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To City Council,

I hope to see councillors support initiatives that increase urban density not urban sprawl. There is more than enough land available within city limits to meet housing demands without increasing the city's footprint. Instead of costing taxpayers to expand infrastructure (waterlines, gas, waste management) while developers benefit.

I encourage you to view this study by Radio-Canada that shows how Hamilton's city density has changed between 2001 and 2021. During that time period, Hamilton grew in population by 13.9% and the urban area increased by 28.1%. That is a decrease in overall density of 11.2%. Further sprawl is unacceptable. It increases car ownership as these areas have low access to amenities, leading to further congestion on our roads and highways. Yet 87% of neighbourhoods built in Hamilton between 2001 and 2021 are considered low density. I urge councillors not to continue this pattern of sprawling low-density areas with large single-family homes.

Radio-Canada article: <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/info/2022/03/etalement-urbain-densite-population-villes-transport-commun-changements-climatiques/en>

Thanks,

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