

From: Irene Thurston

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 10:34 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Collaboration with Ontario Nature

Please support the Municipal Protected Areas Project and approve the City's collaboration with Ontario Nature. We must identify and protect Hamilton's wetlands and communicate to our citizens the important ecological services they provide. We must all treasure and protect our natural areas!

Sincerely,

Irene and Bruce Thurston

Sent from my iPad

From: Peter Appleton

Sent: December 3, 2023 5:45 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: Dec 5 Council meeting

Hello Everyone

First off thank you for recent work to Stop Sprawl and protect our greenbelts!!!

I'm writing to ask you to

-support the MPAP as a high priority

-request that Hamilton's scores of unprotected wetlands and waterways be identified, evaluated, and ultimately protected.

-support Hamilton's signing of the Montreal Pledge: Cities united in action for biodiversity

I would like to urge councillors to **halt development on Hamilton's scores of unevaluated wetlands, including those in the AEGD - Airport Employment Growth District - all the way to the few remaining Hamilton Harbour inlets, until such time as they are identified, mapped and the ecological services they provide are calculated.**

City Staff have already determined that Hamilton's Natural Heritage Systems mapping and policies are in dire need of updates including:

-the identification and inclusion of scores of currently unidentified areas of natural heritage including wetlands

-the addition of climate change and biodiversity considerations

-a review and update to natural areas acquisition policies

-evaluation of ecological services provided by natural areas

-the understanding that infrastructure will only become more expensive to maintain with climate change wreaking havoc on roads, storm water management, sewers etc. All of this would be downloaded to the municipalities - something which we cannot afford.

We are in a climate emergency and we cannot afford this infrastructure now, especially when we are going to sadly see if more catastrophic weather in the future which is going to COST MORE in the future to repair, maintain, etc

thank you kindly

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Peter Appleton

SB Sports INC

From: Anne Washington
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:23 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: General Issues Meeting Dec 4

Dear Mayor Howath and Hamilton City Councillors:

This letter is to urge you to support the Ontario Nature's Municipal Protected Area Project and sign the Montreal Pledge.

I understand that your staff has resolved that Hamilton's Natural Heritage Systems mapping and policies need to be updated so that wetlands and natural spaces can be protected before they are destroyed by concrete, asphalt, greed and lack of political foresight.

You have many demanding issues that take your time and energy, including, poverty, homelessness, housing, newcomers, gentrification, and infrastructure to support those matters. Just as important, if not more so, are the matters concerning the protection of the planet.

You stood strong and voted to uphold the city's urban boundary and maintain the Greenbelt for the health and well being of our generation and those to come. Please do so again by voting to protect the wetlands, forests and natural spaces upon which

Ontario Nature's projects are focussed.

Respectfully,

Anne Washington

From: Don Mclean

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 10:26 PM

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Subject: Item 11.3 of the December 5 planning committee

Dear councillors,

I have reviewed item 11.3 of the December 5 agenda of the Planning Committee. This Municipal Protected Areas Project is a good news item, in my view, and I urge you to support it.

It is disappointing that staff only consider it as a “medium priority” instead of high priority, but the simplicity of what they need to do means it can easily be accomplished quickly without disturbing other staff work. Just providing what Ontario Nature is requesting will mean that their important work will advance with minimum effort by Hamilton staff.

And it is very important that work proceed as quickly as possible. It may make the city eligible for federal land protection dollars. More importantly it will help us advance the high priority work of updating our natural heritage assessment which is necessary to evaluate unprotected wetlands, waterways, forests and other natural features. It is well understood that will lead to enlargement of the city’s identified significant natural heritage features and their protection. The staff report acknowledges the shortcomings of our current assessment.

This is crucial to the implementation of Hamilton’s climate efforts in multiple ways. At the heart of the global climate crisis is the alleged ‘right’ to convert publicly important lands and waters to private dollars while degrading the public benefits. I believe we are now well past the point where this must stop. That conversion inevitably results in the release of more carbon into the atmosphere from the soils, former wetlands and lost vegetation, as well as the elimination of carbon sinks that are crucial to the removal of carbon pollution from the atmosphere to moderate the greenhouse effect.

It will also exacerbate the impacts of climate extremes of heat and precipitation and impose additional costs on the city and its residents. Rural landscapes and vegetation act to cool the extreme temperatures. They also minimize stormwater runoff and resulting flooding. Fortunately our city staff understand this problem and are attempting to minimize it with specific stormwater fees that recognize and reward the positive ways that property owners reduce stormwater runoff.

The Municipal Protected Areas Project originates in Canada’s commitments at the COP 15 Montreal agreement to minimize the loss of biodiversity. It that too, it aligns with council’s efforts to put in place a

Biodiversity Action Plan. And it is in keeping with and implementing the Montreal Biodiversity Pledge committed to by the City of Hamilton.

I was disappointed that a majority of council rejected delaying the Transportation Master Plan for the Airport Employment Growth District. But I note that planning staff have acknowledged that natural heritage assessment must occur next. The Municipal Protected Areas Project also seems to align with this promise. That is underlined by the unfortunate flooding that has already occurred in the wake of the Amazon warehouse development that has imposed a massive structural and pavement impervious area, while at the same time eliminating natural features that would have absorbed some of the impacts of extreme rainfall events.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely

Don McLean

From: lisa cole

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:37 AM

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Subject: Mapping our life sustaining biodiversity

Quality of life is so very dependant on biodiversity. Let's not lose what's remaining in Hamilton.

I am writing to ask council to please halt development on Hamilton's scores of unevaluated wetlands, including those in the AEGD - Airport Employment Growth District - all the way to the few remaining Hamilton Harbour inlets, until such time as they are identified, mapped and the ecological services they provide are calculated.

Kind regards,

Lisa Cole

"Be the change you wish to see in the world". Ghandi

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jan King

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 11:55 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Municipal Protected Areas Project.

I support the MPAP as a high priority!

Hamilton airport has substantial wetlands in need of protection.

We need to identify and evaluate, and ultimately protect these areas

I support Hamilton's signing of the Montreal Pledge.

From: Pat Wilson

Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:10 AM

To: Pat Wilson <pwilson54@cogeco.ca>

Subject: Please support MPAP

Tomorrow, please vote to support the MPAP as a high priority

-request that Hamilton's scores of unprotected wetlands and waterways be identified, evaluated, and ultimately protected.

-support Hamilton's signing of the Montreal Pledge: Cities united in action for biodiversity

Patricia (Pat) Wilson CFP

From: Rose Janson
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 1:56 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Please support MPAP, and protect more precious wetlands

Please pass on to the Council that we think it very important to support the MPAP.

A high priority for Hamilton's future!

We request that Hamilton's scores of unprotected wetlands
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and waterways be identified, evaluated, and ultimately protected and that Hamilton supports the signing of the Montreal Pledge:

<[>](https://url1005.email.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/tTBUZwcBH_2q13Ow12s-jWfTz9uMRNEDsvXojsaES11WXzdImbY3TPI-kY5phTqg5mFT9qMa-GM-N3Dh0xFr6HJg2NFasaVTokCZnQtElhbobGjmVS4b6NVD9RiTauK1COBsWw3GvKP4hz85DojhG1W-E8ROsWkVna3YTKl1nY7PuytkPWUmlHbOryRnOiGOvi4ivd793sgWbevmclDZj_1xGUNyWRpDMPEcadLDiDgMRpbkTFnaeE2s5B060rqkSpb97nfppTIThbX0qRMaW-VomydPilVzuvy4OdtwaYHVQC3YSEfu3jkQHUK2_0OYC62b-zevBCLldBOFM3D1oiLZM7KMxuLyxT46l8-8jQ/41t/CcNt1e1kQRC_Eq8x3r-olq/h4/oaLYMaFiDIaRGYDSW63-PQim9QUdJBoo3gyNqx4pewM)

Cities united in action for biodiversity

Thank you.
Rose Janson and Family

From: Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:12 PM

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Subject: Please Support the MPAP as a High Priority

Good Evening:

We understand that there will be a vote on Tuesday based on the staff report which recommends that council approve the City's collaboration with [Ontario Nature](#) on the MPAP – [Municipal Protected Areas Project](#).

We urge you to support the MPAP as a high priority.

We also request that Hamilton's scores of unprotected [wetlands](#) and waterways be identified, evaluated, and ultimately protected.

We also ask that you support Hamilton's signing of the [Montreal Pledge](#): Cities united in action for biodiversity.

We also urge you to **halt development on Hamilton's scores of unevaluated wetlands, including those in the [AEGD - Airport Employment Growth District](#) - all the way to the few remaining [Hamilton Harbour inlets](#), until such time as they are identified, mapped and the ecological services they provide are calculated.**

Thank you,

Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington

From: Susan Wortman

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:39 PM

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Subject: Protect greenspace!

Hello all Councillors, Mayor Horwath and City Clerk,

I understand that on Tuesday Dec 5, Hamilton City Planning committee will be voting on the [staff report](#) which recommends that council approve the City's collaboration with [Ontario Nature](#) on the MPAP – [Municipal Protected Areas Project](#).

In response to an email from Save Our Streams, I am writing to encourage you to support the MPAC as a high priority, request that Hamilton's scores of unprotected [wetlands](#) and waterways be identified, evaluated, and ultimately protected and support Hamilton's signing of the [Montreal Pledge: Cities united in action for biodiversity](#)

I urge councillors to **halt development on Hamilton's scores of unevaluated wetlands, including those in the [AEGD - Airport Employment Growth District](#) - all the way to the few remaining [Hamilton Harbour inlets](#), until such time as they are identified, mapped and the ecological services they provide are calculated.**

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- evaluation of ecological services provided by natural areas
- the understanding that [infrastructure will only become more expensive to maintain](#) with climate change wreaking havoc on roads, storm water management, sewers etc. All of this would be downloaded to the municipalities - something which we cannot afford.

These are also crucial steps to minimize flooding such as has already occurred near the Amazon warehouse in the AEGD.

Thank you very much, Susan Wortman

From: John O'Connor

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 11:23 AM

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Subject: This Council was supposed to be different

Dear Council Members:

Please don't act like this is an entirely new item... Continue to act on behalf of all the people of Hamilton... and not just the developers.

We need you to step up and house our homeless BEFORE approving more gas guzzling tarmac...

And while you are at it sign the Montreal Pledge... Hey, even Toronto has supported it.

Keep our city moving forward.

Thanks,

John O'Connor

From: Caroline Hill Smith

Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:20 AM

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Subject: Item 11.3 Planning Committee Agenda

Re: Item 11.3 Municipal Protected Areas Project

Dear Members of the Planning Committee,

I am writing to indicate my support for the above project. With recent provincial regulations to circumvent environmental considerations in the name of efficiency, this offers the committee an alternative course of action to protect natural heritage spaces.

I am particularly concerned about approvals for development in the AEGD. As a long-time resident of Mount Hope, I witnessed large swaths of farmland converted to subdivision and was appalled at the apparent disregard for ephemeral wetlands and streams. Storm retention facilities were situated where it was convenient for the developer and maximized the number of units/acre and not necessarily in the lowest lying areas. Residential flooding in and around the AEGD will continue if city staff and politicians ignore that water finds its own path. The location of the AEGD is the highest point between the Great Lakes and therefore important headwaters such that NPCA, GRCA and HCA watershed boundaries meet on those lands. Mapping wetland complexes needs to be given priority over any further development approvals. It would be financially irresponsible to continue development without considering externalities and ignoring the important wetland functions of flood control, nutrient mitigation, and water purification.

Kindest Regards,

Caroline Hill Smith

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Caroline Hill Smith, B.A. Economics, B.Sc. Environmental Science (hon.)

Integrated Water Specialist MES Water

From: Margaret Tremblay

Sent: December 4, 2023 10:11 AM

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Subject: re: unprotected wetlands and waterways-Hamilton City Planning Committee

re: Hamilton City Planning Committee Dec. 5/23

Dear Mayor, Councillors and City Clerk,

I am extremely concerned that the city will not be able to afford the expense of maintaining roads, storm water management, sewers etc. brought on by the negative effects of climate change. Our local streams, wetlands and waterways are crucial for the environment and human health and welfare.

I am calling on city councillors to:

- support the Municipal Protected Areas Project
- ensure the identification and evaluation of unprotected wetlands and waterways
- support Hamilton signing the Montreal Pledge to protect biodiversity

Further, unevaluated wetlands must not be developed until they are identified, mapped and conclusions reached on what ecological services they provide. This applies especially to the Airport employment Growth District and Hamilton Harbour inlets. City staff have identified that the Natural Heritage System mapping and policies need serious updating.

I respectfully request that the recommendations of city staff be upheld.

Thank you for all your work to keep our urban boundaries intact and your understanding of the crucial importance of preserving our wetlands and waterways.

Respectfully,

Margaret Tremblay