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**Subject:** Urgent Opposition to MZO for Urban Boundary Expansion

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Dear Members of Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) that would force the expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary. The people of Hamilton have already made their position clear on this matter. In 2021, through extensive public consultation, an overwhelming majority of residents supported maintaining the urban boundary to prevent unnecessary sprawl and protect our valuable farmland, natural areas, and established communities. Any attempt to override this decision would be an affront to democratic process and local planning autonomy.

Expanding Hamilton's urban boundary through an MZO would have severe consequences for the city's environmental sustainability, affordability, and long-term resilience. Unchecked sprawl leads to increased infrastructure costs, traffic congestion, and greater reliance on automobiles, which directly contradicts the city's climate commitments. It also threatens local food security by paving over prime agricultural land, which should be preserved for future generations.

Instead of forced expansion, I urge Council to continue prioritizing responsible, sustainable growth through intensification within existing urban areas. This approach aligns with smart planning principles, supports efficient use of existing infrastructure, and fosters vibrant, walkable communities.

Hamiltonians deserve a future where our city grows thoughtfully and equitably, without undermining the will of its residents. I respectfully urge you to take a firm stand against any MZO that would impose unwanted and harmful expansion. Please uphold the democratic decision made by our community and reject any external pressure to alter the urban boundary.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to Hamilton's future. I look forward to your leadership in protecting our city's integrity and sustainability.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Katz

-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Tindall

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Subject: No to MZO

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I am writing to encourage you to dismiss any efforts to expand Hamilton's urban boundary at this time. A few people will benefit from this expansion but all local tax payers will pay for it.

It's insanely foolish to devour food producing farm land in exchange for lawns and concrete. It is increasingly obvious that we need to have sufficient resources to feed ourselves rather than depend on others to provide.

Expanding the boundary would be shortsighted and unnecessary. The Planning Committee is opposed. Me too. I trust that you are as well.

Lauren Tindall

Citizen of Hamilton for 40+ years

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Liz Koblyk

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**Subject:** Please oppose MZO

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Dear City Council,

Please oppose the MZO that would take away prime farmland, increase the financial burden on taxpayers for new infrastructure, and add to the City's deficit, thus making your own jobs harder.

The MZO serves to profit only the land speculators who bought land. Gambles like this are gambles, and all investors accept that risk is part of the game. Like you and I, they should accept that no one owes them the right to profit on their gamble, especially at the expense of all Hamilton taxpayers.

Please stand firm for farmland, biodiversity, and taxpayers.

Thanks,  
Liz Koblyk

**From:** Laurie Galer

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Please, please, please!

Do everything in your powers to stop Urban expansion. Save our farm and wetlands. Once they are gone, we will never get them back!

There is plenty of room for development within our current urban areas. Use that!!

Thankyou for caring about our future generations!

Laurie Galer

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Mclean

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Hi Mark,

I hope you are as offended as I am by the MZO application of the Twenty Road West landowners group. Hamilton has made more than enough provincial interference in our land use planning without this attempt to go to the Premier to get around the city's unanimously endorsed Official Plan to maintain our existing urban boundary. And that position won the support of over 90% of the over 18,000 residents who responded to a city mail-in survey in 2021. That position is also being defended right now by city legal staff at an Ontario Land Tribunal hearing which itself is another offensive move by the same developers who are now pursuing an MZO.

For me, and I'm sure many others, it is additionally offensive that this Twenty Road landowners group has misled a fine local charity - Hamilton Habitat for Humanity - with false information and an impossible promise that they will provide "affordable" housing. As you know, City Council is working overtime to provide really affordable housing within the built-up area of the city where there is public transit and other amenities that are critical supports for those needing affordable housing options. There is no transit on Twenty Road West. The landowners plans call for more car-dependent sprawl development. That cannot accommodate "affordable" housing for those who need it.

I also recall, I think correctly, that this is the same group of Twenty Road landowners who illegally removed trees and have subsequently been fined by the city.

Don

-----Original Message-----

From: Deb Peace

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Please vote against the proposed MZO to expand the urban boundary.

It seems we are under constant pressure to bow to developers.

Please resist this push to destroy our farmland.

Deborah Peace