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**Date:** Thu, Feb 12, 2026, 11:18 a.m.  
**Subject:** Proposing Cuts to Projects and Programs  
**To:** <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)>  
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Dear Mayor Horwath,

It has come to my attention that certain Hamilton City Councillors are poised to bring forward cuts to specific projects and programs.

Hamilton and areas residents have fought hard to have the City of Hamilton invest in climate action initiatives! We need to move forward in these directions as we face the hottest summer on record approaching. Climate change is upon us and reversing or cutting programs affects every single Hamilton and area citizen. When it comes to making active and public transportation a viable option, increasing our tree canopy cover (trees COOL DOWN cities by up to 15 degrees) and increasing biodiversity, these are significant changes which can aid this city and its citizens! This is not only a health matter but one of costs too which we must take in order to avoid the significant monies needed to provide cooling and sustainability in our city! Every year forward, we will face horrific heat build up and depletion in our environment without the instigation of ensuring environmental action.

Despite knowing these firmly proven facts and having the opportunity to create change for the better, certain councillors are turning a blind eye and ear on these matters.

Like so many, I am deeply disappointed but hopeful that you will see to supporting the initiatives and prevent cuts from happening.

Sincerely,

Gerten & Terry Basom

