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Dear City Council,

I am writing as a concerned Hamilton resident and proud Canadian to express my concern regarding the 2026 Budget and Climate action specifically.

Last year, city council presented last minute cuts to the city's budget with no opportunity for public insight.

It appears that this year some councillors are floating cuts to the Climate Change reserve, Cycling Master Plan, the Office for Climate change and even Main Street safety investments. Many of these initiatives already have funds allocated to them.

The councillors suggesting these climate action cuts are the same councillors who voted to subsidize urban boundary expansion applications put forward by greedy developers. It seems these councillors care more about the rich than their constituents. This absolutely disgraceful given that we are in a climate crisis.

According to UN projections we can face more heatwaves, higher flood risks, disruptions to agriculture and more extreme weather unless we collectively cut our carbon emissions at a societal level. Hamiltonians are already struggling to adapt to changes that we have already seen in the last 2 decades of the climate crisis.

These initiatives were important steps in achieving a safer and less uncertain future because they take action at the local level and make our communities more resilient, liveable and better places to live.

I am demanding that these Climate initiatives stay in the 2026 and all future budgets going forward at the bare minimum. Ideally, council should be funding these initiatives even more and introducing other initiatives to fight the climate crisis such as requiring solar panels being required in all new developments.

The time to act is now to fight the climate crisis, not subsidize greedy land developers.

I hope the necessary action is take to protect these initiatives.

With the utmost urgency,

Ian DiFeo