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Subject: Public Works 9.2 - May 4 Safari Road wetland complex

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Dear clerk and councillors,

I am writing to urge you to vote for option #2 - permanent closure of this small section of the road where species at risk have been identified.

The cost is prohibitive, but more importantly than that, this road clearly goes against the City's Biodiversity Action Plan:

"Hamilton has implemented a Biodiversity Action Plan which identifies 4 key threats to biodiversity. One of these is fragmentation of natural areas, particularly by roads. An Action that the City has committed to is 3.1 which will "Investigate, identify and prioritize wildlife corridors particularly where roads bisect Core Areas identified within the Natural Heritage System and respond by investigating appropriate best management practices and tools." In Action 7.5 the City committed to "Consider the Biodiversity Action Plan when initiating City projects and studies, looking for opportunities for mitigation of key threats to local biodiversity." - Hamilton Naturalists Club

This should be the priority for any sensitive lands in question, as we navigate a climate crisis and value on the health of our ecosystem / future.

Sincerely,

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