

February 6, 2025

RE: February 7th, 2025 GIC (Budget) meeting

Dear Mayor Horwath and Hamilton City Councillors:

I am writing to express concerns with respect to three motions on the agenda for the February 7, 2025, 2025 GIC (budget) meeting and to urge you to vote against the following motions:

- 9.1 Elimination of Council Referred Items 11 & 12 City Enrichment Fund Increases**
- 9.3 Re-Alignment of Taxpayer Funding to Good Faith Encampment Support Organizations**
- 9.4 Taxpayer Funding Exclusion for Organizations Involved in Litigation Against the City of Hamilton**

These motions, if passed, will jeopardize community service programs supporting marginalized residents in Hamilton; create potential for subjective interpretations as to what constitutes a “good faith” organization; and reduce tenant supports for low- income residents.

9.1 The Hamilton City Enrichment Fund

Every year community groups, apply to CEF to fund local initiatives, events and programs which support and enrich the lives of Hamiltonians. CEF Community Services programs represent organizations and groups providing direct service to community residents, many of whom experience marginalization. They contribute to the fabric of our city’s social safety net, filling gaps in service and adapting to our community’s changing needs.

In recent years, community groups and organizations have delegated and provided written submissions to Council, outlining the increased demand for services, reduced funding, and the incredible challenges facing service organizations, which have been exacerbated in the past five years.

The Social Planning and Research Council is one of many organizations which continues to advocate for annual increases to CEF funding. While it is widely understood that the needs will continue to outpace the budgeted funds, even moderate increases help organizations keep pace with inflation and contribute to their sustainability. Ward grants are not an appropriate substitute for City funding.

9.3 Good Faith Encampment Support Organizations and;

9.4 Taxpayer Funding Exclusion for Organizations Involved in Litigation Against the City of Hamilton

This motion refers specifically to a recent ruling wherein the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (HCLC) represented 14 unhoused individuals against the City of Hamilton's encampment protocol. The mandated purpose of Ontario legal clinics is to provide high quality legal aid services to low-income individuals and communities to promote access to justice and to improve quality of life.

The motion, which calls for Housing Services staff to itemize all city funding allocated to homelessness support social agencies, harm reduction, legal advice, and encampment outreach organizations; and propose opportunities to realign City funding limited to good faith community partners, appears to be a direct call to cease funding to HCLC.

The City of Hamilton has made good progress addressing homelessness and housing insecurity through increased investment in housing services and piloting "out of the box" solutions.

The Tenant Support Program has three community partners working together and has the most effective and seamless way to support tenants from bad faith evictions. What makes it most effective is the partnership with legal support for tenants through HCLC. Non-Legal community partners do not have the legal knowledge or abilities to represent clients in legal processes. The city staff have established a forward thinking and strong community program. To address the complicated and layered issue of homelessness, we need all partners at the table working through differences while ensuring critical services continue.

The interests of community members can and do sometimes conflict with the interests of the City of Hamilton. When this occurs, it is important that individuals, particularly those who are marginalized and living on a low income, without access to private legal services, have access to comprehensive tenant support resources. To remove these supports would seem counter intuitive to the priorities outlined by the City. To address the complicated and layered issue of homelessness, we need all partners at the table working through differences while ensuring that critical services continue.

Some aspects of these motion are unclear:

- a. How will council define organizations that are "in good faith?" Is it limited to taking legal action against the City, or does it also include organizations that critique City policies or otherwise advocate for the needs of their service users when they conflict with the City?
- b. Does the City of Hamilton, as referred to in the motion, encompass entities such as Hamilton Police Services, Public Health, and the Hamilton Fire Department?

As you prepare to vote on these motions on February 7th, I encourage you to consider the impact on our community residents and our community services. Hamilton needs increased funding for CEF programs; and service agencies need to be able to fulfill their mandates which should always aim to put the people they serve at the forefront of their work.

Sincerely,

Kim Martin, Executive Director
Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Deferral of Biodiversity Action Plan Actions in 2025 City Budget

From: Brian McHattie

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 12:52 PM

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Subject: Deferral of Biodiversity Action Plan Actions in 2025 City Budget

Good afternoon,

I just learned of two last minute motions going to the GIC budget meeting targeted at deferring the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) funding. I strongly request that you vote down these motions.

As you know, the BAP was developed by a variety of partners and involved thousands of citizens from right across Hamilton. In June 2024, Council unanimously passed the BAP adopting it as city policy, and earlier signed on to the Montreal Pledge focusing on reducing biodiversity loss.

Now that the rain hits the wetland, several Councilors are reneging on their earlier commitments. While this may be typical it is particularly inexcusable given the context of the biodiversity crisis that Hamilton is experiencing with other jurisdictions across the globe.

I am surprised that the Councillors leading the fight against the BAP and nature are members of the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board, one being the Chair of that Board - clearly they should know better, and are affecting any credibility they may have in conservation circles.

Once again, I urge you to support the June 2024 BAP recommendations and vote against the Clark/Beattie motions.

Thanks,
Brian McHattie
Ward 1

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Support for upholding Climate Change Office Budget

From: Mary Love

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 1:08 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: Support for upholding Climate Change Office Budget

Hello, Mayor Horwath and City Councillors.

The Office for Climate Change Initiatives was set up because the City declared a Climate Emergency. This emergency is ongoing and set to intensify before there's any let up.

It should be obvious that this is the time to accelerate climate resilience initiatives, not to be contemplating cutting back its budget. As a senior taxpayer on a fixed income, I am willing to shoulder my share of the cost for the sake of Hamilton's future.

Remember you said everything was going to be viewed through a climate lens?

It's incumbent on all of you to continue to educate yourselves and your constituents about the reality of our situation, and particularly to support initiatives that will cut emissions and make Hamilton more resilient to the climate upheavals we face.

The higher than usual winds have been discombobulating gas furnaces that are in perfect working order, for example. The gusting wind whipping by the outtake pipe is confusing the pipe into thinking it's blocked, which makes the furnace shut down in safety response, leaving people cold in their homes for hours until the furnace deems it safe to turn back on. This is one unprecedented example of the changing climate. If heat pumps don't react the same way to higher wind gusts, that would be another thing in their favour.

This is an unfolding crisis that warrants a war footing response, as Seth Klein lays out in his book *A Good War*. So I urge you to keep faith with the youth of Hamilton, and with your own commitment to tackle the climate crisis shown when you set up this office. Many dedicated citizens will stand behind you if you keep faith. Now is the turning point moment: will you retreat into old municipal government ruts, or will you have the vision and courage to dig in and support your climate change office?

Respectfully,

Mary Love
Ward 7

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Climate Change Initiative

From: Pat Wilson

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 2:05 PM

To: Pat Wilson

Subject: Climate Change Initiative

Please do not allow any cuts to this initiative. We are already years and many millions of dollars behind in taking action. Say NO! to the motions proposed by. Esther Pauls and Matt Francis.

Thank you

Patricia (Pat) Wilson

7.11 (a)(e)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Importance of biodiversity in Hamilton, Ontario

From: natalie zahedi

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:06 PM

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Subject: Importance of biodiversity in Hamilton, Ontario

Please no cuts to biodiversity and climate change initiatives in Hamilton.

Thank you,
Natalie

7.11 (a)(f)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Keep Climate Action Active!

From: Jackson Hudecki <vicepresident@hamiltonnature.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:04 PM

Subject: Keep Climate Action Active!

Hello Staff and Council,

Residents of Hamilton are being made aware of your proposed motions to remove funding allocations for planners and staff under the *already voted upon* Biodiversity Action Plan.

Not only is this the worst time in history to punt the funding a year down the road, it also shows that you're underestimating the importance of this region's vast array of ecosystems and activity!

Nature in Hamilton isn't a fluke, and the people working to preserve and protect it have been ringing the bells long before you were born. We have birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, mussels, moss, lichen, insects, flowers, shrubs and trees like no other, right here in the city boundaries. Cutting funding to the protection, study and support of these creatures will put a massive halt to the momentum already occurring, and sends a confusing message to the teams rallied around the cause, and the residents of your respective wards.

Please remove the motion, continue to put forth the funding needed, and do what's right for the life that has been calling you and your family their neighbours.

Sincerely,

Jackson Hudecki

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Jackson Hudecki

Vice President
Hamilton Naturalists' Club
www.hamiltonnature.org



7.11 (a)(g)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: No Cuts to Climate Action in Hamilton

From: Chantal Cino

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:28 PM

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Subject: Re: No Cuts to Climate Action in Hamilton

projects that will help the city combat and deal with climate change. Especially when this comprises such a small part of the city's budget already.

Thank you,

Chantal Cino

From: Chantal Cino

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:25:43 PM

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Subject: No Cuts to Climate Action in Hamilton

Good afternoon,

I'm contacting you today as a concerned Hamiltonian (current resident of Ward 3, have lived in multiple wards in my lifetime). I am asking you all to oppose the proposed cuts to the Climate Change Reserve at tomorrow's Budget GIC meeting (items 9.5 and 9.6).

We cannot afford to risk canceling any pre-approved

7.11 (a)(h)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: No cuts to BAP & OCCI

From: Steven McKay

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 5:07 PM

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Subject: No cuts to BAP & OCCI

Hello esteemed Councillors, City Staff and our Mayor:

It has come to my attention that there is an outside chance that we may cut our City's budget tomorrow and that biodiversity and climate action may see reduced funding.

There are so many problems in this city of ours, but it would be VERY unwise to make any cuts in funding for our already weak efforts to address the biodiversity and climate crisis that we are living through today.

I won't quote the studies - if you've done your homework, you know that our efforts to curb existential plight are already far too late.

I will ask in your reflection on what aspects of the budget are untouchable that you think ahead to the year 2050 and ask yourself - what will the sitting council of Hamilton Ontario in 2050 wish that I did at this meeting?

Thanks for your leadership and contributions to our wonderful City.

Steve McKay

7.11 (a)(i)

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Office of Climate Change Initiatives

From: Jean Jacobs

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 5:08 PM

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Subject: Office of Climate Change Initiatives

Dear Councillors,

I strongly urge you to increase funding to the Office of Climate Change Initiatives to deal with the coming climate change emergencies. We all know of the changes that are now occurring and this is only the beginning of what is to come. Hamilton needs to be in a position to effectively deal with these events, implement necessary changes that support its infrastructure and its citizens.

Respectfully,

Jean Jacobs

7.11 (a)(j)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:19:08 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Sarah Brophy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 6:56 PM
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Subject:

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To the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

As a parent, teacher, researcher, citizen, and taxpayer living in Dundas, I am writing to encourage you in the strongest possible terms to protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI) and other environmental initiatives. We do not have time to waste to meet the urgent challenges of climate change, health and housing inequity, and biodiversity loss. These forward-thinking programs are of the utmost importance to the healthy, sustainable future of our city.

Sincerely, Sarah Brophy

7.11 (a)(k)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:20:19 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Kelly Waselynychuk [REDACTED]
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Good evening,

I know tomorrow there are discussions about budget cuts. PLEASE protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI) and other environmental initiatives. There isn't much time left to try to get the environment back on track. It's now or never.

Thank you for your support
Kelly Waselynychuk

7.11 (a)(I)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Biodiversity and Climate Change Initiatives in Hamilton
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:23:07 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: [REDACTED]
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>
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Honourable Mayor Horwath and Counsellors Wilson and Kroetsch:

I live in Ward 1 and own a condo in Ward 2 and am asking you PLEASE do not make ANY

Please continue to support Hamilton's Biodiversity Action Plan, the Office of Climate Change Initiatives and other biodiversity initiatives, as the consequences of not doing this will be dire for all Hamiltonians. Although the initial changes may be subtle, the long term results will be disastrous.

You have supported Hamilton's unique environment before, don't stop now.

Chris Motherwell

7.11 (a)(m)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: biodiversity and climate change
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:23:23 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Marjorie Middleton [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Marjorie Middleton
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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: biodiversity and climate change

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Please do not cut funding for biodiversity and climate change initiatives.
These are important issues for our city.

Thank you,

Marjorie.

7.11 (a)(n)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Biodiversity and climate funding are needed more than ever
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:31:13 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Carolyn Zanchetta [REDACTED]
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Subject: Biodiversity and climate funding are needed more than ever

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Do not cut funding to the Biodiversity Action Plan. So much time and energy have been invested and this work is critically important to make any impact in the twin biodiversity and climate crises.

Do not delay the LRT any further.

Please do not follow the current cuts happening south of the border.

Let's foster a biodiverse and climate resilient Hamilton.

Thank you,
Carolyn Zanchetta

7.11 (a)(o)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Budget cuts! Urgent!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:20:42 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

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Subject: Budget cuts! Urgent!

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Good evening,

I'm emailing to let you know that I, and many members of the community, believe the most important consideration right now is environmental concerns. Please **protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI) and other environmental initiatives.**

Thank you,
Kelly Ross

7.11 (a)(p)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Budget cuts
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:33:18 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Lilly N [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:16 AM
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: Budget cuts

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To Mayor and Council,

For very little change to the budget, it seems some of the least expensive items are being considered for removal.

Citizens expect our local government to be forward thinking.
Climate action at the municipal level is important because citizens feel they can communicate their wishes more directly with a Councillor or Mayor.
Hamiltonians have spoken. We want climate action here in Hamilton.

Something needs to be done about apartments without AC in the summer and renovations. If you've ever faced either of these, you'd agree.

Bike lanes are for mobility for all. It's a matter of safety to keep building a connected network. Are we going to defund the LRT???

And finally, sometimes some small amount of funding shows our city has heart. Poetry and public art are never a bad thing.

Lilly Noble
[REDACTED]
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9.15/9.16 Defund the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and proposed staff (Beattie)

9.20 Defund the [Accelerated Active Transportation Implementation Plan](#) (bike lanes) (Francis)

9.5/9.6 Cancel several [Climate](#) initiatives and remove \$300K from the Climate Reserve Fund.
(Pauls/Spadafora)

9.13 Defund the [Realigned Gardens Program](#) (community and pollinator gardens)
(Spadafora/Beattie)

9.12 Indefinitely pause and defund the [Safe Apartment Building By-law and Renovation License and Relocation \(renoviction\) By-law](#) (Jackson/Pauls)

9.11 Deferral of budgeted funding for LRT in 2025 (Jackson/Francis)

9.19 Defund two new full-time equivalent positions from public engagement (Francis)

9.21 Defund the [Poet In Place](#) program currently held by Hamilton poet Ms. Lishai Peel, and allocate its budgeted \$25,000 to "roads, sidewalks and parks" (Francis)

7.11 (a)(q)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Budget discussion -- prioritize the environment!!!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:37:16 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Susan Joanis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:08 AM
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: Budget discussion -- prioritize the environment!!!

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I just learned about the budget discussions for today and the cuts that are being proposed. Unfortunately, I can't come to City Hall today to add my voice, but PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE don NOT cut these vital projects and initiatives that support our ability to adapt and respond to climate change and to support our souls in the process -- poetry is important too!

Vote no to these cuts.

Susan Joanis
Ward 13, Dundas

7.11 (a)(r)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Budget Priorities Climate Change and Biodiversity Crisis
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:19:37 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Paul Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 7:09 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: Budget Priorities Climate Change and Biodiversity Crisis

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To Hamilton City Council

This is an urgent plea to Hamilton's City Council regarding the priority decisions you will have to make for the upcoming budget. We are currently in the midst of 2 related crisis, Climate Change and the Biodiversity Crisis, both of which have already been recognized by the Council. I am grateful to you for that. But crisis, by their very nature, require immediate and sustained response and I plead that you do not see them as potential options for budget cuts. Please continue to financially fully support the City's current initiatives directed at these crises.

Thank you!

Paul D. Smith

Ward 13

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: BudgetGIC Meeting
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:06:28 AM

7.11 (a)(s)

Council - February 12, 2025

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From: thomas beckett [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:05 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; mauree.wilson@hamilton.ca; cameron.kroetsch@hamiltom.ca; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; 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: BudgetGIC Meeting

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Please protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan, Office of Climate Change Initiatives and other environmental initiatives. These initiatives are critically important to the future of our city and our children.

Sincerely,
Meralee Beckett

7.11 (a)(t)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Climate concerns
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:34:46 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Laurie Galer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:36 AM
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: Climate concerns

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It has come to my attention that several motions have been added to your agenda which affect our precious environment.

I encourage you to please consider the long term effects of any actions which are not in favour of protecting our environment for future generations.

Laurie Galer

[REDACTED]

7.11 (a)(u)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Climate Initiatives, Public and Active Transportation are important.
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:35:11 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Michelle Chin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:40 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Climate Initiatives, Public and Active Transportation are important.

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Esteemed Mayor and City Councillors,

I hope that this email finds you well.

I understand there are several defunding motions on the table today at City Hall in hopes of creating a balanced budget.

As a taxpayer, I absolutely support the following initiatives and prioritize their rollout.

9.15/9.16 **PRESERVE the Biodiversity Action Plan.**

9.20 **PRESERVE the Accelerated Active Transportation Implementation Plan. Some of the most vulnerable in our society are users of this system.**

9.5/9.6 **PRESERVE all Climate initiatives.** The climate emergency is upon us and we must do all we can to mitigate its effects. **Severe weather and its devastating consequences affect us all and is ultimately more expensive.**

Make public transit safe, accessible, equitable and convenient for all to reduce the need for cars and reduce congestion. **Please note that some of the most vulnerable in our society are users of this system, including children and seniors.**

I do not support initiatives or development that increase car infrastructure or our urban boundary.

Thank you for your consideration and making my voice heard.

In good faith,
Michelle Chin, Ward 13

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7.11 (a)(v)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: cut in funds
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:06:04 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: joan wallace [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:02 AM
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: cut in funds

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Please do not permit cuts to biodiversity and climate initiatives. We need all the protection available

7.11 (a)(w)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: February 7th GIC Budget Meeting
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:23:47 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Chris McAnally [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 10:11 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: February 7th GIC Budget Meeting

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I am reaching out to ask you to not proceed with cutting funding to climate change action, biodiversity initiatives, or cycling infrastructure in the City of Hamilton. I understand that there are motions put forward for tomorrow's GIC budget meeting where several councilors have proposed cuts in these areas.

If you truly want to address the affordability crisis then know that stifling efforts to make the city more sustainable is going to make the issue worse. The money invested in these programs now will be cheaper then it will be to undo the damage and make up for lost time if these important existing initiatives are abandoned.

You are our councilors during what feels like a particularly challenging time but I hope when you read this message, and the similar messages I expect you will be receiving from others, that you'll realize that this is not the way forward to a future that is better for any of us.

Thanks,
Chris McAnally
Dundas Resident

7.11 (a)(x)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: February 7th, Budget GIC Meeting
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:27:44 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Grant Piett [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:00 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: February 7th, Budget GIC Meeting

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Good morning,

It has come to my attention that today's Budget GIC Meeting may result in budget reductions affecting the Biodiversity Action Plan, the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, and other environmental programs. Any reduction in funding for these initiatives would be a serious mistake.

In the face of both climate and political uncertainty, Hamilton must remain fully committed to fostering a healthy, resilient environment to the benefit of all its communities. With increasing flooding, water contamination, and rising summer temperatures, the Office of Climate Change Initiatives is more critical than ever to help prepare for worsening climate conditions.

Additionally, Hamilton's natural areas are under growing threat from climate change, with invasive plant, insect, and fungal species damaging our landscapes. A reduction in the Biodiversity Action Plan would accelerate the decline of Hamilton's natural heritage, leading to reduced biodiversity and harming the very ecosystems that make our city an attractive place to live and visit.

As a lifelong Hamilton resident who grew up exploring this city's natural spaces, I strongly urge you to vote against any cuts to the Biodiversity Action Plan or the Office of Climate Change Initiatives.

Sincerely,
Grant Piett

7.11 (a)(y)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Friday's City Council motion vote
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:22:27 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Lindsey Peers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:29 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: Friday's City Council motion vote

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Please protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI) and other environmental initiatives:

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Sincerely,
Lindsey Hamilton

Sent from my iPhone

7.11 (a)(z)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: General Issues Committee (GIC) agenda
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:28:27 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Dukas, Reuven [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:17 AM
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: General Issues Committee (GIC) agenda

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Dear Mayor and councillors,

I'm writing to let you know that I am stunned and disgusted by the blatant attempt by conservative councillors (included in this email) to bypass the democratic process by their last minute addition of items that will hurt Hamilton voters. I encourage you all to send a clear message to these councillors that Trumpian activities do not belong in our city!

Best wishes! Reuven Dukas.

[REDACTED]

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: GIC budget meeting February 7
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:32:48 AM

7.11 (a)(aa)

Council - February 12, 2025

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From: Janice currie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:09 AM
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: GIC budget meeting February 7

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Councillors,

I woke this morning to learn that multiple new items had been added to today's agenda - far, far too late to allow for public engagement.

This is scarily similar to the regular 'Friday night news dumps' which happen south of the border - the only difference being that it happened Thursday night.

I don't have time to properly digest and understand these new motions and, of course, the time to register delegations has long passed.

I had hoped for much better from this council.

Janice Currie

Sent from my iPad

7.11 (a)(ab)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to biodiversity and climate change initiatives
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:21:18 AM

Council - February 12, 2025

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

From: Rachelle Sender [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:09 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>
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PLEASE
Dr Rachelle Sender MD

7.11 (a)(ac)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to biodiversity and climate change initiatives
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:24:04 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Allyn Walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 11:57 PM
To: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>
Subject: No cuts to biodiversity and climate change initiatives

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I recognize the need to carefully weigh the many competing budget priorities and keep out taxes within reason.

However we are in the midst of a crisis that seriously affects the future of the city and its livability. Many people do not realize the significance of the loss of biodiversity and the impact of climate change on them personally, but I urge you to be strong leaders and protect and support the Biodiversity Action Plan. This well thought out and important document is a model of future planning. Let's not remain rooted in Hamilton's past reputation - let's show others that we can be a model for change and move the city towards a healthy future for its citizens present and future.

Sincerely,
Allyn Walsh

7.11 (a)(ad)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts to environmental initiatives
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:22:11 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: cynthia meyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:28 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>
Subject: No cuts to environmental initiatives

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

It is of utmost importance to me that the initiatives that were instituted to deal with the climate crisis, preserving farmland and biodiversity be maintained. They are so badly needed and cutting them will not be of any critical difference to the city budget. There is not much funding to be saved here!

The Poet Laureate feeds our soul. Poetry inspires us to imagine beyond what we see on the horizon. Keep it! We need them!

Cynthia Meyer
[REDACTED]

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: No Cuts to Environmental Programs
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:34:14 AM

7.11 (a)(ae)

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Daniel Quaglia [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:31 AM
Cc: 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>; 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: No Cuts to Environmental Programs

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Good morning city officials,

I am a lifelong Hamiltonian that currently resides in Ward 11. Before that, I lived Ward 6. I am a math teacher at St. Jean de Brebeuf highschool, where I am also the union representative for the staff. I emailed Councillor Tadeson about this issue already, but I wanted to send it to the rest of council as I understand debates will be ongoing today.

I understand we are in a cost of living crisis, and we are looking for every measure to make life more affordable for Hamiltonians, but that must not come at the expense of the health of the city I love. I want my son to grow up knowing that we did everything we could to protect the environment the future will inherit. I will paste below what I sent to my councillor:

Firstly, I saw that the Planning Committee voted 8-0 against support for the sprawl MZO, and was very pleased with the result. I noticed that you were absent from the vote. If present, how would you have voted?

Secondly, I understand that Councillors Pauls and Francis have brought forward two motions that target climate actions - specifically cutting funding to the Climate Change Reserve. I don't know how many times it has to be reiterated, but we are in a climate crisis. From the [official City of Hamilton Website](#), it is clear that the municipal position is that we are in a climate emergency. You do not cut funding in a crisis. You take every action possible to ensure that the issues are dealt with. I hope that, being the councillor of a ward made up of extensive biodiversity, you will push back on their motions and sway your colleagues to vote against it.

Lastly, I understand that the previous motions listed tie into the overall city budget. Last year, I pressed you to explain why you voted against the overall city budget, but in favour of the bloated police budget. I understood (but disagreed) with your rationale that it is important to have a good relationship with the police, and that the constituents want increased police presence in the ward, so you chose to support their budget as an act of good faith. Having said this, they have, and will continue to ask for more than is entirely necessary. Last year, a committee found several things the police could cut back on that were more than reasonable, and the police got exactly what they wanted and more. At a time where everyone is trying their hardest to do more with less, the police must do so as well. As a teacher, I am trying to do more with less every single day. At my school, we legitimately do not have enough textbooks for all the Grade 12 calculus students this semester. I had to explain that to my students today. You were a former principal - you know how hard it is to operate schools when funding and resources are simply not there, but we try our best. Please make sure the police's budget request is reasonable before voting in favour.

Thank you for your time.

Daniel Quaglia

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: No cuts!!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:30:53 AM

7.11 (a)(af)

Council - February 12, 2025

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

From: Heather Vaughan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:30 AM
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: No cuts!!

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Good morning.

I am writing to say NO CUTS TO BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES IN HAMILTON!!!

Pretty sneaky to add motions to the GIC after 5 pm last night so that citizens have no chance to be heard on these matters!

Please do the right thing for the citizens and future generations by continuing to fund Biodiversity, Climate, protection for tenants and arts initiatives. These things are crucially important.

Heather Vaughan

7.11 (a)(ag)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: One Foot ForwardTen Backwards
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:33:58 AM

Council?

From: peter morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:19 AM
To: Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; johnpauldanko@hamilton.ca; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>
Subject: One Foot ForwardTen Backwards

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/hats-update-1.7451408>

Politicians:

Another DOH..... fumble bumble drop the ball to advocate properly for our homeless of Hamilton. Similar to Barton/ Burlington- cart before horse- no due diligence.... Environment assessment, MOL..... it's too toxic.... But you did a redo to appease the MOL now the HATS site is too much for you all to deal with.... Keep the impermanent tents and let the homeless keep freezing.

What an embarrassment!!!!

Get something proactive done instead of just one very expensive site of \$10 million tax dollars.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

7.11 (a)(ah)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Please don't support defunding environmental initiatives
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:34:29 AM

Council - February 12, 2025

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

From: Cathy mcPherson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:35 AM
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: Please don't support defunding environmental initiatives

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I was disappointed today to read that council will be voting on defunding environmental initiatives.

Hamilton is a wonderful city to live in - let's not step backwards from work to reduce pollution in this city.

Regards
Cathy McPherson

Sent from my iPhone

7.11 (a)(ai)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Please No Climate-Cutting Motions!!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:32:08 AM

Council - February 12, 2025

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

From: Rose Janson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:04 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Please No Climate-Cutting Motions!!

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Good morning

We do not support ANY climate-cutting motions, including those by Councillors Pauls and Francis. In conjunction with Environment Hamilton, Stop Sprawl, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, ACORN, and other environmental and social justice groups, we deplore this betrayal which does not align with where citizens of Hamilton are at. Hamilton needs to act on the climate crisis, and implement the carefully crafted biodiversity action plan.

Sincerely, Rose Janson and Family

7.11 (a)(aj)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Please preserve funding for biodiversity, climate and active transportation
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:40:48 AM

Council - February 12, 2025

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

From: Rosemarie Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:34 AM
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: Please preserve funding for biodiversity, climate and active transportation

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Dear Council Members,

It was disappointing to hear that important new measures were added to the GIC agenda so late.

I would urge Council to stand behind initiatives to preserve our natural environment, mitigate climate change and help citizens get outside in healthy ways like active transportation.

Thank you for your consideration and for seeing the bigger picture.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Morris

7.11 (a)(ak)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Please vote NO to the cuts!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:25:08 AM

Council - February 12, 2025

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From: Sarah Richer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:22 AM
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: Please vote NO to the cuts!

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I am a fellow Hamiltonian humbly asking you to please vote NO to cutting Hamilton's biodiversity and environmental initiatives, including the Biodiversity Action Plan & the Climate office. I know it seems like low hanging fruit to swat away, but we need to continue the progress made. Be on the right side of history.

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Hamilton's new tenant protections
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:22:47 AM

7.11 (a)(al)

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Sarah Jenner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:39 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: Support for Hamilton's new tenant protections

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Dear Councillor

My name is Sarah Jenner, and I am a tenant in Ward 2.

I am reaching out to express my strong support for Hamilton's new tenant protections passed this Council term.

The Tenant Support Program, Safe Apartment Bylaw and Renovation License and Relocation Bylaw are crucial for protecting tenants and ensuring that Hamilton's remaining affordable housing is maintained in a safe and livable condition.

I urge you to vote against any cuts or changes to these programs tomorrow at GIC.

Hamilton tenants are counting on these initiatives to move forward.

Sincerely,
Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

7.11 (a)(am)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Thank You & Key Priorities for Hamilton's Future
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:27:27 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: John Benjamin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 5:56 AM
To: Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>
Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@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: Thank You & Key Priorities for Hamilton's Future

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Dear Councillor Kroetsch,

I am a former resident of Ward 2, having recently moved out of Hamilton, but I still care deeply about the city's future. I loved my home in the North End and enjoyed contributing to the community, including helping deliver the Breezes newsletter in 2024. My family and I often biked along the Bayfront Trail, and I cherished the ability to share Hamilton's waterfront and green spaces with my son. As a student at Mohawk College, I relied on the A-Line Express, experiencing firsthand the importance of strong public transit connections.

First, I want to sincerely thank you for rejecting the MZO that would have forced Hamilton's urban boundary expansion. Your vote against urban sprawl helps protect:

- Biodiversity – A key indicator of planetary health, ensuring local ecosystems remain intact.
- Farmland & Food Security – Preserving agricultural land is vital for Canada's ability to sustain itself.
- Hamilton's Financial Future – Avoiding costly, unsustainable sprawl protects taxpayers [in the long term](#).

As City Council prepares to vote on the 2025 Budget, I urge you to prioritize initiatives that make Hamilton more sustainable, livable, and affordable:

- Expanding [cycling infrastructure](#) – Cycling is an affordable, low-emission mode of transport that reduces congestion and parking demand.

Advancing the LRT project – Reliable mass transit makes the city more accessible and economically vibrant.

- Supporting affordable & ‘missing middle’ housing – Projects like Pier 8 and Jamesville can help address the housing crisis and ensure Hamilton remains a city for everyone.

Although I no longer reside in Hamilton, I continue to follow its development closely. I hope to see Hamilton set an example as a city that prioritizes sustainability, transit, and smart growth.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Best regards,
John Benjamin

7.11 (a)(an)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: The environment
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:18:35 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Martha Howatt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 5:09 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: The environment

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The Biodiversity Action Plan is a necessary document to protect Hamilton's natural areas. Do not cut it from the budget. Support the hours of work that went into making it come together; partners working towards a common goal. Actions that are necessary for the future of the health of our ecosystem.

Martha Howatt

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From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Tomorrow's vote
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:19:56 AM

7.11 (a)(ao)

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Natasha Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 7:17 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>; 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>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Tomorrow's vote

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Dear all,

Please vote to protect the environment tomorrow and don't vote for cuts to important initiatives and bills that protect biodiversity. We need you to do the right thing for all of us who want to live in a healthy world and for the future generations.

Thank you,

Natasha

7.11 (a)(ap)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Very disappointing actions
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:36:04 AM

Council - February 12, 2025

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From: Mary Love [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:57 AM
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: Very disappointing actions

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Good morning!

I am really concerned to see that new and substantive budget trim suggestions have come on the agenda so close to the GIC meeting this morning. I do realize you have busy schedules, but it is still worrisome to see this happening because it gives constituents so little time to let you know if your suggested cuts represent their own wishes, and any dissent from your choices won't be on the public record. Perhaps some of you did consult ahead of time. My councillor took the time to phone me and at least explain where she was coming from in her trimming choices.

Those councillors who think that a biodiversity plan and pollinator gardens are a frill, or worse, really need to get their heads out of the manicured lawns our culture foolishly embraced back in the day. My pollinator lawn with attached rain garden is the only one on my block where you can hear crickets sing on summer evenings. Biodiversity means life itself!

And in a housing and homelessness crisis, how can anyone even contemplate cutting sorely needed programs and services for Hamilton's most vulnerable tenants?

Wishing you all more courage to push harder for increased federal funding for housing, and maximum wisdom and compassion in today's budget deliberations!

Sincerely,

Mary Love
Ward 7
Sent from my iPhone

7.11 (a)(aq)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote against budget cuts for the environment!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:28:02 AM

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From: Kira McDermid [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:14 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@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: Vote against budget cuts for the environment!

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Good morning Mayor, Councillors,

I'm Kira, a resident of the North End of Hamilton.

Today, I'm emailing to urge you to vote against slashing Biodiversity, Climate, Active Transportation, and protection for tenants.

These are crucial for the health of our environment and community and I kindly ask you to vote against removing the budget for these issues

Thank you,
Kira

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: VOTE NO
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:32:28 AM

7.11 (a)(ar)

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Victoria Koch [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:06 AM
To: McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: VOTE NO

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments

Please vote against slashing actions and protections for biodiversity, pollinator gardens, climate, active transportation, and protection for tenants who might fall victim to renovictions.

Kind regards,

Victoria Koch
[REDACTED]

7.11 (a)(as)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote to Protect Biodiversity
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:31:33 AM

Council – February 12, 2025

From: Anne Dwyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:02 AM
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: Vote to Protect Biodiversity

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Hello Councillors,

My name is Anne Dwyer. I am a Ward 1 resident.

I implore all councillors to vote today to protect biodiversity for the city of Hamilton and beyond. This is so crucial to protect our environment from climate change for the reasons noted below. Not to mention, it barely consists of 1% of the budget, I am sure there are many other areas where cuts can be considered that do not impose a devastating environmental impact.

Economic reasons

- **Food security**
Biodiversity provides a variety of plants and animals for food, which is essential for human health and well-being
- **Job creation**
Biodiversity provides livelihoods for millions of people, especially in the agricultural sector
- **Business benefits**
Biodiversity supports businesses that rely on nature, such as those that produce medicines and other biochemicals

Ethical reasons

- **Intrinsic value:** Each organism has value in its own right, and humans have a moral duty to preserve it for future generations

Health-related reasons

- **Disease prevention**

Biodiversity helps fight disease by providing plants that can be used to make medicines

- **Human protection**

Biodiversity protects humans from natural disasters like floods and storms, and filters the water we drink

Other reasons to protect biodiversity include: climate change protection, protecting at risk species, supporting communities, regenerating soils, and providing species for pollination and pest control.

Please do what's right and protect biodiversity in Hamilton, your children and grandchildren children and the natural world will thank you.

With thanks,

Concerned Ward 1 Resident

Anne Dwyer

Sent from my iPhone

7.11 (a)(at)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:21:52 AM

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From: Carrie Butcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:50 PM
To: Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>
Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>
Subject:

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Dear Councillor Kroetsch,

I am a Ward 2 resident. I am writing to express my concern over potential cuts to biodiversity and climate change action plans in Hamilton.

I ask that you work to protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI) and other environmental initiatives.

Sincerely,
Carrie Butcher

[REDACTED]

7.11 (a)(au)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Be TRUE representatives!
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:52:05 AM

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From: Sophia Szoke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:37 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@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>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>
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Dear Mayor & Hamilton Councillors,

It seems suspicious that the sensitive points below were added late Thurs. to your Friday agenda. I know you have difficult decisions to make. I hope you are prioritizing the environment, nature and Hamilton's most vulnerable.

I am very disappointed by the new from our friends at Environment Hamilton, Save our Streams and others.

A slew of new damaging motions were added to the General Issues Committee (GIC) agenda after 5pm last night, giving citizens no voice since the deadline for public delegations has long passed. In conjunction with Environment Hamilton, Save our Streams, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, ACORN, and other environmental and social justice groups,

I PRAY THAT YOU MAKE WISE DECISIONS consider the long-term sustainability, the vulnerable in the community and not be swayed by developers greed.

In good faith,
Sophia S.

Here are the new motions with mover/seconder: (Item 9)

9.15/9.16 Defund the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and proposed staff (Beattie)

9.20 Defund the Accelerated Active Transportation Implementation Plan (bike lanes) (Francis)

9.5/9.6 Cancel several Climate initiatives and remove \$300K from the Climate Reserve Fund.
(Pauls/Spadafora)

9.13 Defund the Realigned Gardens Program (community and pollinator gardens)
(Spadafora/Beattie)

9.12 Indefinitely pause and defund the Safe Apartment Building By-law and Renovation License and Relocation (renoviction) By-law (Jackson/Pauls)

9.11 Deferral of budgeted funding for LRT in 2025 (Jackson/Francis)

9.19 Defund two new full-time equivalent positions from public engagement (Francis)

9.21 Defund the Poet In Place program currently held by Hamilton poet Ms. Lishai Peel, and allocate its budgeted \$25,000 to “roads, sidewalks and parks” (Francis)

Targets today are the environment, climate, biodiversity, safe active transportation, gardens, arts, and even vulnerable Hamiltonians at risk of renoviction and the effects of a warming climate.

7.11 (a)(av)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Budget deliberations Item 9
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:52:30 AM

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From: Margaret Tremblay [REDACTED]
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Subject: Budget deliberations Item 9

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Dear Clerk, Mayor and Councillors,

Budget deliberations and the results are difficult, especially in these tumultuous times. I urge all councillors to use an overarching framework to base their deliberations on.

Please keep in mind our less fortunate citizens struggling with decent housing and affordable food. Keep in mind the threats from climate change that will affect all of us and drive up taxes and costs of remediation.

Priorities have to be set, among them budget and resultant tax rates, but citizens' living conditions and the overarching existential crisis of climate change must take priority.

Respectfully,
Margaret Tremblay
Dundas

7.11 (a)(aw)


From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Defunding Nature
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:26:34 AM

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From: Leo Gervais [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Defunding Nature

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Councillors,
I am urging all councillors to vote against slashing biodiversity, (the effects of) climate warming, active transportation, protection for tenants and even poetry.
We need representatives that have the wherewithal to consider future generations in their decision making.
I trust you will act accordingly.
Thank you.
Leo Gervais

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Save Our Climate
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 10:50:13 AM
Attachments: 

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From: Ben Weingartner 
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Subject: Save Our Climate

Dear Mayor and COUNCILLORS

Protect and enhance nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI), and other environmental initiatives.

Thanks
Ben Weingartner

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Support Biodiversity and Climate Change initiatives
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:26:52 AM

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From: David Moffatt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:13 AM
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Cc: Car [REDACTED]
Subject: Support Biodiversity and Climate Change initiatives

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Dear members of Hamilton City Council,

We urge you to vote to maintain funding both for the city's Biodiversity Action Plan and its Climate Change Initiatives. While times are tough for many citizens in our area, they will be much tougher in 10 years or in 30 years if we don't act now on the existential problems of our time!

For us personally, as naturalists, the incredible biodiversity of the area is one of the key attractions to Hamilton, and one of the primary reasons we elected to stay in the city after retirement. The species diversity of this area is unrivaled in Ontario, and indeed in Canada, but we have already begun to experience noticeable declines due to habitat destruction and fragmentation, climate change, and even overuse by humans of the remnant natural lands we hold dear.

With the World Meteorological Organization just declaring January 2025 as the warmest January in recorded time, the trend toward a warmer and more turbulent atmosphere not only continues, but is accelerated. We cannot underestimate the human impact of more heat days, flooding, damaging wind storms and drought on our own residents of Hamilton. And it is not only the threat of direct damage we must consider. In the current atmosphere of trade wars with an American administration, we need our farmland intact and productive. Evidence points to a loss of productivity in a warming climate, as drought, excess surface water, and high winds prevent planting or growth.

While we support efforts to reduce waste or inefficiency to minimize tax rate hikes, we are willing to pay our taxes to protect not only the quality of life that we enjoy, but also that our children and

grandchildren will inherit if we take action to solve the real issues of our time. If the very real possibility of a collapse of biodiversity and an increase in destructive weather events should occur, we would seriously consider leaving the Hamilton area, and would be less likely to return. If it adds a percentage point to our residential taxes to continue the good fight to prevent these eventually, we would not!

Sincerely

David and Carol Moffatt

7.11 (a)(az)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: GIC Agenda
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:22:33 PM

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Subject: GIC Agenda

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Hello,

We are writing with great concern about the damaging motions proposed in the GIC agenda being discussed today: the defunding the Biodiversity Action Plan; defunding bike lanes which keep riders safe; cancellation of several climate initiatives, in a time of obvious climate change when those reserves may prove to be very necessary; defunding community and pollinator gardens - there should be MORE community gardens in a time of serious food insecurity for many people!; and in a time that Hamilton and area are experiencing the situation of many unhoused people, it is uncompassionate to defund safe apartments and renovovictions by-laws that may be tenants last resort to get aid in their struggle!

The list is long in the slashing of many important issues representing Biodiversity, climate, transportation, the Arts and protection for tenants.

In the hope that serious consideration will be given to these important issues.

Joanne and Ron Palangio,
Hamilton citizen and tax payers.
Sent from my iPhone

7.11 (a)(ba)

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose the cuts to tenant and environmental programmes
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:22:58 PM

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From: Frager, Ruth [REDACTED]
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Subject: Oppose the cuts to tenant and environmental programmes

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Hello,

I am a long-time resident of Ward 1, and I am writing to urge you to oppose the cuts to tenant programmes and to environmental programmes. I stand with Stop Sprawl HamOnt on these issues --- and so should you. We need strong measures to protect tenants from unfair rent increases and unfair evictions. We need strong measures to protect our environment.

Sincerely,
Ruth Frager
[REDACTED]