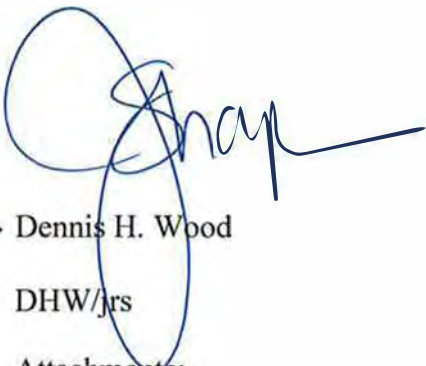


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39. In the event that the Minister elects to appoint a hearing officer to conduct a hearing with respect to the proposed amendments, our client hereby requests notice of such hearing. Notice should be provided to the **undersigned and to John Corbett, Corbett Land Use Strategies.**

Yours very truly,

**Wood Bull LLP**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis H. Wood". The signature is written over the printed name and includes a large, stylized initial "D".

for · Dennis H. Wood

DHW/jrs

Attachments:

Letter from Corbett Land Use Strategies, dated 31 October 2016



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**BOOK ROAD WEST LANDOWNERS GROUP  
PROVINCIAL GREENBELT SUBMISSION – OCTOBER 31, 2016  
PLANNING POLICY ANALYSIS:**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Corbett Land Strategies (CLS) is providing this analysis in support of the submissions by the Book Road West Landowners Group (BRWLG) that the BOOK ROAD WEST LANDS (BRWL) should not be added to the Greenbelt Plan or Greenbelt Area.

The primary factors in support of this position are:

- ! There have been no technical or scientific arguments advanced to provide the justification for the enlargement of the Greenbelt Plan to include the Book Road West Lands;
- ! The impact of a Greenbelt designation would have profound implications on existing generational landownership and viability of existing business and agricultural operations within and surrounding the BRWL;
- ! The Book Road West Lands have the requisite locational attributes to accommodate urban development, when required; and
- ! A decision to include the BRWL in the Greenbelt Plan is premature pending the finalization of the City of Hamilton Municipal Comprehensive Review Process

**CONTEXT:**

In 2015 the City of Hamilton (the City) participated in the Province of Ontario's Provincial Policy Review including the review of the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horsehoe, 2006* (the "Growth Plan") and the *Greenbelt Plan 2005* (the "Greenbelt Plan"). To form a proper planning background for this review, the City retained Dillon Consulting to prepare contextual population and employment forecasts and land needs analysis (the "Dillon Report").



Dillon also prepared area specific analysis of “whitebelt” areas in terms of their candidacy for inclusion in the Greenbelt Plan. The Dillon report indicated that the City is expected to grow significantly over the next 25 years and will require new development areas in the whitebelt for potential urban boundary expansion.

Projections	2031	2041(1)	31/41 Change	Growth %
Population	660,000	780,000	+120,000	18%
Employment	300,000	350,000	+50,000	17%

(1) Amendment 2 to the Growth Plan

These projections assume that the Elfrida area in East Hamilton will absorb required growth until 2031 under the Growth Plan. It is important to note that the City proposed to include the Elfrida area within its urban service area on two occasions through amendments to the Rural Official Plan and the Urban Official Plan. The Province did not approve either proposal, based on planning process and environmental issues. Consequently, this area is yet to be approved for urban boundary expansion (OMB hearing pending in 2017).

The Dillon Report concluded that given the current land budget situation in Hamilton, even including the Elfrida area, there is a land deficit to meet residential land development needs between 2031 and 2041 and there is a surplus of employment lands within the City.

**THERE HAVE BEEN NO TECHNICAL OR SCIENTIFIC ARGUMENTS ADVANCED TO PROVIDE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GREENBELT PLAN TO INCLUDE THE BOOK ROAD WEST LANDS**

In their release of the proposed Greenbelt Plan (May 2016) the Province of Ontario did not provide any supporting environmental or land use planning rationale to form the basis of the proposed “Protected Countryside” designation for the Book Road West Lands. Notably, in an associated background document entitled “*Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe*” (May 2016) it was noted that “four parcels of lands identified by the City of Hamilton” (which presumably includes the Book Road West Lands) would be added to the Greenbelt Plan as Protected Countryside. The public record in Hamilton at that time did not support this statement.



The Dillon Report did evaluate the Book Road West Lands, together with 4 other areas, to be considered for potential inclusion in the Greenbelt Plan. In this regard, the report contained the following assessment of “Opportunities and Challenges” for the Book Road West Lands:

**TABLE ONE:**

OPPORTUNITIES	CHALLENGES
1.! Small portion of Block A designated agricultural;	Perceived limited development potential due to natural heritage finger and cemetery;
2.! Proximity to existing and future employment lands	Farming potential designated agricultural in RHOP;
3.! Contiguous boundaries to existing Urban Areas;	Airport Noise Contours
4.! Capacity to deliver communities with expansion of existing infrastructure and availability of community services; and,	
5.! Potential Garner Rapid Transit Route	

*Source: Dillon Consulting Ltd. Greenbelt Boundary Review City of Hamilton. November 2015*

The Dillon Report did not recommend any specific course of action but instead listed 5 options for Council’s consideration:

1. No Change to Boundaries. The City can choose to not make any changes to the Greenbelt boundary;
2. Minor Area Changes. The City can choose to recommend minor area (~200 ha) addition and removal refinements to the Greenbelt boundary.
3. Major Area Changes. The City can choose to recommend major area (~700 ha) area addition and removal refinements to the Greenbelt boundary.
4. Defer Decision. The City can choose to recommend that the province defer any decisions around finalizing the Coordinated Provincial Plan Review (applicable to the City) until the City has completed the MCR.
5. Grow the Greenbelt. The City can choose to grow the Greenbelt by adding lands to the Greenbelt.





In December 2015, City planning staff presented a report to Planning Committee and subsequently City Council, based on the findings of the Dillon Report recommended deferral of major changes to the Greenbelt Boundary pending the finalization of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) (Option 4) process (with the exception of two minor adjustments not affecting the BRWL) (Option 2). This recommendation was approved by City Council.

To explore the "challenges" for urban growth as identified by Dillon (in Table One), the BRWLG commissioned 3 studies as follows:

- ! *Preliminary Environmental Constraints Analysis: Book Road West Lands; Hamilton Ontario. Beacon Environmental Inc. October 16, 2016;*
- ! *Agricultural Impact Assessment of the Book Road Lands in the City of Hamilton. Colville Consulting Inc. October 16, 2016;*
- ! *Acoustical Considerations: Development of the Book Road West Lands HGC Engineering, May 2016.*

In regard to "Challenge 1" as to the "perception" regarding the amount of developable area, *Beacon* determined through their opportunities and constraints analysis that over 67 percent (1,200 acres) of the land area within the Book Road West Lands is unconstrained for development by significant environmental features.

In regard to "Challenge 2" as to the farming potential in the Book Road West Lands, Colville concluded in their Agricultural Impact Assessment that:

*"There may be some impacts to agricultural operations within the Study Area as a result of the inclusion of the Subject Lands within the future urban boundary, however this impact will be limited and can be mitigated to a large extent. Most farm operations are either relatively small or are well removed from the Subject Lands."*

Certainly, from a land use planning perspective the proposed Protected Countryside designation is not necessary to afford any specific or enhanced protection to agricultural operations within the Book Road West Lands, given existing land use designations. At a minimum the results of the *Colville* analysis should be used to inform the Municipal Comprehensive Review process wherein the appropriateness of preserving some or all of the lands for agricultural purposes would be weighed against the requirements for land for urban growth (residential and employment land requirements).



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In regard to “Challenge 3” as to noise contours, HGC Engineering undertook a review of airport noise considerations on future residential development within the area.

The *HGC Engineering* analysis concluded that “A good percentage of the land in the Book Road West Lands could be considered for residential uses provided a careful assessment of the noise impact be undertaken and noise mitigation and warning clauses prescribed” In addition, HGC Engineering modeled aircraft noise forecasts based on recent information from the Hamilton Airport Master Plan and aircraft industry technology improvements and found that the majority of the BRWL would be outside restricted areas for residential development by the year 2025.

While further work will be required through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process, it appears that the Airport Noise Contour issue identified by the Dillon Report can be addressed. Of course, there would be no airport noise issues related to non-sensitive land uses (such as employment).

**Conclusion:**

There has been no technical substantiation provided by the City or the Province to justify the proposed Protected Countryside designation. Further, the Dillon Report commissioned by the City to assist in the Co-ordinated Review identified five (5) specific opportunities that the Book Road West Lands offer in regard to future urban expansion. Perhaps more importantly, there is evidence that the three (3) challenges of urbanization identified by Dillon may be satisfactorily addressed.

**THE IMPACT OF A GREENBELT DESIGNATION WOULD HAVE PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS ON EXISTING GENERATIONAL LANDOWNERSHIP AND VIABILITY OF EXISTING BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS WITHIN AND SURROUNDING THE BRWL**

The proposed Protected Countryside designation for the Book Road West Lands is an inappropriate land use planning instrument given that there are no significant environmental or agricultural features that could not otherwise be protected by municipal planning and growth management controls.

Further, the imposition of this designation may, in fact, be detrimental to the economic base of this area in terms of the preservation of current land value capture for the municipal tax base, and the on-going viability of commercial and agricultural related business enterprises within the area. There are several generational “agri-businesses” present within the subject lands that have been able to evolve or expand under prevailing land use controls. Future ability for expansion and business change would be constrained by the proposed addition to the Greenbelt Plan.



From a planning perspective there would be a distinct advantage to not interfering with the natural land use transition of this area, involving the continuance and evolution of rural, agricultural and agri-business activities which may be constrained under Greenbelt policy and regulations. If the subject lands are found to have merit for urban boundary expansion purposes under a Municipal Comprehensive Review process, protection for these uses and activities could be effectively achieved through transitional and growth management strategies derived at the municipal level.

**THE BOOK ROAD WEST LANDS HAVE THE REQUISITE LOCATIONAL ATTRIBUTES TO ACCOMMODATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WHEN REQUIRED**

From a land use planning perspective, the Book Road West Lands have distinct locational attributes that merit consideration for urban land use designation through a Municipal Comprehensive Review process, in particular:

- ! The area has significant land mass (over 1,400 gross acres) to deliver a complete community for a wide range of residential, employment, institutional and community uses.
- ! The Book Road West Lands would form a logical extension of the City's urban boundary on the west side of the City. The lands are contiguous to the existing Hamilton urban boundary on two sides, with frontage on Garner Road and Shaver Road, and are proximate to many community facilities including parks and open space, schools and major shopping facilities.
- ! The Book Road West Lands are in close proximity to major highway facilities with 3 interchanges along Highway 403 and direct connections to Highway 6.
- ! Garner Road, which forms the interface with the urban boundary along the northerly limits of the Book Road West Lands, is designated as a rapid transit route within the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.
- ! The Book Road West Lands can be serviced by logical extensions of major engineering services. The Book Road West Lands are now the preferred site for the installation of a water reservoir/tower to upgrade obsolete servicing in west Hamilton/Ancaster. Recently, Council for the City approved the extension of sanitary services through the Book Road precinct to serve an employment area to the south of Book Road.



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## **A DECISION TO INCLUDE THE BOOK ROAD WEST LANDS IN THE GREENBELT PLAN IS PREMATURE PENDING THE FINALIZATION OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW PROCESS**

A chronological review of the City's Provincial Policy (Greenbelt) Review process reveals a consistent theme to defer major Greenbelt Boundary changes pending the completion of its Municipal Comprehensive Review process, and not to include the Book Road West Lands in the Protected Countryside designation. It was only at the final moment of a nine (9) month process that the local councillor caused a change in course, in direct contradiction to the City's previous recommendations to the Province, to support the Province's addition of the lands to the Greenbelt Plan:

- ! The City commissioned Dillon Consulting to provide the technical background for City Council's consideration of Greenbelt Plan related issues. During the public consultation period, the Book Road West Lands were considered an option for an addition to the Greenbelt Plan, as were other lands. One of the risks associated with the option that included the addition of the Book Road West Lands was "potential inability to accommodate Growth Plan projections to 2041", and for another option that included the addition, "addition to the Whitebelt based on the high-level analysis and assumptions in this report (as opposed to a more detailed assessment of land need and land supply).
- ! Dillon's review process was concluded in the fall of 2015 and City staff prepared a report (PED15078(a)) for a Special Planning Committee on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, in which staff did NOT recommend any option that included adding the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan.
- ! Report PED15078(a) and the minutes from Planning Committee of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 were subsequently ratified and approved at the Council meeting of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. At this meeting, there were several motions related to Greenbelt boundary changes that were voted on, one of which specifically considered all lands in question (including the Book Road West Lands) be included in the Greenbelt Plan. The motion was denied on a 2-6 vote by City Council.
- ! The main recommendation that City staff made (and City Council adopted) was to defer any decisions on Greenbelt Plan boundary changes until the City completed its Municipal Comprehensive Review process.



- ! On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Province of Ontario, through its Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, released a proposed Greenbelt Plan. The proposed Greenbelt Plan included a map that identified the addition of the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan. The Province noted within its document entitled *'Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe'* (slide 13) that ***"In addition, four parcels of land identified by the City of Hamilton and the Region of Niagara would be added to the Greenbelt Plan's "Protected Countryside" designation"***. It is important to note that based on the public record, the City did not make such a recommendation.
- ! On August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Corbett Land Strategies (CLS) on behalf of the BRWLG made a presentation to Planning Committee to provide an overview of the process that unfolded, as noted above, and requested the City to re-enforce its original recommendation to the Province to allow the City to complete its Municipal Comprehensive Review.
- ! The City staff report that was submitted for approval at the Planning Committee meeting of September 6<sup>th</sup> clearly stated 'Planning staff met with representatives of the Book Road West Landowners Group. The Book Road Lands have been identified by the Province for inclusion in the Greenbelt Plan. ***"These lands were not recommended for inclusion by the City of Hamilton."*** (Page 14 of 45 of Planning Committee Report 16-015 – September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016). The corresponding staff recommendation is provided below:

*"That the City of Hamilton re-affirms its previous recommendations on revisions to the Greenbelt boundaries from the December, 2015 Staff Report (Report PED15078(a)), as follows:*

*(i) to revise the applicable Greenbelt Plan policies in order to allow municipalities to request changes to Greenbelt Plan designations and boundaries at the conclusion of a municipal comprehensive review, provided the review is completed in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and meets the goals and objectives of the Provincial Policy Statement and all other applicable Provincial Plans*

*(ii) to defer any decisions on potential changes to the Greenbelt Plan boundaries in the City of Hamilton to allow the City to complete municipal comprehensive review which will include a full assessment of the opportunities and constraints:*



(1) *to determine the amount and location of land (both non- employment and employment) required to meet the 2031 to 2041 Growth Plan forecasts;*

(2) *to identify appropriate lands to add to the Whitebelt area, in the event that additional land is required for an urban boundary expansion to meet targets and based on the principles of cost effective, complete and healthy communities;*

(3) *to identify appropriate lands to be added to the Greenbelt Plan area;*

*that upon completion of the municipal comprehensive review, City Council request the Province to revise the Greenbelt Plan boundaries prior to the City adopting the Official Plan Amendment relating to Growth Plan conformity and implementation of the Municipal Comprehensive Review..."*

- ! On September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the City's Planning Committee meeting, the BRWLG was denied natural justice where by Councilor Ferguson (a non-member of Planning Committee) gave a presentation that included significant inaccuracies, which appears to have materially influenced the Planning Committee to pass a motion to support the Province's proposal to add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan (notwithstanding Council's position in December 2015 to not add the Book Road West Lands).
- ! Notwithstanding, the consistent municipal staff position that the Book Road West Lands not be added to the Greenbelt Plan and that the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process should finalized prior to requesting major changes to the Greenbelt Plan boundaries in Hamilton, City Council , on September 14, 2016 precipitously resolved to recommend that the Book Road West Lands be included in the Protected Countryside designation. This position of City Council was clearly contrary to its original recommendation to the Province in December of 2015; as identified in the chronology set out in this report.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the foregoing planning policy analysis and review of the decision making process conducted by the Province and Hamilton City Council, the enlargement of the Greenbelt Plan with the inclusion of the Book Road West Lands is without planning or scientific/technical merit.



The inclusion of the Book Road West Lands by City Council, at the eleventh hour, was sudden, arbitrary and contrary to the continuing public record with respect to this matter. A decision of this magnitude compromises the City's ability to comprehensively plan for its urban structure through a proper Municipal Comprehensive Process and is unfair to our client.

In this regard, the Dillon Report appropriately identified that the City (as one option) could request of the Province that to defer any decisions until the City has completed the municipal comprehensive review. This approach would:

- ! allow for a full assessment of the opportunities and constraints to determine the amount of land (both non-employment and employment) required to meet the 2031 to 2041 forecasts under the Provincial Growth Plan;
- ! identify the appropriate lands to add to the Whitebelt area, in the event that additional land is required for an urban boundary expansion on the basis of meeting the planning objectives at a cost effective, complete and healthy community. In this regard, it is important to note that the Book Road West Lands provide the single largest block of land available for potential urban development, and its premature exclusion from the Municipal Comprehensive Review process may compromise the City's ability to achieve the residential land supply requirements of the *Provincial Policy Statement* (section 1.4.1); and
- ! allow the City to recommend Greenbelt boundary changes, if necessary, based on a more detailed assessment.

It is therefore recommended that the Province not add the Book Road West Lands to the Greenbelt Plan at this time. This would allow the finalization of the Municipal Comprehensive Review being undertaken by the City of Hamilton in context of Provincial Policy.

Respectfully submitted;

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**JOHN B. CORBETT, MCIP, RPP**

To Whom It May Concern

Below was a letter I sent to the City Council several months ago pertaining to Book Road and its specific history that the City of Hamilton should take seriously. In short, Book Road West was not in the Greenbelt until the City in conjunction with the previous Provincial Government changed the Greenbelt and added Book Road West in 2016, against the wishes of the property owners then, and now. The Integrity Commissioner must do an investigation into how and why these lands were deemed greenbelt in 2016, as staff and independent studies did not advise on adding Book Road into the Greenbelt, likely because the land is not prime agriculture quality (see OMAFRA) and not worthy of protection based on its proximity to current services, adjacent urban area on 3 sides, Courtland subdivision already exists, and adjacent Walmart/Canadian Tire/Longos power centre. Clearly these lands were rightly restored to its whitebelt status by the current provincial government last November as this has little to do with whom owns the lands and everything to do with the travesty created by the City/Province in 2016 for forcing the matter and wrongfully deeming these lands Greenbelt. Book Road West should be developed for housing and other complete community zonings, along with Twenty Road West as the only other NON-PRIME AGRICULTURE LANDS in the City in advance of proceeding with development of the other areas in accordance with Provincial Policy. We are not against the development of all areas, but to the loud concerns, perhaps it is simple just to advance NONPRIME AG in order to demonstrate consistency.

Mayor Horvath and Councillors

January 31, 2023

RE: BOOK ROAD (RIGHTLY) RETURNED TO WHITEBELT STATUS

Recently I read of a Councillor wanting the City of Hamilton to go on the record as opposing the Province's Greenbelt amendments. I disagree with wasting City time and tax dollars on constantly fighting the Province on this and other housing issues. But if the City is going to continue down that road, I would like to inform Councillors of the specifics of the lands on Book Road. Please take time to learn the actual facts into how Book Road was illegitimately and unjustly designated "Greenbelt" some ten (10) years after the Greenbelt was formed:

In 2005 when the Greenbelt was established, the lands on Book Road, Ancaster were not included in the Greenbelt Plan and remained as what is known as Whitebelt. Shortly after that, the group of landowners along Book Road hired planners, engineers, and lawyers to begin to set meetings with the City with ideas to establish a complete community. These landowners spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies to support their proposals that would design a neighbourhood in an environmentally conscious manner, taking into account all the municipal and provincial policies and guidelines prescribed. Then



unexpectedly, in 2016, the City of Hamilton in tandem with the Provincial Liberal government, blindsided these landowners and arbitrarily changed the Greenbelt borders, arrogating the Book Road lands into the Greenbelt to stop these development plans. Without explanation, the Liberal government and the City labeled Book Road as "Greenbelt" out of thin air. They simply used the term "Greenbelt" to crush this project.

Where was the MEDIA OUTCRY on the 2016 changing of the Greenbelt border?

Where was the concern of DEMOCRACY when the rules changed in the middle of the game on these generational landowners and taxpayers?

Where was the outrage with regard to these landowners' RIGHTS and why were they ignored?

Why was it OK to change the Greenbelt border without public discussion in 2016, but some feel it is an outrage in 2023?

For the record, Book Road lands are not Prime Agriculture, and all those landowners are on record as opposed and furious with the idea of their lands being deemed "Greenbelt" without any justification and their rights being ignored. The decision to advance Book Road lands to Greenbelt was strictly political. Thankfully the current provincial government has corrected this gross injustice and restored the Book Road lands to their original Whitebelt status. The Greenbelt in Ancaster is actually restored to its original 2005 boundary!

I hope this information is helpful to you. If any Councillor wishes to learn more about the history of Book Road, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards

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**Re: Provincial Housing Plan Discussion**

**Mayor Horwath, City Councillors, Steve Robichard**

Affordable housing is only possible if more land is made available to lower the high cost of it. Therefore members of council need the correct facts to make informed decisions. Therefore, I am sharing my 18 years of personal experience and knowledge of the GreenBelt Process. As a veterinarian and farmer, in 2005, I supported the idea of a GreenBelt which would protect the environment, wildlife and viable farm land. I also had a personal interest, as veterinarians could not incorporate in Canada, I would be paying double the amount of income tax in Ontario as other businesses did and also capital gains when I sold my practice. Therefore with no benefits or pension plan, I had invested in a piece of development property to use as a pension.

In 2005 at Public GreenBelt Meetings, I was given maps showing my property was in the area for future development and was assured by the MMAH, that it could not be put in without notification, but later it was. In order to grow the GreenBelt fast and large for political gain, the McGuinty Govt. used unreliable satellite images without anyone on the ground checking for mistakes. Therefore my property was put into the GreenBelt by mistake because of a creek on someone else's property. My local MPP (Jennifer Mossop) assured me, that this mistake would be quickly corrected, but the McGuinty Govt. used the 10 Year GreenBelt Moratorium to avoid correcting it. She was so furious by this 10 year obstruction of justice that she pressured the MMAH until they sent out a planner to confirm this blatant mistake, so my property would come out of the GreenBelt when the Moratorium ended. The Ombudsman had no power against this McGuinty abuse of power. Then in 2015, the Wynne Govt. refused to correct mistakes and instead conducted 28 Open Houses across Ont. promoting the Greenbelt, I attended all of them at my own expense to speak out and expose the cover up of mistakes in the Greenbelt. This Wynne Govt. ignored mistakes but removed 360 acres from the GreenBelt for their supporters.

On Oct 6, 2016, Ian Barrett of Colville Consulting and I met with the MMAH Planning Staff in Toronto. Our proposal for removal of my property from the GreenBelt was very well received, but we were told that decisions were controlled by politics. I was not surprised, that the Wynne Govt. was still controlling the GreenBelt Process for political gain. Now in 2023 the Ford Govt. needs to regain trust by correcting mistakes in the GreenBelt to help in the dire housing crisis. My property which I purchased 45 years ago is in the Twenty Rd East Area. It has Hamilton Water and Sewers with public transit and services such as schools, fire, police and Turner Park close by. It is bordered by houses and it has been declared not sustainable for farming. Attached is a survey of my property for review. For the last 18 years my property has been in the GreenBelt only because the dishonest McGuinty and Wynne Govts. refused to correct mistakes. Therefore I am asking Hamilton Council to ask the Ford Govt. to correct this mistake and return my property from the Greenbelt back into the Twenty Rd Area Development Lands where it belongs. If there is any concern with doing what is only right and just, I am also requesting to appear before council and the planning department to answer any questions.

Dedicated to Democracy

Dr. Tom Nugent (Veterinarian and Farmer)

**Written Responses to Survey Question “Do you have any additional feedback on Development Objectives?”**

Don't develop these lands at all. Keep the greenbelt intact.
Any/all new residential developments in Hamilton should focus on increasing density and providing walkable communities, access to public transportation, and minimal environmental impact. The greenbelt landswap must be fought by the city at every opportunity. This city does not need to remove lands from the greenbelt to meet it's housing goals.
It is fiscally irresponsible to continue expanding the city's boundaries, and I oppose it as a taxpayer. Paving over green space also contributes to flood risk and I worry for the homes that could become uninsurable. As a human and a mother, I value the Greenbelt and would like to see it maintained if not expanded so that my son hopefully has a liveable planet to grow up on.
These lands are important for the long term preservation of the natural environment and the livability of hamilton. Any development of these lands should incorporate features that retain as much of the natural environment as possible (eg retaining mature trees and marshlands), and strive to develop in such a way to provide for future benefits to the Hamilton community through communal greenspace, such as walking trails and parks.
I dont think we need to develop protected lands—we have SO many empty and hjuised buildings already here for use
I'm disappointed in the decision to remove anything from the greenbelt. However, if this is a decision that will not be amended, we need to do everything we can to preserve it and adapt to be climate conscious.
Why waste money developing on land that has no infrastructure to support housing? Who does this actually benefit? I don't support the provincial plan to waste money on developments on lands that are crucial for agriculture and wildlife. I don't care how many empty promises they make about doing it the "right" way, we have plenty of land within urban centres that can be developed. I also don't believe for a second that they would build anything deemed "affordable" by the average person in this province. Without actual numbers "affordable" means literally nothing. This is a farce. Is it any wonder people are completely apathetic and distrustful of every level of government? Why even entertain this shit when we know that this is just a deal between developer donors and the conservatives? Might as well be living in a feudal system the way the political/business class treats us lowly peasants and our input.
No. Just make best use possible of these parcels of land. As in Ancaster
The land should not be developed
I live on the west Hamilton mountain and am acutely aware of the fact that the Greenbelt is necessary to be protected for our future livability. I don't want to see these lands developed when smarter development and design can be attained within Hamilton's existing infrastructure.
How to further block this? Rezoning?

We have lots of brown space - parking lots, unused buildings, etc that we should develop. We should be vigilant to protect ALL land designated as Greenbelt or sensitive or conservation land!!!
We need to built more houses in Ancaster to meet the demand
I believe the mayor and counsel should do whatever it takes to prevent this tragedy.
Limit house sizes to allow affordable units and decrease climate impact. Limit nonporous ground cover as much as possible
I am totally against increasing the urban boundary. There is land within the urban boundary that has yet to be developed.
Save the greenbelt, develop the core
No option for feedback to NOT develop these lands.
Don't develop in the green belt. Intensify brown land development with incentives and guarantees.
I support the urban boundary expansion to the full extent of the greenbelt removal
Greenbelt lands have been designated as such for a good reason. They should remain untouched. We have enough enivronmental issues to deal with and all because mankind is not protecting the land we've been given to protect.
Make it Greenbelt area again!!
I'd prefer if we didn't develop any of the Green Belt and focused on infills because there is a huge capacity for that in Hamilton.
Good on the province for trying to spur development in this area. Idealist activist council is exacerbating the affordable housing crisis
We voted to build up and not out in this city. I want us to honor the voices of the people and keep our development within the preexisting city limits. Increase services & infrastructure within the city limits to serve the residents that are here and to accomodate for increasing population density in the city
Make the best use of existing land within the urban boundary to eliminate the need to impact the green belt
I would like to see all new developments offering serviced lots to individuals so they can buy them and build their own homes as opposed to all lots going to builders. Give young people a chance to build their own homes. Also like to have seen an option above for single detached homes. I would support these 2 ideas
Scrap any plans to develop these areas.
<b>DO NOT DEVELOP THESE GREENBELT AREAS.</b>
It is my opinion the the Provincial government should honour the Greenbelt and NOT build on these sites.
Hoping this is all moot after Ford is charged and arrested or kicked out of office.
These areas have been protected for years for a reason. Once they are gone they are not coming back. I think we should keep our developments off the green space that has been protected.

<p>I wish I could have chosen more, but if we have to build on these critical lands, it should be done in the most advanced, low-impact way.</p> <p>New housing neighborhoods should be built with a minimum of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R2000 standards (especially insulating above minimum building code)</li> <li>2. Geothermal heating to each home</li> <li>3. Grey water filtration systems</li> <li>4. Wind or solar capture for electrical use</li> <li>5. Low volume flushing toilets</li> </ol>
<p>There should be absolutely be no development of these lands. Preservation of the environment and valuable arable land is paramount.</p>
<p>Use already serviced areas. The old reduce reuse and recycle thought process. Leave the green belt as is. Take a look at all of the weather and fires across Canada. Climate change is destroying our beautiful country. Let's do our part.</p>
<p>Bring on housing opportunities and choices</p>
<p>Objective to the development of these lands.</p>
<p>Do not proceed with the development of these areas!</p>
<p>I think everything should be put on hold until charges against Doug Ford and his cast of merry men/women have been charged and relieved of their duties.</p>
<p>There should be as little development as possible, and it should all be sustainable and ALL of the plans should be approved by the Indigenous Communities because it is THEIR land!</p>
<p>Affordable housing is a crisis in Hamilton and Ontario. Affordable housing is to be considered a Development Objective of Hamilton.</p>
<p>Until a month ago I lived within a 15 minute walk of the area in question. Ideally it should remain in existing use as agriculture, wetlands and woodlots. However, if it is to be developed I would ask that the new community be developed with full services, different types of low to middle density housing, and existing wetlands protected from development and not buried. It should be a sustainable community and not one simply extending existing Ancaster subdivisions.</p>
<p>For the future residents of this community I have both envy and concern. The area's charm is the diversity of birds it attracts, the connection to where one's food is grown, and ready access to green space. The area also comes with a high water table that periodically flooded my yard in the late winter and the need for a sump pump. During rain storms and the days following it was not unusual for my sump pump to discharge water every hour. There lay my concern. If the development does not take into account the water table and wetlands, both the new homeowners and the ones living in existing homes north of Garner will see frequent flooding.</p>
<p>I think that agriculture should be included, perhaps organic?</p>
<p>There should be no development at all on these land since the process of removing them from the Greenbelt was totally corrupt. The City should freeze all negotiations with the province over these land until this sleazy deal has been totally investigated. Otherwise you are likely to be tainted with the festering reek of provincial corruption.</p>

Don't develop on Green belt land at all! How about developing the many, many parking lots in the downtown core???
Leave the Greenbelt alone!
Don't do it.
Preferred is no development at all. The city should not pay to build unsustainable new infrastructure here.
if the field is not used for farming, and has not been farmed for last 3-4 years, then take it out of the farm land and tell the hippies to take a shower
We should not be developing the protected areas of the greenbelt. It's the greenbelt for a reason. Why are we rushing to destroy it?
Don't build on Greenbelt lands, period.
Leave well enough alone. Do not allow these lands to be removed from the greenbelt
do not develop would be my desire there are enough areas to develop now + best to develop vertically so these lands are left untouched
No new development is needed and the natural heritage should be preserved. Two areas are prime agricultural land vital to our very existence while providing local food sources. Development in these areas cannot be.
These lands should not be developed - especially the core area and specialty crop area.
i agree with Ford on the removal of SOME lands from the greenbelt. I feel that the boundaries were not drawn properly in 2004. In Hamilton's case, any land around Ancaster and Flamboro should not be touched since the soil is very good for growing fruit and vegetables. In addition, no residential development should happen anywhere near the airport . That leaves the Elfrida patch of land which is the very worst of Haldimand clay. I know, since I tried to garden there as a kid 70 years ago. I had to use a pick and shovel and then, anything that I planted died in two weeks. I fact, if you check the soils, the very worst of soils extends to the Grimsby border and in Haldimand county all the way to Lake Erie!!! I know a lot about soils as I did the master plan for Ball's Falls CA in 1978. I think that it is time that reasonable heads prevail. No one loves the environment more than I but not everyone wants to be crammed into row housing or high-rise condos. We must also think of future children who need space in which to play.
In fact, I think that the entire southeastern portion of Hamilton should be open to development.
Keep wetlands and agriculture in place
The existing rural road and area highway infrastructure is completely inadequate to support ANY additional development in this area. Highway 403 is frequently jammed with excess traffic volume and accidents, and high volumes of highway commuters are regularly diverting onto substandard country roads at dangerous highway speeds. These rural roads are also used daily by children, cyclists, seniors walking, school

buses and farmers., and someone is going to get killed. Glancaster road for example is being inappropriately used as a 'short cut' from the 403 to the Linc via Book Road, to avoid the brutal Ancaster highway bottlenecks - even before adding thousands more urban sprawl commuters. It is signed as a 'Community Safety Zone' with a low speed limit of 50km/ hr, and no sidewalks or shoulders. but huge volumes of rush hour commuters and large trucks routinely fly by at 80 km/ hour with zero police enforcement. Book road, Twenty road, Dickenson road, and Fiddlers Green Rd are equally treacherous. It would be reckless to allow any further development until the city and province first complete the major highway and rural road infrastructure improvements already required just to catch up to the existing urban sprawl fallout of the past few years

None of our Greenbelt should be developed

Yes build lots of detached singles

No residential or commercial development!!! We need the Greenbelt as is!

Low income housing included for homeless in any area not in included Greenlands

Natural areas need preservation as well and we need more trees. Infrastructure needs to be built and maintained in areas with more housing instead of being an afterthought.

Please do NOT destroy the Green Belt! DON'T let the Greedy Corrupt developers kill our wild life! DON'T let the corrupt Ontario government get away with this! I'm ashamed that I voted for the lying corrupt Doug Ford government!

If the greenbelt building disaster happens, then developer's should pay for ALL infrastructure costs like sewage, roads, etc. My tax dollars must NOT go toward any of this destruction!!! The developers and the Doug Ford government need to have a large fund available to cover flooding if this building disaster happens!

These areas should not be developed. The process is suspect and we need a criminal investigation. Halt development immediately. Nothing built here will be valid.

These areas should not be developed! The City of Hamilton should continue to fight the Provincial government on this horrendous sale of lands to Ford's cronies.

None of this land should be developed. It must be protected.

Shady illegal dealings should not be rewarded by billion dollar developments. Very concerned about maintaining natural resources for our future generations wellness and food sustainability independent of global markets.

I can not understand how I vote for local municipal councillors and services and this can be overridden by the province of Ontario with their Ontario Land Tribunal- who are appointed not elected.

I believe in urban density and look forward to a more dynamic public transit so that we don't all have to use cars to get anywhere in a timely way. Sprawling is not the answer I'm looking for.

It's outrageous that in light of the Auditor General's report on opening Greenbelt lands and the ensuing conclusions that the whole process has been corrupt, that City Council and planning staff can come out with a survey and proceed to enable



development on these lands, completely ignoring the travesty being forced upon Hamilton residents.
No but I have heard that there is an indigenous burial ground at the extreme back acreage of a farm near 411 Book Road which was reviewed many years ago by the University of Toronto. Don't know if this is correct but it might be worth looking into.
The only objective should be a resounding NO to all development, especially in light of the AG's report on Ford's crooked dealings with the Greenbelt. Cease and desist from all Ford's Greenbelt activity and to this charade that will 'value' our input!
No development of these lands
I sometimes find that planners do not take into account the quality of the building plans, and since this is a public development, there should be some level of accountability for aesthetics, the quality of the construction, whether the buildings are coherent on the site and the level of livability, i.e walkability, preservation of natural areas, services, functional neighbourhoods, common areas, and whether the development contributes to a sense of community or detracts from it.
Return the land to the green belt Build as per original city plans inside city
Leave the Greenbelt green!
I am very concerned the green belt area taken back from surrounding residents will only be used for commercial development to support Hamilton airport . We already have to contend with increased traffic on local roads and hwy 403 of trucks and airport traffic. The air traffic noise is deafening at times throughout the week and our small town of Ancaster is becoming like Mississauga, which is not the area I chose to live in 20 years ago. Leave our green belt lands alone to support wildlife, eco systems and open spaces to allow residents to live in a clean and healthy area free of condensed commercialization!
land with run down buildings or not used buildings on them should be immediately used for new housing
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.
Do not build on this land. Save the greenbelt
The citizens of Hamilton have made it very clear that we do not want or need any development on these lands. These are protected and we cannot let the Ford government destroy them. It makes no sense to build here and will cost taxpayers far too much. At a time when climate changes is a real threat, we must say no. How can this survey possibly help.
Whatever it is, please honour the fact that it is a greenspace and make it accessible for all incomes.
When I think of the opportunity to make a new type of living space for residents using this area I think of a new style European town. Mixed density from single lots to mid rise appts. and condos with restaurants and coffee shops with small variety stores (such as the one on the corner of Garner and Fiddlers green) and other main floor shops(a touch of Westdale).

The potential for this area is to be a true extension of Ancaster, but in a new way. The Village concept with a European touch.

BTW I am not a developer but grew up in Ancaster and see the potential for many to appreciate the lifestyle I enjoyed growing up.

This extension of Ancaster, if properly done will be slowly winding roads, with bike lanes, following the gentle topography (think of the subdivisions off Governors Rd on the West end of Dundas), with interconnected green areas following the water courses (see recreation comments below).

I would envision some Mid rise 4-12 stories (more affordable) condo or appt. buildings along the Fiddlers Green corridor (and strategically along Garner and possibly along Shavers Rd) to allow quick and easy access to bus route extensions. with a mix of singles of various size homes with Duplex/ and multi story low rise quad and 8 plexs into the interior of the area.

Kind of a mashup of Aberdeen avenue with the new Ancaster downtown and a continuation of Fiddlers Green. Throw in the recreational potential mentioned below and you will have created a community.

Book Road needed to be developed as there are some much traffic in garner road and push is to book road and in this stage we don't have proper systems in book road to handle. we also need more housing in Ancatser. Another reason that book road need to be developed is these farming lands don not have good soil to harvest food from it. this soil is good only for cattle.

Leave the greenbelt alone. No more suburban sprawl.

Leave the green belt in place, expand its borders and protection.

Stop! Please develop somewhere else.

Prioritize safe mobility for all

Try to focus residential uses in the Ancaster lands away from the Airport Flight Path as much as possible. Will be a major land use conflict as currently contemplated.

These lands should have NOT been removed from protected Greenbelt - I'm still counting on protests, the RCMP investigation, and other efforts to reverse this self-serving decision by the Premier and his cronies.

I DO support the removal of these lands from the greenbelt area and for the land to be used to build much needed housing in the local area. There is development and housing immediately adjacent to the area on Garner Road, Shaver Road and Fiddlers Green Rd which have all sold out before building, so it is obvious that more housing is needed in this growing community.

Quite simply, these lands should be released back to the Greenbelt, especially the Book Rd lands due to the highly sensitive nature of these lands. These are quiet, bike friendly lands up there where one can get outside the urban limits of the city to enjoy nature doing what it does best. No amount of engineering can properly replicate wetlands. Once species are extinct, they aren't coming back.

Return all these lands back to the Greenbelt. Build more housing in urban centres where it is needed.

I don't want ANY development on these lands!

<p>As a city we need to build up, not out. Look to countries in Europe or Japan. People in those countries live happily in apartments all their lives. They walk. They bike. Take transit. You can have more families live in an apartment building than a sixty foot lot. Have parks in the area. Encourage small food shops to open in the area. Meat, fruit , vegetables, breads. Offer more transit lessening the need for cars and having to drive a long way to get groceries.</p>
<p>Hands off</p>
<p>So many sod farms in Glanbrook. Last time I checked the only people that gain from sod farms are the owners &amp; there employees</p>
<p>The greenbelt area was established after a lot of thought, and NOT to line the pockets of developers.</p>
<p>Infrastructure in this area is not designed to accommodate more housing. I.e. there are NO traffic lights coming off of the QEW, obly double lane roads that dont have turning lanes, and police presence is extremely minimal!</p>
<p>I think the green belt lands should be preserved. Let's look at other land and options to increase housing.</p>
<p>Don't touch the greenbelt</p>
<p>We are in a housing crisis. A mix of affordable housing, single family dwellings and low-rise apartments is required to work towards ending this crisis.</p>
<p>Ancaster needs more communities!</p>
<p>Looking to support the development of these lands to support the need for housing.</p>
<p>Development should minimally affect or rather benefit the local ecology while ensuring social benefit to the community residents.</p>
<p>Don't build on this land! We need green belt land to be protected and stay protected!</p>
<p>This decision has made our provincial government seem as though they only wish to make their rich friends richer and nothing is off limits. We have so many other areas to improve and build on outside of this protected land. Not only should we be protecting the land for wild life and environment benefits, but also because part of the appeal of these communities is the undeveloped area surrounding the homes. It looks incredibly selfish, ignorant and dishonest for the provincial government to pursue this plan.</p>
<p>Endangered species and species under threat must be taken into account.</p>
<p>Leave the Greenbelt alone!</p>
<p>I am 100% against development of the Greenbelt and am disgusted with the Premier (completely)and his Ministry of Housing. They are greedy liars.</p>
<p>Develop the land 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 . . .</p>
<p>Let's keep urban development in existing already-serviced urban boundaries, where high density housing can be built at lower costs, providing multiple units at a low price.</p>

Within the erstwhile 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

Leave land Greenbelt protected

These lands should not be developed. If development is pushed through due the housing crisis single family detached homes should not be allowed.

These lands are not necessary to develop and should be returned to the greenbelt!

This land should be utilized to match the Winona neighbourhood. The vast majority of this land is underwater. It is by definition a wetland. We should expand upon this by turning it into a storm drain pond to ensure that the remaining subdivision under construction to the north can have additional drainage while supporting the wildlife in the area. In the process we also create another green space for residents to stay active while enjoying nature.

Ultimate goal would be not not have these lands developed.

These lands should be returned to the green belt.

Re-establish these areas into the green belt and leave the farm lands and forrest areas alone! Develop within the city limits!

No comment as of now.

Minimal engineering of waterways.

This land was being worked on with the City of Hamilton Since 2005 after the greenbelt perimeters were set in 2004. There were public meetings at the Ancaster Fair Grounds to discuss these lands. There were studies being done on these lands. The City was bringing this into the urban Boundary. There is sewer and Water lines on Shaver Road and the sewer is at Trustwood Drive and Shaver. The water line is stubbed at the Tomlinson Trucking depot by the HYDRO one Lines. There are sewers on Garner Road also to be used for these lands. The Walmart Canadian Tire Longos was built as these areas were to be used for this area and also to be a live work play area to support the Ancaster industrial Park. The town totally ignored Corbett land Strategies Letters in 2016 to City Council and Steve Robichaud Head planner. There needs to be an investigation by the integrity commisioner of How this land got put into the greenbelt. These lands are not class 1 agricultural lands and provincial policy has been totally ignored where it says you are not to develop Class 1 agricultural lands until you are out of class 2,3,4,5,6,7 lands which we have millions of acres of but they are developing on Class 1 lands on east Mountain. There is the largest vertical farm company in North America right at the Amazon Building off Dickenson Road called Infarm and they can produce 10 times the yield of 1 acre with no water or pesticides being used. These vertical farms can be integrated all along the Hydro corridor to compliment the New housing. The vertical farmers need to be taxed like farms are

taxed now to encourage these to be built. Book road is class 3 and 4 as per the provincial OMFRA Maps and should be developed to help the live work play motto as that is what that area was being set up for. There is millions of acres available all around us that will never be touched in the next 100 years. For people to say it is going to cost the taxpayers for infra structure is false. The City does not contribute 1 dime towards the water, sewers, roads, streetlights, stop signs, street signs, asphalt, curbs , its all paid for by the people who will be buying these homes and the city stands back and collects taxes to perpetuity! Please report the truth!!

I'm extremely opposed to removing the land from the green belt. However, I appreciate the City's desire to impact the type of housing that is built. Large 4 bedroom homes will not improve the abysmal lack of housing for those with lower incomes and young people starting out. The type of development allowed should be limited to missing middle type of housing. I'm also concerned about displacement of wildlife (endangered or not) so tree preservation is important.

Have zero trust in our government as a result of the deceptions I believe took place regarding the removal of these portions of the green belt. AFFORDABLE housing needs to be built and not on these lands....there is more than enough space to build what we need within existing urban areas that already have the infrastructure in place

I don't understand this survey in that I don't understand why Hamilton council doesn't just refuse to have anything to do with these projects. It seems to me that if the city refuses to build any infrastructure or provide any ongoing services such as garbage collection, snow plowing, public transportation, fire and police, these developments could not go ahead.

Don't issue any permits for anything, don't allocate a single cent to these "provincial developments". Tell the province they can pay for it now and forever.

Preserve agricultural lands; encourage farming wherever soil conditions permit.  
Build within city boundaries. Avoid suburban expansion.  
Emphasize multi-family buildings, not detached houses with surrounding land.  
Emphasize neighbourhoods served by public transit. Reduce reliance on personal vehicles.  
Repurpose existing buildings where possible.

This has been an unsubtle bit of corruption.

Hamilton is desperately in need of affordable housing on public transit. If the developer should proceed with building on these lands, they should ensure they are building the highest density of housing possible to meet the target needs of the community and government, provided at the lowest possible cost to the renters/owners.

This area is ecologically sensitive and should not be developed. I propose it be rezoned into managed woodland, specifically a riparian buffer to improve the water and soil quality of the area.

I like to cycling in the green bl belt areas

This is special fruit production land. This should be part of the build to incorporate fruit trees in the whole building concept.

Developing on these lands encourages urban sprawl, discourages density in more urban area and will leave large parts of Hamilton to further deteriorate as they are less profitable to develop.

I urge the City of Hamilton to implement immediate reform on zoning within the urban boundary to enable more flexible mixed uses and housing options thereby incentivizing restoration of existing buildings. I oppose development on greenbelt lands, but I also see the struggle attempting to develop within the urban boundary e.g. Prohibitive parking requirements, CN rail, lengthy and costly rezoning applications. Possible additional flexibility could look like: allowing large lots in residential zones to expand from duplexes to four-plexes/4-unit condos or 4-unit freeholds, allow for storefront or office uses on the first floor of single detached dwellings in downtown core for added live/work options and community services.

This is so so land, build maximum density (think all 30+ story apartments with underground parking then retail then offices and then housing) ... build super high.

So long as the airport can still operate.

Ask Brock university geography/ urban planning for real futuristic ideas

You have the roads and can connect the transit

Make this area dense.

What about the airport glide path?

Get the roads in place with better connections than the binbrook idea of country roads supporting a city.

Future Development of Munro Intl Airport should be a PRIORITY, especially in Glanbrook.

Book Road development west of the airport could include road redirection to allow for a 12000-foot airport runway, extending the current main runway by 2000 feet.

Book Rd could be moved to 'skirt' the new residential area, and be well clear of the airport.

Province-wide, Queen's Park has repeatedly missed the importance of Regional airports like Hamilton and Waterloo, while exaggerating Pearson YYZ, constantly -- 'Bigger is Better', but far more CONGESTED.

Thinking Commercial freight, as well as Passenger traffic, and air traffic SAFETY -- it may be better planning.

Note: considering land arability, soil maps, etc. we would not be losing much cropland by developing the Book Road area.

NO DEVELOPMENT, do not issue any permits, leave the land alone!

More homes.

Not all monster homes.

<p>This single area in Stoney Creek is the only area I agree should be built on, Lower Stoney Creek isn't what I think about when I think "Greenbelt". All other areas should remain undeveloped.</p>
<p>Smaller homes.</p>
<p>More places to live.</p>
<p>Increase housing supply.</p>
<p>More homes.</p>
<p>More houses please.</p>
<p>Places my kids can have a yard.</p>
<p>Single family homes.</p>
<p>Homes with yards.</p>
<p>Choice of homes.</p>
<p>Choice of different types of homes.</p>
<p>Areas identified as core areas should be protected and preserved. We would do well to start planning and implementing development designs that will have the least impact on natural ecosystems. This means integrating renewable energy, preserving green space, and making public transportation more accessible. A key priority should also be to make our cities more pedestrian friendly.</p>
<p>Development should not occur on green belt lands.</p>
<p>at approx 250\$/sq ft you are delusional to think that "affordable housing" will be built in any of these developments. more monster homes will be the likely result.</p>
<p>Transportation is always top of mind - every single house will have at least 1-2 cars. How do these cars move around roadways that are already too busy and congested on a daily basis. Where will these new homeowners drive to work, get groceries, get their kids to school? WE can't just keep adding people and not have the capacity to provide complete communities and easy access to employment and different transit options.</p>
<p>We need housing. There is a path to maintaining the beauty of these lands and adding housing. These areas are not suitable for medium and high-rise housing, nor are they what people want in this area. I am also concerned about the loss of the unique fruit-growing that is in the area. The areas on the Niagara Bench are a national treasure and I am concerned that we are losing that crucial farmland.</p>
<p>Get it done</p>
<p>Stop delaying !</p>
<p>The removal of these lands is corrupt. Does the city really want to support that? Shame.</p>

<p>These cannot simply be more ponzi-scheme car-dependant suburban wastelands. It's already too costly to the city to support car-dependant neighbourhoods, why build a bigger money burning furnace?</p>
<p>We should stop and hold everything on greenbelt lands until a full investigation is completed. The recent information that has now been brought forward clearly shows corruption and we as a city should not engage in any more talks at this time.</p>
<p>These lands should not be built on at all. It's an embarrassment that this is even being considered when there are so many downtown parking lots that could be used for infill development.</p>
<p>Objectives should aim to keep these lands in the condition they are already in, as much as possible (Greenbelt)</p>
<p>We need more housing period. The more land available, the more houses can be built! More immigration and foreign students mean we need more housing.</p>
<p>As a resident of mount hope and Ontario I do not want ANY development on the green belt!</p>
<p>IF and thats a big If these lands are developed they should be people first and not confined to needing a vehicle. The neighbourhoods should be more green than anything seen yet, with a focus on mental health and pedestrians - we don't need another car friendly space. That said, don't develop the greenbelt.</p>
<p>Considering the fact that these greenbelt areas were already designated "protected", it is unfortunate that we have to re-visit this fight against a government that cares only about rich developers.</p>
<p>If we end up developing out here, might as well try to minimize the environmental impact through a variety of means including alternative transportation and higher densities. Rationale for the latter is, don't waste any space (green space is not wasted) and maximize #homes that the land can support. This would be in line with the desire of the government of the day.</p>
<p>The free environmental services these rural lands are currently providing (carbon sequestration, flood prevention etc.) cannot be taken for granted. Environmentally significant lands should not be included in any development plans unless it is to preserve them as natural areas.</p>
<p>Canada is big, it is a simple, immature argument to suggest we can't develop more neighbourhoods, just do it responsibly! (ie, super efficient, strong building codes, multi use, multi family, walkable, geothermal, greenspace, communitcy gardens, etc.)</p>
<p>The lands removed from the Greenbelt SHOULD NOT be developed until all existing land within Hamilton's urban area is developed. That includes existing urban area lands labeled as brownfields and greenfields. Hamilton with its massive residential tax burden cannot afford to waste money on trunk services outside the urban area just to make Doug Ford's billionaire supporters happy. NO ONE thinks for a minute freeing up Greenbelt lands automatically means more housing for those who need basic and even moderately priced accommodation.</p>
<p>The housing theory of "Filtering" isn't working with aging boomers staying in their homes or downsizing which causes a block in the Filtering process. Plus virtually no one can afford the obscenely huge houses developers and builders produce.</p>



Even with the Greenbelt lands freed up, Ford cannot make developers build houses. Ford didn't legislate any penalties against builders who do not build on their existing land holdings let alone their new found developable lands given to the by Ford. The developers sit on their lands until they can maximize profits by screwing families.

Ford pretends he is a cook for the media, but any good cook knows how half baked plans turn out, they are laughable messes just like the Ford Government's housing policy. Too bad Bill Davis isn't around, his government's "Home Ownership Made Easy" (HOME) program built modest homes on modest lots - leased land, that helped ease the 1970s housing shortage. Now that was good thinking.

Contrary to Ford's ill-informed comments regarding the lack of rigour in defining the Greenbelt lands we all recognize a lot of work by respected scholars and provincial and municipal public servants over many years defined the Greenbelt based on objective analysis of each parcel. Ford's back-room deals with billionaire developers is disgusting usurpes municipal powers. How can any municipality plan with a mercurial child "leading" the province ?

As we know Doug Ford inherited his current home, he doesn't get to direct Hamilton and other municipalities across Ontario how to develop, at least not without a fight.

When is the next Provincial election!!!

It's totally inappropriate to develop any of these rural/agricultural areas, given the quantity of available land within the urban area of the city of Hamilton.

i would leave the greenbelt just as it is. housing can be built in the city without resorting to protected lands.

The Greenbelt should not be used for housing. It is an essential area for conservation and wildlife and it has been stolen from the province after Doug ford promised not to touch it. There is other land that could be used to build housing.

The objective is to leave the Greenbelt as is. The developers will do what they want. The City has never had any control over developers plans. You just have to look at new developments to see the eye sores they are building.

Having more dense populations living in areas which were once protected green belt lands is disturbing. No need and not necessary. A totally shameful use of land to feed the rich. Can't wait till Ford gets the boot! Build up and be mindful. Think about others and everyone around you. More cars on the road for longer commute times.  
Brilliant!!!!

Do not build on greenbelt land. Stand on your principals and protect the land.

Preserve the greenbelt as it currently stands.

Sporting facilities and urgent care centers are very important to add. Please build roads which are beautiful and reduce speeding. Affordable housing should be a priority, look at different kinds of home designs, materials and keep it on a walkable scale for shops, etc. Let's make it a pretty community!

Develop it back into the Greenbelt - hands off the Greenbelt! Where, when are the protests?
DO NOT DEVELOP THESE LANDS. They should be put back into the Greenbelt and any consideration to develop should cease immediately.
Why isnt returning it to farmland on this list? Just bc stamp his feet dictator ford thinks food comes in by fairies, id like to see the next govt force these slime ball investors to sell the land back to farmers. Farmers never should have sold it. and the city should buy it and rent it out to farmers. The land should not be developed. Mount hope isnt even close to hamilton. I know i grew up in caledonia. Why arent you giving better options? Why isnt, how many want it back into greenbelt on it? Residents cant protest or consult. At least letbis sign a paper that says NO!!!!
Stay out of the greenbelt
Ideally return lands to greenbelt
The character of the land should change as little as possible, and remain consistent with neighbouring land.
Development should be focused on maintaining the greenbelt status and building somewhere else.
Please leave the Greenberg land alone. IT's protection is vital. Protect the green space for water and trees . I object to the development.
It's hard to just pick 5 developmental objectives. Each area has its own needs and should be looked at by council in conjunction with community needs and existing infrastructure.
Develop areas that aren't part of the Greenbelt. Of course Hamilton is the first to willingly bend over and take what the have been told to take. Why even have this survey? No one wants this development on environmentally protected lands and the entire province now sees the deals were made by developer/lobbyist influence.
Keep wetland areas intact. Make home buyers sign waiver that they know this is wetland and prone to flooding. The city (ie. taxpayers) are not responsible for flood damage
Just don't build or do anything. What's the province really going to do about it. Doug Ford will be voted out or forced to resign. Why even waste tax payers money consultation. If the province doesn't play by the rules neither should the city.
The corruption displayed by this land deal is astounding - of course Hamilton is the first to say "Yes, Please"
I trust there will be a Land Acknowledgement statement before this City meeting is underway?
Just keep acknowledging...that'll make taking more lands (without consultation) be OK.
If we're being asked to give up our green space & farmland, we ask that the housing built there be affordable and NOT mcmansions for the wealthy. This whole thing is shameful.

<p>They have land that they could use to build on why take away from the Greenbelt. It makes no sense and instead of housing it should be apartment buildings. This way they could house more people in a smaller plot and what about our nature you're driving them into cities and then we're killing them, as if it's all their fault none of this makes sense it's all about the mighty dollar</p>
<p>There is zero infrastructure or roads for these developments. the country roads which already are being used by Binbrook and Caledonia subdivisions can not physically handle any more traffic safely. There are already areas designated for housing that have some of this in place. The city ultimately will have to issue permits, I am sure they can stonewall that for a long time</p>
<p>Just leave it as is.</p>
<p>Please consider making the housing truly affordable in these development areas. Buildings with small studio apartments, starter townhomes that are actually financially attainable.</p>
<p>Infrastructure for electric vehicles should be built in to the development at the start.</p>
<p>We need housing. Get it done.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Two of the three lands are not infrastructure ready for housing development, and should not really be under consideration. I cannot see that public policy should consider advancing development of *any* lands unless strict requirements for developing affordable housing are first met. Wealthy people will always have choice options, but affordable housing is the least of developers' concerns. It needs to be the first and most prominent of public policy land development concerns by the municipality.</p>
<p>LEAVE THE GREENBELT NATURAL</p>
<p>Any development should include a functional park including water features with ongoing maintenance. Not some squared off area with a few slides for kids that I've seen with new developments. It's like developers are doing the bare minimum to tick off a box.</p>
<p>Do not develop the Greenbelt area in Hamilton. Use existing areas in the City to build housing. We are 100% oppose to Green Belt development in Hamilton. Shame on the Provincial Government for doing this.</p>
<p>No Greenbelt development.</p>
<p>Ensure the developers provide small homes on lots with enough green space to have a small garden. A small home will have less impact on our environment. We do not want to see the status quo of large homes eating up quality farm land. Makes these home attractive/affordable to our young people who are our future!</p>
<p>I'm not certain how these proposed developments are going to enable the folks that are in dire need of affordable and accessible housing. It seems that this will rather enrich developers and construction companies instead of working on the desperate need of those people that cannot afford yet another mega house in what seems to be a dirty, underhanded scheme.</p>

Development objectives should include retaining existing buildings and not paving over farmland or cutting down trees.
I oppose all development of any kind in Ontario's greenbelt. All future development must be from land outside if the greenbelt.
Leave the lands in their natural state.
Put back in Greenbelt. Demand Fords resignation.
None of these areas need to be developed. The tax increases that will have to be paid by the people of Hamilton to fund such projects are too much to take.
Keep it farmland!! Keep it greenbelt!!
Environmental studies should be required for all locations, to identify all wildlife and plant life in order to protect and preserve the green belt habitat and any builds or infrastructure should support this. These studies should also be completed by an unbiased body and results of the study should be made public. Environmental scientists and Indigenous Leaders also should be consulted in the developmental process. I believe it's extremely important to move forward slowly, not rushing the process, but rather taking the time to make responsible choices, seeking to perceive and understand the long-term effects of any possible development. Other more potential areas for development other than the green belt should be reconsidered, due to the outcome of these studies.
Please do not develop any more land for residential complexes...there is more than enough new suburbs...these precious greenbelt land grabs are just for greedy money making developers....enough is enough
This land should remain within the Greenbelt!
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Don't build on this land.
The idea is to have affordable housing. Why are we not trying to build houses in lower city areas where there is transportation already available . There is lots of land from old factories that are now closed.
No such thing as 'affordable housing' in Canada. Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman said to a reporter "There is no affordable housing within 75 miles of downtown Toronto"
I want solely for the land in the Greenbelt to be left in the Greenbelt and to have no disruption of any kind to the present condition. I also want for Doug Ford and Steve Clark should resign. This is equal to the destruction that Dalton McGinty made of the Gas scandal.
Affordable housing and shelter spaces - it's essential that these issues are addressed as a key objective of the work
Ensure surrounding transportation network can handle the additional traffic. Highway 6 and 403 are already very busy making commuting and general travel even on weekends really difficult due to traffic congestion. This has gotten much worse in the past 5-10 years already. Also ensure nature preservation.

No buildings of any kind, but preservation as natural green land with a few select bicycle/walking paths to appreciate the green space.
The land should include subsidized and affordable housing and as well to provide subsidized and affordable housing to families and individuals.
To preserve the beauty of the land and provide those who will live in the area with a high quality of life the subsidized units should have yard for each unit. Main units can have the front and upper units can access their own yard either using a walk down or a gate to access the backyards. Children need to have their own yards to play in and not a balcony.
don't develop the green belt
The development of the Garner/Book Road area is long overdue. The Provincial government in 2005 designated this land as Whitebelt, room to grow Ancaster and now the City of Hamilton finally has the opportunity to develop this land. In 2016 the City of Hamilton should not have changed the designation to Greenbelt to prevent future development. In the past several years there have been approximately 400 new condo units built North of Garner Road between Shavers and Panabaker Drive. New housing development South of Garner Road will easily fit in with the surrounding area.
Yes - I do not want to have any sort of development on the Greenbelt land. This should never be developed in any way that includes destroying the natural landscape.
Leave the greenbelt alone. What has happened this summer ( forest fires, floods etc. ) show us that climate change is here NOW. We do not need any more natural areas destroyed. Leave the GREENBELT ALONE.
Since Ancaster should never have been in the green belt, development should proceed.
Very dense intensification of housing to decrease infrastructure costs. Preserve as many green spaces as possible. Provide subsidized housing.
Should be Master Planned Community with respect to mixed use buildings, recreational amenities, green space and ecological preserves.
There is plenty of space to add affordable housing within our current urban boundaries. Once green spaces are built on, we will never get them back!
Not supportive of any building on the greenbelt lands
There should be no building.
There are other lands with infrastructure nearby that can be developed instead this land has to go back to the Greenbelt and be preserved.
Leave them as green space. Housing should be built within Hamilton with access to transit etc. Doug Ford keeps saying this is for new immigrants and young people who cannot find homes. This is not true. New immigrants need to be close to transit, health care, jobs, etc Young people will not be able to afford these homes. So the developers get rich while the city of Hamilton pays for the infrastructure. This is appalling. Our children and grandchildren need this green space. We need to do more for climate change and give them a future on this planet. Doug Ford promised he

would not touch the Greenbelt. Clearly, promises mean nothing to him. Build diverse types of housing on all the spaces inside the city that are sitting vacant.
We can't afford the infrastructure required for these areas and the existing infrastructure can't handle the extra input (sewer and storm sewer). There is no probability that these houses the build will be affordable and they would be too far from the city centre.
No urban development at all...
I would prefer all lands be added back into protected greenbelt
The land should stay within the Greenbelt and ideally would be devoted to supporting and increasing native biodiversity.
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This land should remain in the greenbelt and ideally be dedicated to supporting and increasing native wildlife.
Climate change seems to be the main interest for this government but if you cut down this major natural climate provider there will be such a detrimental impact on the environment it may never recover. Housing in the urban areas is increasing. Developers who have purchased properties that have been vacant for years need to be pushed to develop or sell to someone else who will finish the commitment to affordable housing.
No need to remove these from the Greenbelt. Good things used to grow in Ontario!
Maximize natural areas and minimize any development. More specifically, housing/employment should form a small fraction of the area.
To be clear: I am opposed to taking lands out of the protection of the Greenbelt in order to develop them. So, if this development is to go ahead, I want to make sure the Province of Ontario forces developers to build with climate change and affordability in mind. They should not be building large homes on lots. If their goal is to provide housing for those who need it, then they should be concentrating on dense, environmentally friendly housing. In addition, since these are rural areas, they should ensure the developers work with the city to provide access to transit. The communities should have amenities so that the residents don't have to drive everywhere.  But, they could achieve a lot of this by evaluating under-utilized areas in cities and towns and to encourage better use of that land.
leave the land, it should not be developed
Eco friendly building should be the standard not an option
Once farmland is removed, it cannot be recovered.
Instead of talking and hiring consultants for years, the city should actually do something in a timely manner.

Please include small houses or apartments with small footprints that would be affordable for single seniors or young adults who want to enter into the housing market.

'To Whom It May Concern

Below was a letter I issued to Hamilton City Council in January 2023 pertaining to Book Road West and its specific history that the City of Hamilton should take seriously. In short, Book Road West was not part of the original 2005 Greenbelt. And it wasn't until approximately 10 years after the Greenbelt was established that the City of Hamilton and the previous Provincial Government changed the Greenbelt borders and included Book Road West against the wishes of those property owners directly impacted, and without compensation.

This 2016 change in the Greenbelt is essentially what the Integrity Commissioner should launch a full and complete investigation into and find out how and why these lands were deemed Greenbelt in 2016, and who benefitted from the audacious exchange.

City Staff's original position along with a study by Dillon Consulting did not support adding Book Road West into the Greenbelt, likely because these lands are not prime agriculture quality and not worthy of protection based on the following scientific attributes:

- area is close proximity to existing service infrastructure, as well as water, gas
- lands are adjacent an industrial subdivision to the west, phase 2 of AEGD to the east along #6 bypass to support airport, residential and schools to the north along Garner
- the Courtland Drive subdivision already exists inside the Book Road West block,
- massive east-west hydro corridor dissects the lands, and Enbridge line runs underground
- lands are adjacent Walmart/Canadian Tire/Longos/Rona Power Centre
- lands are poor quality soil and not prime agriculture

Clearly the Book Road West lands were rightly restored to whitebelt status by the current provincial government last November and this correction has little to do with whom owns the lands and everything to do with correcting the 2016 travesty created by the City and Province in coercing these lands into the Greenbelt without consideration or compensation to its owners.

Book Road West should also be given priority for immediate development to make up for the lost time of being sidelined by a frivolous Greenbelt designation, as well as it having the only other Non-Prime Agriculture status along with Twenty Road West as the other Non-Prime Agriculture area in the City. Provincial Policy states that settlement areas should proceed on Non-Prime Agriculture areas before expanding into Prime Agriculture areas which should satisfy anyone seriously concerned about farmland or quality soil and the Integrity Commission should also investigate if Hamilton will be following this policy.

Book Road West consists of lands that have been owned by private citizens who paid

for these lands, and many of them are generational owners. These lands do not supply any food. The many owners welcome the justice of being returned to whitebelt status so to continue on with the development plans they started 10 years ago before the City and Province interfered, thus leaving a housing crises for us today to deal with. And the City knows that any landowners must invest is numerous studies and analytics to provide setbacks for wooded areas, wetlands, and other sensitive areas that might exist as part of any development, as the description the City used in this questionnaire is misleading. Please see letter below and thank you.

Mayor Horvath and Councillors

January 31, 2023

RE: BOOK ROAD (RIGHTLY) RETURNED TO WHITEBELT STATUS

Recently I read of a Councillor wanting the City of Hamilton to go on the record as opposing the Province's Greenbelt amendments. I disagree with wasting City time and tax dollars on constantly fighting the Province on this and other housing issues. But if the City is going to continue down that road, I would like to inform Councillors of the specifics of the lands on Book Road. Please take time to learn the actual facts into how Book Road was illegitimately and unjustly designated "Greenbelt" some ten (10) years after the Greenbelt was formed:

In 2005 when the Greenbelt was established, the lands on Book Road, Ancaster were not included in the Greenbelt Plan and remained as what is known as Whitebelt. Shortly after that, the group of landowners along Book Road hired planners, engineers, and lawyers to begin to set meetings with the City with ideas to establish a complete community. These landowners spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies to support their proposals that would design a neighbourhood in an environmentally conscious manner, taking into account all the municipal and provincial policies and guidelines prescribed. Then unexpectedly, in 2016, the City of Hamilton in tandem with the Provincial Liberal government, blindsided these landowners and arbitrarily changed the Greenbelt borders, arrogating the Book Road lands into the Greenbelt to stop these development plans. Without explanation, the Liberal government and the City labeled Book Road as "Greenbelt" out of thin air. They simply used the term "Greenbelt" to crush this project.

Where was the MEDIA OUTCRY on the 2016 changing of the Greenbelt border?

Where was the concern of DEMOCRACY when the rules changed in the middle of the game on these generational landowners and taxpayers?

Where was the outrage with regard to these landowners' RIGHTS and why were they



ignored?

Why was it OK to change the Greenbelt border without public discussion in 2016, but some feel it is an outrage in 2023?

For the record, Book Road lands are not Prime Agriculture, and all those landowners are on record as opposed and furious with the idea of their lands being deemed "Greenbelt" without any justification and their rights being ignored. The decision to advance Book Road lands to Greenbelt was strictly political. Thankfully the current provincial government has corrected this gross injustice and restored the Book Road lands to their original Whitebelt status. The Greenbelt in Ancaster is actually restored to its original 2005 boundary!

I hope this information is helpful to you. If any Councillor wishes to learn more about the history of Book Road, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

This is the only proposal in hamiltons green belt that makes good sense for development. The other two pieces are prime agricultural areas and should not be touched for development. We can not afford to continue to lose prime agricultural lands at unsustainable rates.

Affordable housing. Rental units. Public transportation and bike infrastructure.

No development. Return lands to the greenbelt again. Vigorously investigate the Ontario government representatives for any illegal activities surrounding the removal of greenbelt lands for development. Replace MZO with traditional planning processes by local governments. MZO decisions benefit developers over local building depts by a wide margin. MZO decisions don't appear to follow local zoning bylaws already established.

If the lands are to be developed, I'd hope they'd be turned into complete, walkable, and accessible communities. The site should have transit connections, plenty of green space, different types of housing including affordable housing and housing for seniors and young families. The sites should also be designed so that accessory dwelling units can be constructed on properties built as single-family dwellings. I'd also hope that the communities are designed to be mixed-use to acomodate small businesses.

I do not think these lands should be used for housing of any density

I do not think this land should come out of the green belt - if it has to come out then make it as ecologically friendly as possible

If the ministry insists on the development of these lands we should strive to protect and preserve natural areas and existing natural habitat to the fullest extent possible. We should also aim for housing that is "affordable", including rent geared to income, though this is difficult in this rural area: a mix of housing types and non-residential uses that supply some amenities and promote community activities might help (e.g. day care, recreation and community garden space) ; public transit and safe pathways

to connect the area safely with the rest of Ancaster (for shopping, banks, schools etc.) to reduce car dependency (cars are expensive); and promote safe access along and across Garner Road, Fiddlers Green and Book Rd. with cycling/walking lanes separate from these roads. Affordable housing should also address ongoing housing costs such as heating - incorporate building standards to address this.

The green belt needs to be returned and a transparent, public and fair review of its destiny needs to be done. There was obviously an unethical and preferential process to remove these lands from the green belt. We (the public) need to ensure the government is acting in the public's best interest and that the process is fair and unbiased.

The objective should be to keep the greenbelt as natural as possible. It's hard to understand what this survey will do. When I see that in the newspaper that developers are telling us how many units will be developed on properties. I am sure open natural space is the last thing on their minds. Not sure how much influence the City of Hamilton has ever had on Developers

Provide housing  
For Hamilton area

Ideally the City of Hamilton moves quickly on alternative plans for development elsewhere, that way opposition to building houses on these lands will hold more sway.

**NO DEVELOPMENT AT ALL IS A PRIORITY.**

I will be doing everything I can to stop this development.

Development can mean allowing and aiding nature to develop!!

Please do not touch the green belt.

Do not develop these lands. We have enough land within our city limits to develop or improve which will resolve the issues in our housing crisis.

It is a very good idea to build houses because more and more people are coming to Canada and need houses. It would be a horrible tragedy if this does not go through. Doug Ford is right!

Keep land in greenbelt

I would like this development process to begin immediately to accommodate all these people coming to Canada. ( 500,000)

Needs to be affordable housing.

No developing Greenbelt. Fix the existing structures and abandoned buildings in Hamilton. Once Hamilton has drastically improved and its empty/abandoned buildings/houses have been filled with people THEN worry about expanding.

**DO NOT DEVELOP THE GREENBELT BUT LEAVE FOR NATURAL AREAS.**

**DO NOT DEVELOP THE GREENBELT!** It was set aside for a purpose, development is NOT one of the uses.

I believe the most important consideration by far is the preservation of historic buildings. I also have a strong interest in any archeological digs that can be done during the development process.

Less high rise buildings with more homes that have actual back yards.

I strongly object to large suburban development on these lands.

There are no services for the property at Book and Fiddler's Green Road, no sewers, no water, no sidewalks, no public transit (so more vehicles will be added to the roads, which are not suitable for increased traffic). There are also restrictions on type and height of development due to proximity to the Hamilton Airport, which has been in place for a very long time, even before the airport became a very busy Cargo Airport. Growing up near the Airport, we were all aware of these restrictions, but apparently, the Province had no idea? The Province needs to do its homework and realize that the taxpayers will bear the costs of these developments, since the developers will no longer pay for them. The wetlands are needed to stop flooding, habitat for birds and water fowl as well as other animals and reptiles and amphibians that thrive in these areas.

Lastly, the phrase "affordable housing" has not once been mentioned when discussions are happening about taking land from the Greenbelt and developing it. There are many areas outside of the Greenbelt that are available for development and we need our green spaces for our health, the future of children and survival when the Greenbelt lands can be used for growing food for our Province.

What is the cost to Residents for any increase in infrastructure for these lands. Especially connecting to city sewers and roads. With the increase in developments and population there has been no discussion of hospitals, schools that would be needed.

Keep the greenbelt as is!

This area (Book Road) should not be in the Greenbelt based on the original consultant recommendations. Affordable housing is a significant issue that we should utilize these lands to address.

Don't make another housing complex with townhouses just one after the other with no trees and no amenities. Make the streets nice, keep the tall old trees and work around them to make the community seem less new and more incorporated into the nature and green space.

Make the roads smaller and add bicycle lanes.

Just stop making every single house look exactly the same with tiny backyards and rows and rows of treeless streets.

It's ugly. It doesn't provide shade or breaks from the sun. The houses are stuck together and the people have to drive for 20 min to get anything done or groceries.

Learn from the mistakes. Take a risk.

I don't like the ideal of turning good farm land into housing. I would rather see old run down building or homes re developed into affordable housing or apartments. Before that can happen I am still waiting on all levels of government to agree on what is affordable.

I attended the Open House hosted by the City of Hamilton pertaining to Provincial Amendments to Greenbelt Plan. I thought the City did a good job with organizing and presenting. They were professional and courteous to everyone and as a landowner in the Book Road West area and pro-development proponent, I felt they were fair to the issue on both sides. I wanted to commend the City for their job they did.

Having said this, I think the anti-development faction is problematic. Not only because they want to halt prosperity and stop development, but with their hypocrisy and flawed position.

First of all, the anti-development faction (Stop Sprawl/Save Greenbelt, etc etc) are an organized sign-carrying group of citizens from all towns and cities across the province. They are not all indicative or a representation of City of Hamilton voters, as this was made clear last night when one of the Stop Sprawl reps thanked the group for coming from Paris, Brantford, London etc, and everyone from out-of-town cheered which was many of them. This is a problem because how are our politicians supposed to learn what the citizens of the area truly want when the loud minority is an organized group from different areas of the Province and the silent reasonable majority prefer a more intelligent and deeper discussion about the matters impacting their land. Point is, the anti-development people flood the auditorium in an organized with large numbers to keep the façade of being in the majority, but they are not. As I stood among them in line, they seem to know each other and some spurred-on by some local Councilors and an area MPP. They seem to think the Open House was a meeting place or picnic for them to organize an anti-Ford protest when in fact it was supposed to discuss community benefits on the former Greenbelt areas. This is perhaps where the City should have imposed their agenda a little stronger.

The other issue I see with the anti-development faction is that they have no tolerance for anyone with opposite views. Many of the landowners I know who want their lands removed from Greenbelt restriction and to develop a community sat quietly and politely and listened to the speakers. We did not jeer or boo when we heard the absurdity spewed from the other side. Also, what was most compelling was when an anti-development attendee yelled "we want Democracy!" - they all cheered, which is fine. But they say they want democracy until they don't get their way, which they don't see as democracy anymore. To be clear, they see democracy as getting their way, not as a free and open debate or simply allowing others to do what they want with their land.

In 2016, the Wynne government unilaterally placed my land into the Greenbelt against my wishes and against scientific support. It was clearly a wrong idea and against my wishes because putting whitebelt land into the Greenbelt makes the land worthless as it severely restricts land uses. Even farmers don't want this, as they cannot even build a barn in some cases. Greenbelt has had a huge infringement on my land rights. The current Ford government corrected this injustice by restoring these lands to its original status pre-2016. There is no travesty in removing my lands from the Greenbelt as the travesty was in 2016 with what the Wynne government did. This current government was duly elected and simply reversed a bad decision by the previous provincial government that was duly elected - this is how our democracy works. Anti-development factions do not truly believe in this sort of democracy, they believe democracy means do what they say.

What is even more compelling, is the anti-development side presented an idea of what they would like to see done on my land - they suggested to place tent cities on former Greenbelt lands. So to be clear, I am against the tent cities and I am against how the City is managing that crisis, yet there was a suggestion made that we, as owners of former Greenbelt lands, should house the tent cities on our land. So instead of me developing a beautiful and safe community, where families can be raised and children can go to school, and taxes collected for our broke City, these anti-development activists want us to create an unsafe tent city ghetto where there is addiction, and mental illness, when in fact the City should be forging a humane solution to those problems than to let them roam our streets and endanger the rest of the population. What is clear from the above mentioned suggestion is 2 things: anti-development activists truly don't care about the Greenbelt, as they now want tent cities erected. And anti development activists should not be relied upon for credible input on City planning, they just want to dictate what others should do with their land -they are dictators. They actually think they have the right to tell others what they can do with what they own. Yet, they say they want democracy! No they don't, they are dictators.

Above is my reaction to attending the Open House and to conclude, all these anti-development groups lack credibility, do not believe in freedom and prosperity, and full of bad ideas that will surely bankrupt our City.

Safety issue. Develop so that speed limit is lessened. Put in 4 way stops, or 3 way stops when applicable such as Book rd. west and Courtland drive.

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built my dream home at 136 Book Rd W Ancaster I built it myself its peaceful and we love seeing the wildlife everyday in our yard wether its

many many varieties of birds , turtles , fox , turkeys its just a great place to live. These lands have no business at all being removed from the greenbelt

we built knowing its all protected lands no one would build behind us cause its PROTECTED LANDS. These lands are also far away to build a neighborhood it makes zero sense

way up by an airport that could even expand there are so many lands that are available right now could be developed why our area???? Very suspicious ..... Also

the roads on Wilson and meadowlands are all jammed not to mention 403 we do not have the roads to accommodate . As we saw the massive turnout last night over capacity

and many not allowed in due to regulations THE PEOPLE have spoken again and Mr Ford who I voted for said he is governed by the people he needs to do what is right

and return the lands. If they ram it down our throats and it proceeds I am either going to sell next spring and be heartbroken or I stay for the madness of construction all

around

and watch the peace leave this area if I stay below is what I hope would be in consideration for the area. Finally how the heck do they think they will increase our taxes by a huge margin I

already pay 10,000 dollars per year

In my Book Rd block

1. No commercial Buildings this would take away from the setting
2. Parklands to take advantage of the green space , the area behind our home is close to the airport so this would be ideal houses really should not go in
3. Ensure trees are replanted
4. No townhomes!!!! no retirement homes not suited for this area remember they want to build homes amongst multi million dollar homes
5. Dont cut down trees that dont need to be cut down use as many as you can in your planning
6. This is not an area for affordable housing its not near anything no bus routes nothing in walking distance like I said not a good choice to build neighborhood

Respectfully

Too close to the airport. This development will be very vehicle dependent as public transit will be many years in development. This will not be a solution to affordable housing.

The development of this area should incorporate City needs with the type of housing required to sustain future expansion requirements. This should not be left up to the developers but their plans must be fully approved by council. This includes building infrastructure (water, sewage, roads, etc) that not only facilitate the primary development of these lands but also for future expansion of residential, commercial, parks, etc. If there is a requirement to connect to current city infrastructure, developers should also be responsible for improving that current infrastructure (if needed) in order to facilitate these new communities and possible future expansion of these communities.

If the Ontario government is saying that we need more affordable housing, then the City should ensure that the developers plans incorporate that objective. Ancaster has by far the lowest percentage of affordable housing of any other area in Hamilton.

These are examples of lands that at never should've been removed when you're growing fruit on

Ancaster needs affordable housing, taking consideration that the area includes parks, trails for the enjoyment of families within their community.

I feel the Greenbelt needs to be re-evaluated. With a lens that does not harm farmers or land owners! If a property is a residential (never farmed) property with acreage, why can't it be used for higher density residential use? This is easy and logical. It provides residential acreages for increased development and allows and encourages land owners to sell.

As for farmland, most farmers I know (I grew up farming) are hurting financially! If they could sever a lot or 2 from their farm to sell, as every farmer did for decades before the Greenbelt made that impossible, they could keep farming. If not, they are forced to sell the entire farm. The Greenbelt financially hurts farmers who need some cash, to update equipment, to grow their business, or retire, and leave the remainder of the farm to their kids!

Land needs to be left as agricultural as much as possible to feed us. There is a shortage of senior, old age and other affordable housing which could be built closer to Upper James for better commuting.

Would like to see my lands NOT be developed as I bought this property for exactly the Greenbelt protection that it had. I would love to see the city fight development to the lower half of Book Rd as much as possible whereas some areas (Garner) makes some sense as infrastructure is there. Please fight this. Plus address is in the federal airport noise restriction, so on that basis alone, the city should not develop lower Book Rd. Let's pause development talks as the Provincial Inquests are happening. Let's meet our housing targets by developing existing lands in the city limits, and create affordable RENTAL housing which is more the provincial issue, not housing for affluent citizens. Let's undo much of the city red tape for multi-plex etc approvals.

There should be a limit placed on lot sizes and home sizes for all types of housing development. Meaning no more mansions! Limit square footing of dwellings to a maximum of 1,200 feet for townhouses, apartments, and 1,800 for single dwellings.

As I can only choose 5 items from the list, natural areas etc transportation is important as well.

Natural playgrounds

Regarding housing, Hamilton and the surrounding areas are far behind where they need to be in terms of a healthy \*variety\* of housing options, i.e. affordability, being family-friendly, etc. I am in support of developing these lands due to the current projections of population growth, as I want my children to be able to \*afford\* the type of home of their choosing, even with a middle-class income, especially when they start families of their own. Condos and their respective exorbitant fees are not for everyone, particularly families, and currently not even affordable for many. The Book Road lands are apparently not prime agricultural land, as per studies conducted a

decade ago(?). If the rumour mill is correct, they were thrust into the Greenbelt due to political coercion and collusion 6 years ago, not due to scientific conclusions. Whereas another area that is currently under development by the city (Elfrida) was prime agricultural land...? If this is true, perhaps this warrants a public inquiry of its own.

There have been a few different ideas proposed in meeting the huge numbers of people who could be moving into the Hamilton area. One other recommendation was to build up (literally up) in downtown/Barton/Bay area but I would be concerned that the current water and sewer infrastructure would not be able to handle the high numbers of new residents and the cost to alter that infrastructure would be huge (let alone the significant disturbance to that area). This cost would be payed for by the city whereas building in these Book Road lands would be payed by the developer? In addition, how do you incorporate affordable housing that close to the city center?

At the same time, I am advocating an innovative approach to the dire need for such a large number of new residents to the area with possible development in both areas. I recommend that developers come up with innovative plans that build an expandable future and not the "same old-same old" development that supplies the bare minimum to maximize profits. Make the developments livable and future oriented, including all new and modified infrastructure.

This property is currently an eye sore. The entire area surrounding it is new residential with 1 new school next door and another a few km's down the road. It is a low lying area unsuitable for farming of any kind.

The major consideration for this plot of land is to keep arable land for farm use. There are plenty of places to build homes that are NOT on prime farmland. We are building on all of our farmland and will not be able to produce our own food. We are so reliant on imported produce already that to use up what is remaining is short-sighted and stupid. I am also concerned about preserving naturalized areas for climate change and for wildlife. The area is already so congested with increasing population and vehicles that taking away greenbelt space to build will have a negative impact on the community in many ways including: the infrastructure and the costs to local residents via taxes to improve it to support developing this area, and loss of quality of life for those already in the area. We should be giving incentives to farmers for this land instead of to developers. The options above in this "survey" are also bogus. I don't have development objectives for this land - there are no options to chose to NOT develop this land.

I do not agree with developing any part of these previously protected green spaces. Put them back in the greenbelt. There are other lands that can be used for development and case please see my preferences above regarding top objectives.

Courtland Drive house have been in this location for a long time. It would be nice to surround this street with park lands to keep residents happy during the development

These are greenbelt areas that were supposed to be permanently protected as per the governments strategy in 2005.

Particularly, the Fifty Road parcel is designated as a Specialty Crop area. This is crucial for local crop production.

Book Road area is significant as woodlands and wetlands which are necessary for our



ecosystems and potential endangered species habitat.  
These groups of lands should not be destroyed.

Wow! What a rigged survey! All choices are related to the globalist Agenda 2030 - sustainable development and 15 minute cities/neighbourhoods/C40 Cities - open air prisons! You have to choose 5 or it won't submit? That's like being told to choose 5 of your favourite bullets that will ultimately kill you in the end. Shame on you for your lack of transparency and fear mongering. Climate change is yet another globalist agenda lie. Beware because people are waking up to these globalist crimes and corruption!

Do Not Develop these lands they are protected for a reason!!

Green spaces are needed for our ecosystem and crop production. These spaces are not required for development as there is enough existing land set aside for this purpose.

Thank you this opportunity. When the green belt was designated it was for a reason- we need land to be preserved for farming forests and wetlands that are teeming with animal habitat. Once this is changed and filled with concrete there is no going back and these treasures / food crop areas will be lost forever. My hope is that those who are looking at developing housing on these sites will give their heads a shake and think about future generations that will have lost an opportunity to enjoy the food coming from the farms and being able to take a walk through the woods. The provincial government is acting like a "bully" in trying to force this through approval and it has not been done with any thought to the future of these areas

The assignment of a The Provincial Land and Development Facilitator is not to even consider any lands in the Greenbelt lands designation.

Housing is needed urgently and not everyone wants to live downtown

The neighbourhood should contain a mix of housing densities that would truly address the housing crisis. Single family homes do not address the lack of affordable housing (rental or ownership) for the majority of people in need. New development should respect the existing natural environment, while integrating respectful, functional, dignified housing for the elderly, young families who may never achieve home ownership, new Canadians and families starting on their home ownership journey.

Like City Council, I am completing the survey re the Book Rd lands under protest. They should be returned to the Greenbelt.

Like City Council, I am completing the survey re the White Church Road lands under protest.

Farmland should be used to grow food to feed people. Planned development of greenbelt lands will impact local infrastructure. The roads cannot accommodate the number of cars that will be added to the local roads.

Maximize low impact development, green space, trail, linkages, and bike lanes

Please house the homeless in tiny homes on this land. You could conceivably house a large number of people, you would be eligible for federal and provincial funding under the affordable housing program. It would be safer for these people. Run in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Good Shepherd charities as supports you could have a community garden placed on site and a community kitchen cafeteria and

dining hall. You could run job training programs co-op to give these people work skills through the St Charles center adult education center being established.

**Written Responses to Survey Question “Do you have any additional feedback on Community Benefits?”**

Again, don't develop these lands at all. Keep the greenbelt intact.
I would like to see more “missing middle” eg townhomes and smaller apartment buildings. Communities should be cohesive and include shops, parks, employment, community, places of worship etc and developers have a responsibility to create liveable communities not just endless detachable homes. More care needs to be taken with road development as many of the new developments that already exist are car-centric and hazardous for children, pedestrians, cyclists etc.
Although this land has been removed from the greenbelt, there is still the opportunity for it to be protected from Industrial development. These lands can be designated as community spaces such as parks and nature preserves that help to retain the integrity of the natural environment and protect hamilton by providing tree coverage and flood protection. To support the long term livability of hamilton, I urge you to resist paving over these important spaces and allow them to remain "wild"
Same as above. Efforts need to be made to preserve this land as originally intended by distinguishing it as part of the green belt.
Should have community playgrounds and parks set out to encourage everyone to use the space
Ensure that even the existing communities benefit from the development of these parcels of land
No. Only that we should continue pressuring our other government agencies to investigate Ford for racketeering and failing that, implement other effective ways of blocking this development.
Doug Ford should resign. City Councillors who don't support protecting the environment need to go to!!!
I am sorry that this survey is confusing - I don't want to see ANY development on these lands (removed from the greenbelt) and I am not sure why there is not an option for that?
This land should be left untouched by developers
The community will benefit greatly by proceeding with the urban boundary expansion to the full extent of the greenbelt removal. Ancaster needs more traditional subdivisions.
Again, let us focus on infills and refuse to let a corrupt and criminal “government” from telling us what we can do in our city. There is nothing legal or moral about what the Ford government did and we should continue to refuse to support such short sighted, and frankly incredibly stupid ideas put forth from them.
Very biased survey
Don't develop on Greenbelt land. Develop land within cities rather than sprawl.
Should preserve the green belt and plant more trees and prevent developers from taking down trees when they submit plans for redevelopment of land parcels within the urban boundary
I would strongly argue zero tax dollars to be used for any of these benefits above
The community can benefit most by leaving these lands as they are.
DO NOT DEVELOP THESE AREAS
The best community benefits would be to leave the wetlands alone and build within city limits.

Climate change and natural area preservation must be kept as a top priority during any development of greenbelt lands.
I believe there are other options than green belt development that should be used.
I wish I could have chosen all in #4!
Most of these options presume that there will be building of some kind on these lands. If there has to be, it should be publicly owned so that there is control of the environment rather than developer owned and sold for private housing (which will do nothing for the housing shortage - people who could afford whatever would be built here are not part of the housing crisis anyway).
There are no benefits to the community in developing these lands. There is sufficient land elsewhere outside the greenbelt available to be developed much more quickly for affordable housing.
Builders are very wealthy. They should give back to the communities where they are making their profits.
ensure a unique community extension that enhances traditional amenity deliveries.
The community benefit is leaving these lands in the Greenbelt and not contributing to increase urban sprawl and climate change.
These lands are not necessary for the province to meet its housing target, as the Auditor General of Ontario concluded. I object strongly to any housing, commercial or institutional development of these lands.
The land is already beneficial to your ecosystem and agricultural system! The land doesn't need human impact for it to be beneficial.
It should be used to develop cost effective housing that is sustainable and environmentally friendly, and as much green space as possible should remain.
Other community benefits that must be considered on this list include emergency service facilities to accommodate for the added population.
Contributions to the municipal infrastructure (sewers, waterlines, etc.) to fully cover the impact of the new builds on the existing systems.
See comments above.
It is difficult to answer these questions when I believe that the land should stay as greenbelt.
The greenbelt is the only community benefit that these lands are suitable for.
Don't build on the Green Belt!!!
Leave the Greenbelt alone!
yes, take these field out, and tell the hippies to stop voting liberal and take a shower
Again, I am against development of the greenbelt. It is protected for a reason. These natural areas are filled with wildlife and important natural habitats. We don't need further community development in the area. This will only lead to more pollution and over populating the area.
Leave the Greenbelt alone.
I don't think we need to asterisk these developments. Build complete communities, particularly around schooling for children.
I feel this survey is quite biased towards progressive end goals.

Again leave it alone restore these lands to the greenbelt
I do not want these lands developed! Community benefit - developers go away fr these lands!
These areas should be retained as part of the Greenbelt.
i agree with Ford on the removal of SOME lands from the greenbelt. I feel that the boundaries were not drawn properly in 2004. In Hamilton's case, any land around Ancaster and Flamboro should not be touched since the soil is very good for growing fruit and vegetables. In addition, no residential development should happen anywhere near the airport . That leaves the Elfrida patch of land which is the very worst of Haldimand clay. I know, since I tried to garden there as a kid 70 years ago. I had to use a pick and shovel and then, anything that I planted died in two weeks. I fact, if you check the soils, the very worst of soils extends to the Grimsby border and in Haldimand county all the way to Lake Erie!!! I know a lot about soils as I did the master plan for Ball's Falls CA in 1978. I think that it is time that reasonable heads prevail. No one loves the environment more than I but not everyone wants to be crammed into row housing or high-rise condos. We must also think of future children who need space in which to play
i would suggest that you open up ALL this land in this area of Hamilton to development!
David Wootton
905-563-5438
I hope the city of hamilton will continue to stand up to the province on behalf of area residents - who were collectively crystal clear that we did not want our city to grow into the white and green belts with uncontrolled urban sprawl. this is ruining the quality of life in our city, as well as the environment
Our Greenbelt should not be built on
Zero tax dollars used to subsidize housing. Lets focus.on existing taxpayers for a change
Again, building infrastructure prior to building housing.
I don't see any community benefits with destroying green belt lands and killing wildlife!
There should be zero development
The community benefits from green spaces by having cleaner air, cooler temperatures and less flooding. Protect the greenbelt.
Naturalization or Farmland for Greenbelt areas.
There is no community benefit to developing these lands, only a gargantuan dis-benefit.
There are no Community benefits!
Community benefits would be great if they were realistic, but if this is dealing with Ford and Clark, there is no such thing. The only benefits are to them and their developer PC party supporters.
No development
Developers to pay for ALL infrastructure i.e. sewers, roads, etc.

<p>Many of the people who live in the Book Rd. Area are farmer's/agricultural and any community benefits ought to complement the benefits they already provide, and not compete or detract from them.</p>
<p>Return this important land to the green belt. Only build on gray lands</p>
<p>The Province of Ontario needs to take into consideration of what Ancaster residents want for their town, and to use the lands for agriculture and open spaces for wildlife, parks for cycling and walking, and farming lands to support food chain for the increased resident population.</p>
<p>if this natural land is used for anything it should be used for access as a natural environment for natural park definitely not housing.</p>
<p>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!</p>
<p>Save the green belt. Do not build on this land.</p>
<p>Hamilton citizen are against sprawl development on either the Greenbelt or the forced urban expansion lands. Taxpayers pay for sprawl &amp; our city already has a plan to build housing where it makes sense - close to jobs, amenities and transit</p>
<p>Nothing more dangerous than leaving kids alone with no options; just look at the problems in Caledonia.</p>
<p>It would be great if the development can take advantage of the rolling character of the land, rather than flattening it.</p> <p>The natural drainage system would make a great combination of surface drainage (to deal with uncertain climate forces) but also preserving ponds and streams (create ball fields and ball diamonds as flood plains) it is possible to create a human/nature area for recreation and allow for sanctuaries for flora and fauna where people can interact and observe nature close to where you live, this will honor the heritage of the location.</p> <p>The natural corridors (along stream etc) will make a fantastic recreation area for those in the existing subdivisions on the north side of garner such as bicycle/running/walking trails. Plan for a holistic planned pathway system that will be maintained through all phases of development.</p> <p>One last thing, THERE MUST BE ROOM FOR TREES ON BOULEVARDS OR FRONT LAWNS OR ALONG SIDEWALKS or all of these. Trees will produce shade to reduce cooling loads in the summer, mitigate noise, absorb pollution, break up wind patterns to reduce property damage from storms. and all the other wonderful things trees do. I am always amazed looking over the brow how green Hamilton is. This is a good thing. Solar panels are good but trees are better. If you want energy efficiency, build that into the buildings with insulation, LED lights, limit operable windows etc.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to present a vision of a place I would like to live.</p>
<p>Meadow land area is so crowded and this new section will be great for new subdivision.</p>
<p>We've already talked about this and we've been told Hamilton has a plan to meet housing targets while not rezoning this land to benefit sprawl developers. Stick to this plan. Strong leaders lead and it's time to step up.</p>
<p>I moved to this area because of all the nature. Stop developing everything!</p>

<p>The biggest community benefit we need is a place to grow food - we're all going to continue to need to eat. Paving over the Greenbelt is NOT the answer. Heads should roll for this corrupt boondoggle that's come to pass. I'm devastated.</p>
<p>Although I am of course normally in favour of affordable housing and community benefits, the only benefit I see if these lands are developed is for the developers themselves. The best community benefit for sustainability and affordability for residents of Hamilton is to build within our current urban boundaries and release these lands back to the Greenbelt for perpetual protection against any development. Stand firm Hamilton. I'd rather pay a tax increase from the City paying fines for refusing to issue permits for development, than to pay a tax increase to maintain roads and sewers in perpetuity.</p>
<p>The best community benefit comes from leaving these land exactly the way they are. NO HOUSING!</p>
<p>This will encourage people to get out more and interact with each other. Become a close knit community.</p>
<p>We need more high density housing. That's the issue. Like I stated there are way ti many sod farms that just destroy farm land</p>
<p>Parks are great for recreation and Greenbelt is great for wildlife</p>
<p>This area needs infrastructure listed above in my comments.</p>
<p>There are other ways to build more housing</p>
<p>Don't build on this land! We need green belt land to be protected and stay protected!</p>
<p>Instead of building new homes on protected land, it would benefit the community to build homes on existing land that has old/run down locations and put other money towards community centres and programs that already exist.</p>
<p>Existing available lands, other than greenbelt lands, must be used for development. Greenbelt lands must be left alone!</p>
<p>Leave the Greenbelt alone!</p>
<p>Same as before. No development of Greenbelt.</p>
<p>Land developed with restorative farming, will replenish the soil by rotating crops, or allowing understory crops or farm animals free range to increase yields on farmlands will produce foods at a lower cost for city dwellers.</p>
<p>Land developed with native plants: paw paw trees, choke cherry bushes, oaks, sugar maples, tulip trees in upland areas and rushes and grasses in wetlands will provide recreational and tourism opportunities for city dwellers. It will also help mitigate climate change and reduce high costs from either storm water flooding damages or infrastructure needs to cope with the higher intensity storms of the future</p>
<p>Let's keep urban development in existing already-serviced urban boundaries, where high density housing can be built at lower costs, providing multiple units at a low price. Within the erstwhile urban boundaries, sewers, water mains, electrical lines, roads, schools, libraries, stores, churches, transit, etc. already serve underdeveloped and empty lots.</p>
<p>We've no need to hand developers land on a silver platter so they may make the big bucks.</p>
<p>Let's keep our Greenbelt GREEN</p>

Leave as Greenbelt protected land
If the Province insists upon using greenbelt land it most definitely should ensure the development costs associated with communities such as supporting infrastructure; sewers, water mains, utilities. These lands should not be used for upscale low density communities.
We already have an infrastructure problem and adding more homes will only make the situation worse. Roads are not able to handle the current population and adding more homes outside of urban area where there is no public transportation will make them worse.
Ultimate goal would be not not have these lands developed.
Province needs to return the land and protect the green belt.
There are no benefits to developing this land.
No comment
Use ranking instead of top 5 in this survey.
They need to leave the green belt alone
I repeat my earlier comment in that I think the City of Hamilton should refuse to cooperate in any way with these projects. The city seems to be able to delay construction permits for other projects. Why not delay any decisions on these developments at least until the next election when hopefully all this can be reversed. And at this time we don't even know if this whole fiasco is a criminal matter.
MPP Donna Skelly was quoted in local media as saying there is no active agriculture taking place on the greenbelt lands designated for removal. This is not true and the record should be corrected as such.
Questionnaire seems to assume there will be building on the above lands.I do not think this is necessary. There are many vacant and barely used sites in downtown Hamilton (including parking lots) so city priorities should emphasize building on these lands. Agricultural lands in particular need to be preserved at all costs. Affordable/low cost housing should be accessible to city services, not located in new suburbs.
The entire city will benefit from transforming this area into a nature preserve. Habitat for species, carbon sequestration, and ground water will benefit us all.
I want to see more cycling areas to ride in in Hamilton all around the city because I want to be more safe on my bicycle
To me, a benefit to community use looks like mixed use developments with street facing uses for the general public if mid-high rises. If the development aims to build detached/stacked homes, smaller blocks of flexible mixed use areas should be required within the development to allow for daycares, small grocery stores, pharmacy, gyms, variety stores etc. With the sizes of these areas, there should be 'breaks' within them discouraging expansive suburban lands which are uninviting to the public.
Solve low income housing need at one site
Make this area dense and get lots of small affordable housing
Conveniently close to Ancaster's Farmers Market, etc.;
Quick access via Fiddler's Green to Ancaster, and to Hamilton core via Upper James.
NO DEVELOPMENT, do not issue any permits, leave the land alone!
Play areas



Splash pad.
Spots for kids.
Tennis courts?
Places to enjoy.
Places for seniors.
Places for families.
Passive parks.
Dog park
A place I can walk my dog.
Park for kids.
Flower garden.
Planning for our children and grandchildren's future begins now. Let us plan developments they can be proud of and put the communities first, instead of allowing developers to implement plans we will have to deal with for decades to come.
Development should not occur on Greenbelt lands.
It's not just about putting up a bunch of homes. So much more needs to be considered to preserve green space, build green and limit the amount of car use people need to do. We want to easily access local amenities, fresh food, parks, schools and green space.
Stop delayin Build the residences
The Federal government is allowing unprecedented immigration !
WE HAVE TO BUILD HOOUSING NOW AND THE City should speed up the building process as it takes to long to get approval
What is the point of building houses if we are removing farmland that feeds people? Talk about a housing crisis, what about our climate crisis? Let's build a house so it can flood.
If we are forced to build, the majority of housing must be AFFORDABLE and should be built using greenest energy standards.
Developers should be required to contribute the maximum amount possible to keep these areas as close to what they currently are as possible (Greenbelt). Also they should be responsible for returning the land to greenbelt status should this decision be reversed at any time during the development process, including the city of Hamilton prepping the lands for development (eg grading, sewer & water lines, etc. )
Do not want development on any protected green belt land.
Considering there is a desire to reduce cost of ownership to future residents, adding too much to building cost I think is counter productive (read solar panels). I like the idea of green spaces and walking distance community use facilities.
Housing development in Hamilton should be focused on providing affordable housing to low-income families that is close to city services like public transit and places of employment. The proposed lands are not suitable for this purpose.

<p>It benefits communities to have a place to live. Look how Hamilton council jumped at LRT and developing north end, displacing SO MANY vulnerable individuals.</p>
<p>The Province should also fully pay for all trunk servicing, libraries, recreation centres, fire, ambulance and police stations and all additional equipment such as fire trucks, ambulances and cruisers. All costs for these facilities such as land, design, construction and maintenance for 50 years should be covered by the Province NOT the Hamilton taxpayers.</p>
<p>Given the emerging story of how these areas were corruptly removed from the Greenbelt, the city of Hamilton should strongly resist pressure to develop these areas.</p>
<p>any work towards climate change is good. however natural areas should be left as they are when they are protected</p>
<p>The City &amp; Developers need to think of Green space, farming and the natural habitat. Not how many homes they can fit in to one space. Natural beauty of this Province should more important than profit</p>
<p>No benefits to develop these lands at all. Total poop show!</p>
<p>No to Greenbelt Development. We are saying it to you.</p>
<p>Return that land to the Greenbelt! Hands off the Greenbelt. Where, when are the protests?</p>
<p>DO NOT DEVELOP THESE LANDS. They should be put back into the Greenbelt and any consideration to develop should cease immediately.</p>
<p>Return land to green belt</p>
<p>I dont care whatbthe "developer" can do to make it better. Wait i do. Its called, gey out. Just get the hell out bc youre scum and could care less about comminty! The only community you care about is how high you cam stack your money. Just get out</p>
<p>This Greenbelt land belongs to the people of Ontario--not the current Ontario Provincial Ford government. I do not agree to this land being developed for housing at all, so my answers reflect the very least the Ford government can do to protect what will be left of this former Greenbelt land. As most of us are very aware, there are other lands that could be built on, and this incursion, if it goes forward, will only be the first of many attempts by developers to scoop up this precious preserve.</p>
<p>Stay out of greenbelt</p>
<p>No emission,, low energy buildings that approach the passive house standard are a great idea for any future development in already available, ready to build sites that are not lands historically associated with the greenbelt. The greenbelt already provides intangible community benefits.</p>
<p>There are none.</p>
<p>Again, each area has varying needs and issues. Housing for young people that is affordable would be a start. Taxing people who have multiple properties, rentals or air b and b's might free up some space. Long term care is ridiculously expensive and not an affordable option for many. Plus private regulation means profit not quality care. Bottom line- return the green belt and build within existing infrastructure. It can be done if community and not mega profits to developers is at the forefront.</p>
<p>Dedicate rural areas to naturalization. Re-route development funds to affordable housing and green spaces in Hamilton's already urban areas = less destruction of natural ecosystems and housing solutions in an urban area where low income housing is needed most.</p>
<p>Establishment of an Ecological Preserve</p>
<p>This is hilarious. The lands are being taken from an ecological preserve. What guarantees that</p>

THIS new ecological preserve isn't subject to corrupt officials selling it off for their own financial gain?
Do everything you can to keep it as green as possible. Make earth ship communities if you must develop. Don't give permits to those who cheated the system for the destruction of this land. Strike deals for tiny homes and creative environmental structures like the enecare centre but better. Green roofs, solar roofs, rain gardens, every structure must have rain barrels and be capable of recycling water for non potable uses (flushing toilets for example). F
Grow a spine and refuse the order from the Premier('s rich developer buddies)
I wish I had enough money to tell elected officials to ignore their voters and just do what I want them to do.
Again, this is all shameful.
Affordable housing, leave as much nature as possible. Don't disturb any wetlands.
Our cities are big enough, the more people you put into places the more problems will will happen, only natural to many people not enough land causes a lot of problems
Why we would we build houses on farmland which are so badly needed. Why are we not developing downtown where we want to spend way to much money for a LRT. Who then will use the LRT if we want to develop everywhere but downtown.
Just leave it as is.
Get homes built.
No
Chief among Community Benefit concerns has to be affordable housing first. The biggest single factor in our public housing crisis is not just housing -- but affordable housing. Energy efficiency and available supports such as public health resources are also critical.
Ongoing maintenance is always an issue.
Tell Ford govt they are incompetant and that the 3 parcels of land must go back to Greenbelt
Leave the Greenbelt area in Hamilton alone from development, for future community generations to come.
No Greenbelt development.
I oppose any developments on these lands. Particularly given the information of how these plans came to fruition. There are no community benefits except for rich developers to become more rich.
I oppose all development of any kind in Ontario's greenbelt. All development must be outside of the greenbelt.
Leave the lands in their natural state.
None identified
Keep it farmland and I don't develop
We can be creatively imaginative in creating builds that are in harmony with the natural habitat, honoring and respecting all life, not just the expansion of human life. Its time to work together in new, authentic and unique ways; rather than doing the same old ways; that have negatively effected the reality of being interdependent, interconnected and interreliant upon our interrelationships WITH all nature that maintains and sustains all life. This is about all of us learning responsible stewardship and moving away from dominion over!

We need all Greenbelt land preserved as a green space!
This land should remain within the Greenbelt!
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Don't build on this land
There are absolutely no Commercial Benefits for removing this land from the Greenbelt. The land needs to remain just as it is now. I am unable to attend either of the two meetings but I want to be involved to preserve this land. Please let me know what I can do to help. Thank you. Tammy Trotman Email: tammy.trotman@triosstudent.com Phone 905-383-4677.
We should not be allowing green belt use but if we must it should be used to address affordability issues and profits from developers should be limited
Ensure sufficient parks, playgrounds and rec centres and green space
The highest community benefits will be achieved by leaving all areas as ecological preserves in the form of natural areas and by financing a stewardship organization to protect and enhance the natural areas for the enjoyment of city dwellers through thoughtful and select and non-disturbing access.
We also need to support the creation of new farms and agriculture.
there is no benefit to developing the greenbelt
Recommend the City ask the Winona Peach Festival Committee about the possible use of part or all of these lands for parking or other uses during the festival.
Community benefits are not needed in the Greenbelt Land
The only community benefits is to leave the GREENBELT alone.
It is important that a percentage of the homes built be affordable to the average family.
Should be 90% affordable housing, not 10%.
I would like to have said yes to everything, but I don't believe the developers actually care. Once they've made their billions, they get away with doing very little to enhance and protect the environment. I would prefer they weren't allowed to build there at all.
I do not support any housing on greenbelt lands
Ensure people can get to on from these areas without using a car.
I oppose the removal of any land from the Greenbelt. It was protected long ago and for very good reason, and that protection should remain. There is not convincing evidence that a shortage of land is driving high housing costs, and, existing areas have not been fully utilized; developing existing infrastructure & areas is far more effective and economical. There are also embedded structural costs with any new land development and those costs never disappear (roads, sewers, water, maintenance).
Removing any Greenbelt land is a bad idea for the people, the community and the province. We have already seen how developers have flipped (bought and resold) land that was removed from the Greenbelt.
It has been a hidden and corrupt process and must be stopped.

<p>Nobody benefits when orchards are ploughed under or species go extinct due to development.</p>
<p>If they win and build housing on these lands, then my choices would be different. I am hoping they have to return the lands to the Greenbelt. If they do not, I would pick all the climate change options for the new housing plus inclusionary housing.</p>
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<p>These choices all lead to giving my approval to this agenda of future building projects and I am not in agreement with any of them.</p>
<p>Keep the land for farmers</p>
<p>Restore and enhance wildspaces. Make the developer pay. Don't allow development on greenspace.</p>
<p>these lands were purchased under very suspicious circumstances. These developers should not be profiting in any way and the land should remain as Greenspace.</p>
<p>Once farmland is removed, it cannot be recovered. Hamilton does not need to build out but build up instead on the land already available.</p>
<p>How about just getting housing built instead of blackmailing the future middle class homeowners with increased cost to fund you pet projects.</p>
<p>These lands were not included in the Greenbelt originally and were put in it with no public consultation</p>
<p>Variety of housing options is the greatest community benefit a City can pursue for its population. All families want safe/clean housing options that suit their desired lifestyle and should have the freedom to chose where to live. But currently the City position is untenable which is to force everyone into the core, a growingly unsafe and filthy core. This is not how Hamilton should proceed with its growth plan contrary to what many of the new councilors want. Each and every Councilor and staffer lives in a home that was on a former farm or was part of an urban boundary expansion. As such, some introspection is required by this elite class of City employees and Councilors that think forcing people to live inside a crowded boundary is positive. the point is, one doesn't get to live one way and where they wish, and yet deprive other citizens of that same benefit, or has this become a forgotten principle.</p>

Perhaps the City's Climate Response Agenda, an unproven and unaffordable response, is what is clouding proper thinking and sound judgement, and it might be time to stop bankrupting our citizens with the climate response agenda. In reality, the climate agenda is simply a ploy ushered in to make everyone poorer and more reliant on government programs. Hamilton should abandon such a idea because it can't afford it and results are unmeasurable which defeats its purpose. Hamilton is raising taxes at extreme levels and in return the community is getting more dangerous and dirty, especially the core where Council/Staff wants everyone to live. The climate department in Hamilton is a waste of tax dollars which are increasing, meanwhile, the City is permitting homeless tent cities all over the place - this is abject failure, and it is very frustrating when the City is choosing to fund this failed experiment over clean new safer subdivisions in the suburbs which will allow citizens a better lifestyle.

Any new homes constructed in any greenbelt areas as proposed by premier Ford would probably be sold between \$500,000 - \$1,000,000. Contrary to what Ford says about serving the homeless. Homeless people wouldn't be in a position to purchase these homes. Ford's continued, raising the idea of helping the homeless, by building new homes is obviously ridiculous. At best, if the economy was flooded with homes for sale, the housing price increases could be slowed. Meanwhile with increasing interest rates, builders & home buyers are holding off purchases as the impact of rising interest rates is determined. Ford threatens developers to rush to build homes in the greenbelt. Another directive from Ford while there is no consideration of other impacts to the economy. Does he suggest this only to complicate the undoing or the scrutiny of the greenbelt developments?

Apparently, according to city of Hamilton staff, enough areas within the city already can be developed. At least much of the infra structure already surrounds these areas. Increasing the density within cities seems to be more cost effective than developing greenbelt areas from scratch.

Ford's removal of development charges from cities' access impacts the taxpayer again.

Without these charges what money do cities have to be extend infra structure for new housing?

Ford's suggestion of building new hospitals doesn't seem cost effective. Why do this when existing hospitals do not have the staff to maintain wards & floors now. Do hospitals have floors closed already when there are no funds from the government to open them? Another benefit toward developers of new hospitals?

Attract health care professionals by paying them more. It appears these professionals are not filling these positions if pay scales & conditions aren't a benefit to them. How many professions that require a degree are working 12 hr shifts, nights & weekends?

We need governments to spend the tax dollar where effectively needed not for the benefit of developers.

They shouldn't be developed period.

With regards to enhanced energy efficiency building standards, it would be nice to have homes and buildings built on the site adhere to energy efficiency standards included in the 2020 Editions of the National Building Code and National Energy Code although they've not been adopted by the province.

Rather than creating a large open parkland, plan for more cycle/walking pathways (as above) that are shaded, and get people from one place to another (destinations). Ensure any larger park areas are well shaded and landscaped to promote natural habitat and allow for multiple uses. The existing Conservation lands and rail trail in Ancaster are well used now and offer examples of community benefits that promote health and recreation at low cost for users. (Affordability again). If the development offered a mix of housing that included affordable and inclusionary housing (for seniors too) with a good variety of affordable amenities, this would

perhaps make the best of a bad provincial government decision (although we don't need to demolish this greenspace in order to incorporate good planning into any new development.)
Why aren't the MPP's for Hamilton at these meetings. We elected them to represent us but I haven't heard or seen any of our MPP's. Donna Shelley, where are you??? I voted for you to stand up for us. I certainly won't be doing that again.
The Community Benefits should be something the people of Hamilton could be proud of. From green natural space to a clean & safe place. Developers need to be part of landscape. Instead of trying to fit in as many houses as possible- for profit only
Stop this development at all costs.
There is lots of land available for development within the existing boundaries
Please do not touch the green belt.
Do not expand the boundaries, it is unnecessary
Keep the land in greenbelt
This will enhance our cultural understanding of our communities.
Ancaster needs affordable housing and the Book Road area is perfect for it. Easy access to the highways; can be a beautiful community with bike trails; schools; parks; church & recreational facility.
No developing Greenbelt. Fix the existing structures and abandoned buildings in Hamilton. Once Hamilton has drastically improved and its empty/abandoned buildings/houses have been filled with people THEN worry about expanding.
<b>NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO THE GREENBELT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LEAVING AS NATURAL AREAS.</b>
The community benefit is remaining part of the greenbelt. There is plenty of room for housing elsewhere.
Thank you for taking the time to consider my priorities.
Anything to reduce car use. Highway 403 already beyond capacity, thousands more cars would create a traffic nightmare throughout the area.
The City of Hamilton has declared a state of emergency for homelessness - housing should be the top priority.
The land proposed for development does not lend itself to solve the housing crisis. I live in downtown Hamilton and am exposed to the crisis daily. There are opportunities for affordable housing as infill. Such as John A Mac Donald, I know that the province has other plans however I see that site as a wasted opportunity The infrastructure is there, existing public transit and established support networks...that's just an example of one site. I see the struggle being the approval process thru the City of Hamilton, the delays thru the Site Plan Development make it too costly for new visionaries.
No, but we need to act now!
The catch phrase "Affordable Housing" I've not seen a definition of what exactly affordable housing is and what the annual household income would be to be able to purchase an affordable home.
Totally against any greenbelt development!!!!
This area (Book Road) should not be in the Greenbelt based on the original consultant recommendations. Affordable housing is a significant issue that we should utilize these lands to address.

Make more community pools and child safe engagement zones. We need more facilities for children. The wait times to get children into swim classes or daycares is too long. We are suffering as parents.

housing of all types

Make it favorable for biking, walking trails etc.

I built my dream home at 136 Book Rd W Ancaster I built it myself its peaceful and we love seeing the wildlife everyday in our yard wether its

many many varieties of birds , turtles , fox , turkeys its just a great place to live. These lands have no business at all being removed from the greenbelt

we built knowing its all protected lands no one would build behind us cause its PROTECTED LANDS. These lands are also far away to build a neighborhood it makes zero sense

way up by an airport that could even expand there are so many lands that are available right now could be developed why our area???? Very suspicious ..... Also

the roads on Wilson and meadowlands are all jammed not to mention 403 we do not have the roads to accommodate . As we saw the massive turnout last night over capacity

and many not allowed in due to regulations THE PEOPLE have spoken again and Mr Ford who I voted for said he is governed by the people he needs to do what is right

and return the lands. If they ram it down our throats and it proceeds I am either going to sell next spring and be heartbroken or I stay for the madness of construction all around

and watch the peace leave this area if I stay below is what I hope would be in consideration for the area. Finally how the heck do they think they will increase our taxes by a huge margin I

already pay 10,000 dollars per year

In my Book Rd block

1. No commercial Buildings this would take away from the setting
2. Parklands to take advantage of the green space , the area behind our home is close to the airport so this would be ideal houses really should not go in
3. Ensure trees are replanted
4. No townhomes!!!! no retirement homes not suited for this area remember they want to build homes amongst multi million dollar homes
5. Dont cut down trees that dont need to be cut down use as many as you can in your planning



<p>6. This is not an area for affordable housing its not near anything no bus routes nothing in walking distance like I said not a good choice to build neighborhood</p>
<p>I really do not see any Community Benefits if these lands are developed.</p>
<p>Affordable housing should be a very high priority. However, any new community such as this will benefit greatly from parklands, libraries, etc. It should be designed in such a way that you want to live there and not just sleep there.</p>
<p>Housing communities for seniors for independent living</p>
<p>Making housing affordable is a priority.</p>
<p>Rural Hamilton landowners, like me, want to sell acreage. We want to be paid fairly. We want to see our large rural residential properties be used for higher density housing rather than a single family home. We want the developers and builders to protect the wetlands, trees and wildlife. We all have many acres of open lawns to build on!</p>
<p>We need our farmland to feed the multitudes</p>
<p>BUT really there are no community benefits. I am whole heartedly against this Greenbelt development around my home.</p>
<p>Do not build any further recreational facilities in these areas. Buyers should know upfront that new housing in these areas is housing only, and some outdoor natural areas.</p>
<p>Ancaster needs to step it up with more affordable housing; this could be a nice community if the City plans it properly; the developers have to come to the table as well financially to pay for connections for water, sewers, etc</p>
<p>Build communities with lots of green space, no schools with pavement, keep trees</p>
<p>I would like to see these lands developed with a genuine focus on a balanced, ecological approach. We *need* housing, there is no denying this, and will for decades if not forever, so this should be the first priority. We've come a long way in terms of renewable energy, so ensuring it's incorporated into these plans is only prudent in the long run.</p>
<p>Again I advocate innovation in creating an environment of different types of housing integrated with different public facilities. Innovate plans that are worthy of the 21st century. The implementation of affordable housing is a high priority and with that comes a higher need of transportation adjustments to satisfy a greater population density. This should incorporate a plan for future transportation needs as well. Please make this area one where people "want" to live as a community and not an overflow community.</p>
<p>There are no community benefits to developing this land.</p>
<p>Do not develop green belt land. This does not provide community benefits in the long run. This is not the time to roll back environmental protections.</p>
<p>As stated previously, these lands are crucial for our ecosystem, species at-risk, air quality, crop production and the overall health of each region. Please do not become part of a system that continues to destroy parcels of land that are not required for expansion.</p>
<p>Again, here rises globalist agenda 2030 whose goal is the loss of life, sovereignty and freedom of citizens. We don't want your 15 minute cities (C40 Cities). C40's dystopian goals can be found in its "The Future of Urban Consumption in a 1.5°C World" report, which was published in 2019 and reportedly reemphasized in 2023. As for renewable energy, it is a joke. The result of this "renewable energy" is a toxic metal wasteland that is neither rational nor sustainable. Enhanced energy efficiency building standards - as in no gas or oil heating allowed? You people leave a lot out. Zero transparency.</p>

<p>The ecosystem is critically important for all species. Instead the government should put forward a law to enable the voting public to recall the lying politicians.</p>
<p>Community benefits. Maintain farmland as it stands. Do not remove designated green belt land and identify other areas to build affordable housing. The city of Hamilton has advised that they do not need to remove any land to reach the objectives of housing - but the provincial government is still trying to ram this through. Fight back against this initiative for the benefit of all of us. Thank you</p>
<p>Not to be even considered on any Greenbelt lands.</p>
<p>If we are being offered community benefits we should be accepting them</p>
<p>Because these are greenbelt lands that were intended to be preserved for wildlife and agriculture, its imperative that anything built on these lands should mitigate the negative impacts of this development - particularly as it relates to climate change. All structures should be built with energy conservation top of mind. Any single family homes (detached, semi, townhouses) should be built to NetZero standards. Mid and high rise rental buildings should be built using the highest quality passive technologies such as heat pumps and solar roofs to assist in offsetting high energy costs that are passed on to tenants. This will also mitigate the extra carbon load that these developed lands will create. Long term care homes should be integrated into the community and should also be built to NetZero standards to ensure the sick and elderly live in comfort and dignity. This also helps to offset the long term costs associated with running community housing. While it is imperative that some of this land be set aside as an ecological preserve, it is time for developers to stop thinking about community parks as some place tucked at the end of the street. I would urge the city and developers to think boldly by envisioning true community living whereby homes and small businesses are built looking out on to village greens.</p>
<p>Like City Council, I am completing the survey re the Book Rd lands under protest, if it turns out that they are not returned to the Greenbelt.</p>
<p>Like City Council, I am completing the survey re the White Church Road lands under protest.</p>
<p>Not enough to outweigh the costs of more housing. More brownfield developments.</p>