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Hello,

This email is to express mine and my neighbours concerns about the proposed cuts to the Hamilton Climate Change Reserve.

A city cannot say they support human rights without also respecting the environment and looking towards making our city safer, more affordable and liveable.

The “concerns” expressed by some councillors are not valid or supported by data when said plans are implemented correctly and with appropriate funding .

Some comments made by certain councillors come from a place of privilege are incredibly insulting to many, especially those that live downtown.

These councillors are following a playbook....#1. Scare people w/ misinformation & lies about proposed policy/plan #2 Wait for the misinformed to complain #3 Say “clearly people are concerned/listen to the people #4 Reject plan

The constituents (and councillors) that want these cuts are NOT the majority.

Most Canadians are worried about climate change and want governments (and industry) to tackle the problem. 69% of Canadians are worried about the impact in the next 5 years (Abacus Data, 2025e) and 76% are concerned about its impact for future generations (Ipsos & Tree Canada 2024)

We need forward thinking policies based in data that have proven successful in Canada and beyond.

The cost of funding the Climate Change reserve is a very small percentage of the budget (0.2% of city budget) and is extraordinarily cost effective when considering the benefits. Hamilton needs to have a vision and, like Canada as a whole, must not leave its people and environment behind to suffering the far greater cost of ignoring/underfunding this issue.

Thank you for taking the time to read our email.

Kind regards from the residents of Corktown and Stinson,

Alexandra Smith, Sheila Strong, Nadya Hanlon, John Anderson, Maria Fara-On