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Subject: Hamilton's \$500M airport district roads plan moves forward

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Good day Mayor and Councillors. I want to reiterate to Mayor Horwath and all Councillors that I think that City Council and the Mayor have done Hamilton and Hamiltonians a grievous disservice in approving the AEGD roads plan without a cost-benefit analysis and an equally thorough reconsideration of protecting the surrounding wetlands in the immediate area of the airport. Perhaps equally not well thought out is the fact that taxpayers in one way or another are going to be dramatically burdened by the mushrooming financial cost of this project at a time when we have over \$1billion in infrastructure backlog in Hamilton currently unaddressed and inflation has hit local citizens hard. Approval of this plan is just sheer folly and the very fact that 7 councillors recognized these facts and voted for a pause in implementation is evidence in itself that almost 50% of City Council have grave concerns about the efficacy of this project. Good business planning always requires a cost benefit analysis at the very least; it appears evident that 9 councillors were triggered into supporting this plan out of sheer fear of losing anticipated business profits for the City and not by common sense. I call on City council to take a pause, withdraw approval to the TMP and reassess the whole plan. Do not be worried about business interests moving on and Hamilton losing out. As Benjamin Franklin said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Please stop the TMP, do the required thorough groundwork before any further reconsideration of the plan. Doing so serves Hamilton and Hamiltonians well; not doing so puts our financial futures in dire jeopardy. I look forward to a meaningful response from any and all Councillors.

Sincerely,

Rick Johnson

Hamilton's \$500M airport district roads plan moves forward amid calls for cost-benefit analysis

By Teviah Moro Spectator Reporter Nov 9, 2023



In a 7-9 vote Wednesday rejecting deferral Hamilton's airport business district roads plan to allow for analysis, city politicians said that conducting a study of future life-cycle costs and property tax revenue would strain staff resources.

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