

Pilon, Janet

Subject: AEGD Item 11.2 Planning Committee Meeting November 8/2023 Delegation**From:** Carolanne Forster**Sent:** November 6, 2023 4:14 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>**Subject:** AEGD Item 11.2 Planning Committee Meeting November 8/2023 Delegation

Dear Mayor Horwath and City Councillors:

This letter is to request a **delay** of the AEGD Transportation Master Plan before your committee today. Information about this plan has put a price tag of \$500 Million dollars with an unknown percentage of which the Hamilton **taxpayers will be funding**. As I drove across Hamilton Mountain, from west to east and back today, for a rare Hospital appointment, my entire trip was on crumbling roads. Clearly Hamilton has a massive infrastructure deficit. With the City in tatters, you are considering barreling **new roads** through headwaters of the **Ancaster Creek**, kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots. All in the pursuit of warehouse sprawl! And at an unknown cost to the beleaguered Hamilton taxpayer.

Three of these new roads plough through the urban expansion farmland, which the residents of this City fought to preserve, and the Province has now promised to restore to farmland.

Lastly, the 'natural heritage map' being used is from 2011 and does not even identify all of the natural features contained within these sensitive rural areas. These facts tell me, and I speak for many citizens with the same concerns, this warehouse sprawl must stop. Fix the roads we have already paid for, and work to **preserve every natural feature that remains**.

Respectfully yours,
Carolanne Forster
Ward 12 Resident