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Hi to all.

As a tax paying resident of the City of Hamilton I have to say that I am against expanding the current boundary of this city.

Everyone knows that sprawl is not smart development, so why it keeps getting pushed on us is frustrating to say the least, especially when residents have made it clear that we don't want that for our city. We already have a huge infrastructure deficit as it is. So while we complain and worry about that, here we are with others wanting to add what seems endlessly to that already huge problem. And to be clear, this isn't just an expense issue, residents of this city are having to live with the inconvenience and danger of this crumbling infrastructure every day. So when I hear that the debit is going to grow exponentially while more infrastructure will get even worse I get very concerned.

Taking prime agricultural land out of production at a time when food insecurity is becoming more of a problem doesn't make sense.

If we were able to meet our 2023 provincial housing requirements by building within current city limits, then why can't we continue with that approach? That might require building differently that we used to, but then so be it. Welcome to the new world. Why developers get as much say as they seem to in what actually gets built here is shocking.

If we continue to expand the boundary and grow the infrastructure deficit while the existing infrastructure gets worse who will be able to afford to live here? Who will want to live here? Building homes at any and all costs is not our only option.

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