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I feel angry and frustrated that we have to go through this again, wasting time and effort on something that should have been laid to rest years ago, diverting attention from other efforts to improve the lives of Hamiltonians.

The logic seems irrefutable. The two applications in question would result in the removal of land that is becoming increasingly important (and decreasingly available) for agricultural and flood control purposes as climate change continues. It would require the extension of sewage and other infrastructure services when the City can barely maintain what we already have. And it would add nothing to Hamilton's need for additional, affordable housing. As one of the developers has stated in its prospectus, their plan is to build "large luxury homes".

As I travel through Hamilton, I see rundown areas with dilapidated buildings, fenced-off wasteland, commercial strips with just one - and sometimes no - storeys of residential space on top. There are so many ways in which Hamilton's housing stock could be increased within the current boundary, it makes me wonder why this could possibly be up for debate again.

The answer is obvious. Profit for already wealthy developers. This is not the Hamilton that I want to live in. Which direction will we take? The answers is up to you.

Sincerely,
Stephen Chalastra