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**Subject:** GRIDS2/MCR May 17th Public Meeting

Dear Clerk,

In reference to the GRIDS2/MCR plan, this letter is meant for the May 17th Statutory Public Meeting. I totally support plans to freeze Hamilton's urban boundary because I support farmland protection and I do not support urban sprawl where the only means of transport is the car. Farms are essential for food security and it is more cost effective and responsible to grow food locally (and it tastes better) rather than transporting it thousands of kilometres from across the Canadian border from California, USA. Urban sprawl promotes traffic gridlock which is stressful for anyone trying to get anywhere.

I support climate resilient growth for Hamilton via higher density neighbourhoods (and retrofitting the high number of apparent vacant buildings to residential housing) and I support inclusive urban neighbourhoods for our city!

*Isabel Belanger*

*Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.  
William Morris*