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Subject: Urban expansion and needed housing

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Dear City Clerk, Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to share my views on the direction I feel the city should take to develop needed and affordable housing.

Growth needs to be prioritized within the boundaries that existed before 2022 which council agreed to following a large number of citizens who voted for this. To be kept in mind is building housing where there is existing transit and for which the federal government will provide support.

Please continue to incentivize and promote affordable housing in laneways and work towards getting existing approvals built. It appears that regulations to build are being streamlined and this should continue, eg removing rigid site restrictions and minimum parking restrictions.

Can we find a way to keep the number of homes required to 80 residents per hectare which had been previously mandated?

Of importance is to prevent the beginning of building on areas outside the urban boundary before the next provincial election. I also understand that Ottawa has asked for a report on who will pay for growth on expansion lands. Hamilton should ask as well considering that it is almost certain that Hamilton taxpayers will foot this expenditure.

I am cautiously optimistic that our need for more affordable housing will be developed within our current boundaries thus preserving needed farmland and wetlands. It is only when we protect nature that it will protect us.

Respectfully,
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