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I am out of the country, with limited internet access & on a very different clock, but/and I am writing to implore you to stand firm against the boundary expansion.

I live in Ward 2, but even for those in Wards outside the downtown core, who might think it was in their interests to have more subdivisions with unnecessarily large homes on land that could be let to do what it would naturally do (provide habitat for wildlife, flora or fauna; preserve the water table and serve as wetlands through which water is filtered), or cultivated to provide local food, rather than become more dependant on and at the mercy of American interests, please think again!

It is in all of our interests, and those of our children, and of newcomers on whom we will rely, that we leave the boundaries as they are. Everyone would profit -- and be pleased -- by reinvigorating our downtown: making it a vigorous, welcoming place to stroll and walk, redefining our idea of "a home" to actively include higher density use of all those empty lots and buildings that this city has, basically, fostered and encouraged -- at great cost to all of us in terms of health (mental & physical) and attachment to and pride in our collective home: Hamilton.

Plan and mandate green spaces -- "third spaces" of all sorts that become part, along with our private spaces (more modest units/apartments), of what we understand when we use the term "home".

Eschew developers who are prepared/know either "monster homes", or high density "filing cabinets for humans" with no setback from sidewalks and no gathering and resting spaces (parkettes, they used to be called) for public use.

I'll say it again: wide sidewalks & narrower streets, with trees for shade, air quality, lower neighbour hood temperatures, birds, aesthetic pleasure, connection to nature --

all those things that are better for humans and which make humans better, both in health and in behaviour. This is well-researched and documented.

Encourage neighborhoods that are self-contained with most of what any resident needs within easy walking distance.

Resources need to be used for that -- a precursor being the use of vigorous oppositional resources to stop the devastation that Bill 185 will produce. We all know that once something is allowed to happen, little can be done to undo it, now or in the future.

Let's make truly good things come to pass instead!

Respectfully and in hope,
Anne Gabrielle Walker