



June 18, 2025

Project Name: White Church Lands – Urban Expansion Area OPA
DOCA Project Number: 2025-0294
Proponent: White Church Landowners' Group

Dear Dave Heyworth,

This letter is to regarding the Official Plan Amendment Application to Expand Hamilton's Urban Boundary – White Church Lands, which is under consideration by the City of Hamilton.

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) are the Treaty Holders of the land on which the project will take place – specifically, the Between the Lakes Treaty #3 (1792). The MCFN holds Indigenous and Treaty Rights specific to the project location and its environs, which may be adversely impacted by it. The Department of Consultation and Accommodation (DOCA) is designated by the MCFN to handle consultation matters on its behalf.

DOCA received notification of the application from the City on March 13, 2025. In response, DOCA provided to the City a letter outlining that the MCFN had not yet been meaningfully engaged on the project and requested that the City share a letter with the White Church Landowners' Group (White Church LOG) outlining DOCA's concerns regarding the application. Representatives of the White Church LOG met with the DOCA team on April 22, 2025. At that time, DOCA requested capacity funding to review the technical reports associated with the application, with the intention of identifying potential impacts to MCFN's Indigenous and Treaty Rights. The request for capacity funding was made in line with the Supreme Court ruling that First Nations do not participate in consultation for their own benefit and therefore they should not participate in consultation at their own expense (2017 SCC 41).

As of June 18, the requested resources have not been made available to allow DOCA, on behalf of the MCFN, to review the technical reports. Therefore, DOCA has outstanding concerns regarding the application for the White Church Lands' Official Plan Amendment to Expand Hamilton's Urban Boundary, which may adversely impact our Indigenous and Treaty Rights; these concerns that have not been resolved through meaningful engagement with our Nation. On this basis, at this time, we object to the approval of the application by the City.



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If you have any questions for the DOCA consultation team, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

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