



February 16, 2012

Mayor Bratina & Members of City Council
71 Main Street West,
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

RE: Recognition of February 28th as Greenbelt Day

Dear Mayor Bratina and Members of Hamilton City Council,

I am pleased to be writing to you today regarding Ontario's Greenbelt. Environment Hamilton is an active member of the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance, a coalition of over 80 member organizations with a central vision to make the Greenbelt a valuable and permanent part of Ontario's landscape. As part of the Alliance, we continue to work in Hamilton to raise awareness about the importance of the Greenbelt and its role in the protection of vital agricultural lands in Hamilton and beyond.

To this end, we are working as a Greenbelt Alliance member to see February 28th recognized as 'Greenbelt Day'. With this being the 7th anniversary of Ontario's Greenbelt, we are asking that Hamilton City Council consider making an official proclamation recognizing February 28th as Greenbelt Day. Appended to this letter is proposed wording for a Greenbelt Day proclamation. Please review and consider adding the City of Hamilton to the list of municipalities recognizing February 28th as Greenbelt Day.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynda M. Lukasik".

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