

May 17, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Re: Municipal Comprehensive Review/Official Plan Review

Chair and Members of the Planning Committee:

We join with many citizens and concerned conservation and environmental organizations in reiterating our support for City Council's decisive 13-3 vote in November in favour of "no urban boundary expansion." The vote reflected strong public support in favour of more sustainable growth designed to encourage resilient urban neighbourhoods that builds on existing infrastructure and transforms vacant lots and underutilized buildings --- of which there are many in Hamilton.

The "no urban boundary expansion" scenario not only promotes smart intensification, it is also key to protecting vital farmland, watersheds and wildlife that will be lost with urban sprawl as encouraged, unfortunately, by policies of the current provincial government. A firm urban boundary continued to receive general support at the virtual Open Houses this year.

We urge the Planning Committee to approve implementation of the no urban boundary expansion growth option.

Thank you.

Gord & Angie McNulty