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Subject: Planning committee for Urban expansion

Dear sirs/madams,

I don't understand why this work is being done again and again. Is the city bent on expanding our boundaries and destroying open/farm lands around Hamilton and environs? Didn't we already do this?

It makes one wonder if the Planning Department and this committee have nothing else to do. Repeatedly, citizens have said No to the expansion of our city and the discussion 'seemed' to be over. Is it because of the recent provincial election the leader has again decided to reward his donors/friends this opportunity to further exploit the lands of Ontario? Again? Does he really think we are that stupid?

I find it insulting yet typical of this government, both municipal and provincial, that they think the citizens are distracted by the theatrics of the premier combating the US powers that be. The timing is, of course, suspect since we are shell shocked from the constant barrage and threats from below the 49th as well as the drama of our own federal election.

Be aware that the actions of this municipal government are not altruistic and again are being foisted upon its electorate without citizen approval and directly against the well known desires of Hamiltonians.

These actions are not "for the greater good" of the city, they are for the financial enrichment of the few. Repeatedly the people have said no to urban expansion and yet again the planning committee and its minions have pulled out their excuses and reams of previously created papers to try to justify ignoring recent hard fought decisions to not expand.

This is betrayal and the repeated attempts to slip the expansion past the public is typical of a tunnel visioned government. Is Hamilton City Council simply a puppet of the provincial government?

Have some courage. Stand by the majority of your electors. Please do not destroy the remaining areas of Hamilton through this expansion. It is not there to be exploited. Plan inside the city limits.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Hudecki Thompson