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Cc: president

Subject: Re: FW: Public Meeting on Urban Hamilton Official Plan and the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200

Hi Lisa:

Yes, please circulate and include my suggestions in the February 28th Council agenda.

As seniors we are nearing the end of our lifetime and want to remain as productive as possible. Unlike our youth that have a lifetime to figure out what is best for them.

Regards

Frank L

P.S. Let me know if you need any additional information. This morning I sent Tim a request for the City Council to consider an important planning matter on a short timeline....

On Feb 23, 2024, at 8:07 AM, f lenarduzzi wrote:

Topic: The City of Hamilton is holding a public meeting this morning to consider amendments to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200 to Implement Changes and Additions to Low Density Residential Zones.

Hi Anita:

I can't participate in the Public Meeting scheduled today at 9:30 a.m. Let me know if you can share our views (the Famee Furlane Board)(on zoning and housing in the City of Hamilton.

As you know our Club has been involved with a Formal Consultation with the City for the past 14 months to consider amendments to both the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and the City of Hamilton Zoning By-laws. Our comments apply to both official plans thus the Whole of Hamilton, but could be considered by either one or the other.

Zoning Matters

We are only suggesting that exemptions should be considered to zoning-restricted-housing areas when the proposed development has a component of Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) that includes senior living. The rationale being that if we provide Better Retirement Living options for seniors, they might be more inclined to move out of their empty-nester homes and free up much needed family dwellings. As opposed to the current thinking of age-in-place. I for one wish to stay in my 5-bedroom home as long as possible along with the widow next door that lives alone and other friends in the neighbourhood with similar situations (we just don't want to move).

For Rural Hamilton I suggest one more condition, being that the development must show some benefits to our Agricultural System, with the promise of making causal labour, for example, or other benefits to farmers in the region more accessible.

In closing we support responsible uses in Rural Hamilton

Mark Tadeson was quoted saying at the start of his 1st term in 2022."There's lots of land that can be developed in the existing spaces within the urban boundary right now, and if that's not enough then let's do it responsibly and slowly moving forward so we're not just freeing up 2,200 hectares of land haphazardly without reason,"

We agree with Mark on protecting the Green Belt from large-scale development But after 1-1/2 years of slowly moving forward isn't the time overdue to try something different and build a Pilot solution for all to critic?

Heads up

We are behind in preparing the Planning Justification Report. I hope to have a draft sent to the City on Monday for review. We have a short turnaround of Tuesday, for feedback from the City, before we circulate it to a wider group of stakeholders for additional feedback and support on Wednesday, to meet the presumed drop-dead date of next Friday March 1st, given March 3rd is a Sunday.

Regards

Frank L