

## 7.11 (a)(bb)

**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**To:** [Carson, Katie](#); [Pilon, Janet](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Agenda item about Bike Lanes  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 10:50:42 AM

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From: Mark Anderson [REDACTED]  
Sent: February 11, 2025 10:49 AM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
Subject: Agenda item about Bike Lanes

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Hello Clerks could you please add this to the Agenda for tomorrow

I am writing today as a Board Member of Cycle Hamilton and more importantly as a Ward 2 resident. For many years the Cycling Master plan has been underfunded, with the threat of looming tariffs and a recession looming owning a motor vehicle will be considerably more expensive. Riding a bike for transportation to work, school and shopping is a economic response to the looming threats of tariffs and recession.

Imagine the school drop off line, being almost non-existent because students and teachers are riding their bikes to school.

Traffic moving more smoothly because now more people are riding bikes to do their daily routines instead of driving in the city.

I hope you will take scenarios like this into consideration when voting on pausing the Accelerated Cycling Master Plan

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Mark Anderson (He/His/Him)

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**To:** [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cycling Lanes in Hamilton  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:08:37 AM

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**From:** Sheldon McGregor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 10, 2025 7:40 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Cycling Lanes in Hamilton

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Hi,

I understand that this issue is currently topical provincially and municipally.

I want to make sure that council understands the importance of maintaining AND expanding the bicycle lanes and infrastructure that we have worked so hard to achieve in the City of Hamilton. This is critical for environment and quality of life (and cyclist safety)!

Please make sure my comment is circulated to the council.

Thanks,  
Sheldon

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**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**To:** [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Hamilton Council and Climate Crisis  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2025 1:21:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Hamilton Council and Climate Crisis.docx](#)

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Council – February 12, 2025

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**From:** Don Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2025 1:03 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Wilson, Maureen <[Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>  
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“We will rapidly implement policies that bring fossil fuels to an end. Or we will let fossil fuels end us”.

*Rebecca Solnit & Thelma Lutunatabua, “Not Too Late”*

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**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**To:** [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please don't defund Biodiversity, Climate, Active Transportation, protection for tenants and the arts  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2025 1:00:50 PM

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Council - February 12, 2025

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

From: Matias Rozenberg [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:52 PM  
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Wilson, Maureen <[Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>; Kroetsch, Cameron <[Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca](mailto:Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca)>; Nann, Nrinder <[Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca](mailto:Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca)>; Hwang, Tammy <[Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Danko, John-Paul <[John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca](mailto:John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Cassar, Craig <[Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca)>; Wilson, Alex <[Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>  
Subject: [\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM\*\*\*] Please don't defund Biodiversity, Climate, Active Transportation, protection for tenants and the arts

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Hi:

Please don't defund Biodiversity, Climate, Active Transportation, protection for tenants and the arts.

Thank you,

Matias Rozenberg

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**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**To:** [McRae, Angela](#); [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Submission  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:09:49 AM

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**From:** MANDI LOWTHIAN SMITH [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 11, 2025 12:09 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: Submission

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Picking up from "STRATEGIC PLAN"

We didn't ask for this. Nobody saw it coming. But we have left ourselves extremely vulnerable.

In 2025/6, we can no longer think in terms percentage increases. Instead, we must invest strategically both to not sink, but to weather this. And that means ROB

- . Reconciling our debts
- . Optimizing our investments
- . Being fully accountable and transparent

That means we can't leave debt behind us.

We fix what's needed.

We manage up better at the Provincial level.

We exchange solutions with other Municipalities. Even other countries.

We accept that some imperilled people may need to get support for addiction and mental health for themselves. Because we can't do it for them. And we are broke.

Having a choice when you are homeless is a luxury. I didn't have one. In fact most people

don't.

That some of those projects must be mothballs, or even scrapped, because it hit the fan.

We acknowledge and support Local Heroes.

That Council will actively engage and support each other and their communities, irrespective of personal and political agendas.

I challenge each of you to take a good look around you. Hamilton is a fascinating place. We survive and thrive. There is a stunning number of people in my hood with +10 year sobriety. People who are battling cancer and disabilities, And thriving. Because this is who we are. This is Hamilton.

A WRAP

I would make a terrible politician. But I invest a lot of interest in asking questions and getting feedback. Even when I don't want to hear it.

Push has come to shove. Let's stand as TEAM HAMILTON. Together.

With humility, and at your service.

Thank you

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Madeleine "Mandi" A. L. Smith, B.A. (hons)

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**From:** MANDI LOWTHIAN SMITH [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 11:34:46 p.m.  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca) <[Clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:Clerk@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Submission

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To: The Mayor  
City Council  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Your Honour, and noble Councillors,

Good Day to you all.

I request the courtesy of your time to submit a written proposal for the 25/6 budget.  
Thank you for your consideration.

#### THE BAD NEWS

As of yesterday, the President of the United States has declared a 25% tariff against Canada, et al for steel and aluminum products.

This is a full frontal against the City of Hamilton, because 60% of Canada's steel comes through our City.

To make it worse, we have an unemployment rate of 7.1%, and an extraordinary load of social supports.

This and some over and above expenses has resulted in drawing from our reserve.  
Clearly this must be managed immediately.

#### RADICAL ACCEPTANCE

2024/5 is either spent or committed. And there's nothing we can do about it. What's done is done.

But when it comes to 25/6, push has come to shove. And nobody is coming to the rescue.

But there is still time to change things.

## WHAT'S IT TO ME

I invested heavily in Hamilton. **I'm an ex Toronto type. I love this city.** And I have been closely involved in grass roots volunteering ever since. (But not so much grass. I'm allergic!)

I bought a cheap and cheerful semi, retrofitted it, and made it a very popular Airbnb. Until COVID.

But my municipal taxes have doubled. And within the next 5-6 years, I am at serious risk of losing my place. One out of every 10 pension bucks will go to Hamilton taxes in 25/6. That's wrong.

Worse, I'm not alone. We are proud. Our homes slip away quietly while we move in with the kids. Or rent basement rooms.

## 2015/6 STRATEGIC PLAN

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## 7.11 (a)(bg)

**From:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**To:** [Pilon, Janet](#); [Carson, Katie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent: Protecting Hamilton's Cycling Master Plan Investment  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 10:49:33 AM

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**From:** Abbie & Paul Cycle Hamilton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 11, 2025 10:24 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Urgent: Protecting Hamilton's Cycling Master Plan Investment

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Dear Mayor Horwath and Members of Council,

On behalf of Cycle Hamilton, I am writing to express our deep concern over the motion to pause the \$4 million investment in Hamilton's Cycling Master Plan, scheduled for discussion at the General Issues Committee meeting.

For years, the Cycling Master Plan has been significantly underfunded, limiting the city's ability to create safe and connected cycling infrastructure. In January 2024, Council took an important step forward by voting to accelerate the plan's implementation—recognizing the need for urgent investment in active transportation. The motion to delay funding now contradicts that commitment and threatens the progress Hamilton has made toward safer streets.

We are also alarmed by the lack of transparency in this process. The motion was introduced at 5 PM on February 6—after the deadline for submitting written delegations—effectively limiting public participation in this critical decision. Hamilton residents deserve open and democratic governance, particularly on issues that impact mobility, safety, and climate resilience.

Pausing this investment is short-sighted and plays into the divisive “War on Cars” rhetoric that the provincial government has been pushing. Investing in cycling infrastructure is not about taking anything away from drivers—it's about ensuring that all road users can travel safely and efficiently. A well-designed cycling network benefits the entire city by reducing traffic congestion, improving public health, and supporting local businesses.

We urge you to reject this motion and uphold the commitment to fully funding and implementing the Cycling Master Plan. Hamiltonians deserve a city where people of all ages and abilities can choose safe, sustainable transportation options.

Sincerely,

**Abbie Little**

Abbie and Paul

Co-Chairs, Cycle Hamilton

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**From:** [KK Z](#)  
**To:** [Office of the Mayor](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Maureen](#); [Ward 2](#); [Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann](#); [Ward 4](#); [Francis, Matt](#); [Jackson, Tom](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [Cassar, Craig](#); [Pauls, Esther](#); [Beattie, Jeff](#); [Tadeson, Mark](#); [Spadafora, Mike](#); [McMeekin, Ted](#); [Ward 13](#); [Ward 8 Office](#); [Pilon, Janet](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Feedback: GIC (Budget) Friday February 7, 2025  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2025 5:48:30 PM

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Dear Madam Mayor:

I am directing this letter specifically to you as, IMO, it is your responsibility to ensure a functional Council. Respectfully, today I witnessed a Council that seems to be spinning its wheels, is at odds, and is trying to do everything rather than setting real needed priorities.

Back in 2023 I left you folks an overview brochure of a team building program called "Playing To Win". May I humbly suggest that you consider that Council take 2 or 3 days to go off site and do some team building. It's actually quite fun and I think it would be extremely beneficial to your team and as individuals. If you give Tony Robinson (VP of Purchasing/Procurement @ AMDofasco) a call, he can line you up with the company that runs the program.

Mayor Horwath today you pointed out to Council that society is headed for very rough times. IMO that is an understatement. We could debate the reasons why, but let's just blame the Orange Man down south, and not the fact that the Federal government is paying \$50Billion a year in interest to bondholders and the Ontario government is paying \$13Billion a year in interest to its bondholders....meanwhile causing the devaluation of our currency. Call it inflation if it is easier to understand.

Budget Comments/Feedback:

**POLICE BUDGET CUTS:** I never heard the mover and seconder ever say they don't want policing as some Councillors spoke of. They only suggested that there be a cut to the budget. As a layman and not understanding policing, the ratio of cops vs admin is approx. 1 admin to every 3 cops and seems quite high??? What about absenteeism and what is being done about it? Questions that should be addressed.

**HSR & TRANSIT STRATEGY:** I am well aware that there is a transit strategy and that Council approved the hiring of 46 FTE's as part of the long term transit expansion/service enhancement. Perhaps now is a time to step back and review this and put a temporary hold on it. What are the cost benefits of spending \$6.9 million (\$150K/FTE) at this point in time? Will the city create a better business environment? What expansion is necessary based on ridership forecasts and what enhancements will benefit existing riders and at what cost/rider?

In closing and given the economic realities, trying to do everything "under the sun" all

at once is unrealistic. I think Councillor Kroetsch pointed out succinctly that the policing budget is becoming unsustainable. IMO all city operations are becoming unsustainable. If you think you can issue debt, use reserves and continue to raise taxes then you are using the same tools that senior levels of governments have tried for the past 10 years....and how is that working out? Until all on Council understand this reality implicitly, live it and breathe it, you are driving Hamilton off a cliff. Madam Mayor you have the power to change the direction. I ask you for that consideration.

**“You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality.”**

Janet: Please attach to the next appropriate meeting. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Kim Zivanovich  
Ward 12

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** FW: Please Preserve Hamilton's Natural Beauty: Support BAP and OCCI

From: Reem Said [REDACTED]  
Sent: February 8, 2025 7:23 PM  
To: Office of the Mayor <mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>  
Subject: Please Preserve Hamilton's Natural Beauty: Support BAP and OCCI

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments Dear Mayor and Councillors, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of myself, my family, friends, neighbours, and students who, like me, deeply value the natural beauty and biodiversity of Hamilton. Our environment is one of our greatest assets, and we believe that it is our collective responsibility to protect and enhance it for current and future generations.

We would like to express our strong support for the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI), and other environmental initiatives that aim to preserve and improve our natural surroundings. These initiatives are crucial in addressing the pressing environmental challenges we face, including habitat loss, climate change, and the decline of local biodiversity.

The Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) is an essential strategy for conserving the unique flora and fauna of Hamilton. By implementing measures to protect and restore habitats, we can ensure the survival of many species that call our city home. This plan will not only benefit wildlife but also enhance the quality of life for residents by providing green spaces for recreation and promoting a healthier urban environment.

The Office of Climate Change Initiatives (OCCI) plays a vital role in addressing the impacts of climate change on our city. By supporting this office, we can implement effective policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energy, and increase our resilience to climate-related events. These actions are necessary to mitigate the effects of climate change and safeguard the well-being of our community.

Furthermore, we urge you to support other environmental initiatives that aim to protect our natural resources, promote sustainable development, and engage the community in conservation efforts. By investing in green infrastructure, promoting urban forestry, and encouraging environmentally friendly practices, we can create a more sustainable and resilient city.

We kindly ask that you advocate for these important initiatives and allocate the necessary resources to ensure their successful implementation. Your support and leadership in protecting and enhancing Hamilton's natural environment will make a significant difference in preserving the beauty and biodiversity of our city for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to seeing positive actions taken to protect our environment and enhance the quality of life for all residents of Hamilton.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Reem Said

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** FW: no cuts to environmental initiatives!

From: Bowen, Deborah [REDACTED]

Sent: February 8, 2025 3:54 PM

To: <mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <<mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>>; Wilson, Maureen <<mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>>; Kroetsch, Cameron <<mailto:Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>>; Beattie, Jeff <<mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>>; McMeekin, Ted <<mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>>

Subject: no cuts to environmental initiatives!

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments Dear Mayor and councillors,

I'm emailing to ask you to protect nature in Hamilton by supporting the Biodiversity Action Plan, the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, and other environmental initiatives. Please, no cuts to any of these plans and initiatives in Hamilton!

I do understand the need to trim the city budget, but I see motions suggesting cuts to these initiatives as very short-sighted and counter-productive. As a fairly new member of Hamilton Naturalists' Club, and a strong supporter of the Royal Botanical Gardens, I am concerned that we in Hamilton need to take a lead in acting for biodiversity and responding to climate change, rather than undermining these concerns.

With thanks for your attention and all your work for the city, Deborah Bowen.



February 12th 2025

**ACORN Hamilton Communication**  
**Support for Hamilton's new tenant protections**

This term of Council has been a leader in taking local action to protect tenants from no fault evictions (renoviction, demoviction), rent hikes (Above Guideline Increases) and substandard housing conditions.

Councillors unanimously approved the following programs/bylaws:

- Tenant Support Program - started June 2024
- Renovation Licence and Relocation Bylaw - started January 2025
- Rental Housing Protection Bylaw - started January 2025
- Safe Apartment Bylaw - evaluations slated to start January 2026

All four programs and bylaws will work together to protect tenants and the city's affordable housing stock.

Over multiple staff reports dating back to August 2023, Hamilton city staff have clearly laid out timelines, implementation plans and staffing needs to ensure these programs / bylaws are successful and meet their intended objectives.

The Safe Apartment Bylaw's implementation was already delayed during the 2024 budget discussions. With the program being approved in August 2023, tenants have had to wait over 2 years for building evaluations to begin.

ACORN Hamilton is urging the Mayor and Councillors to vote against any cuts to the Safe Apartment Bylaw and Renovation Licence and Relocation Bylaw. Tenants are counting on these bylaws to move forward over 2025/2026.