

ACTION SHEET – City of Hamilton Urban Growth Management Survey

The City of Hamilton has released a survey asking residents how they would like to see Hamilton grow over the next 30 years. The survey asks residents to choose one of three options:

Option 1 - 'Ambitious Density' Scenario

Option 2 - No Urban Boundary Expansion

Option 3 - Other Suggestions

We are urging members and supporters to select **Option 2 - No Urban Boundary Expansion!** This is our chance to tell City Council that we want to grow sustainably within our means rather than through costly urban sprawl into rural open space and farmland. **Please fill out your survey - circle Option 2 - No Urban Boundary Expansion** and cut off and return the prepaid postage form to the city in the mail.

If you **did not receive a survey in the mail** (and we are hearing that many people did not receive it) , **or if there is more than one person in your household and you would all like to complete the survey** please consider using one of these options:

RESPOND USING ON-LINE FORM - [CLICK HERE](#) to access an on-line form created through the Stop Sprawl HamOnt movement that you can use to automatically email your support for **Option 2 - No Urban Boundary Expansion** to city planners. Your response will also be sent to the Mayor and all city councillors.

COMPOSE AND SUBMIT YOUR OWN RESPONSE - If you would prefer to compose your own email response to the survey indicating your support for **Option 2 - No Urban Boundary Expansion**, you need to ensure your response is sent to the City of Hamilton Planning Department via this email: grids2-mcr@hamilton.ca. We are also encouraging people to share their response with their city councillor. If you email your councillor directly, consider adding some omphf to your message by sharing your personal reasons for why you do not want to see an urban boundary expansion in Hamilton. [CLICK HERE](#) to access contact information (emails & telephone numbers) for all Hamilton City Councillors. [CLICK HERE](#) to access a PDF version of the survey.

Your engagement is important as City staff are pushing for costly urban sprawl that will allow developers to pave over valuable farmland. Developers have been lobbying City Hall for years to allow them to develop this land, and unless we say no, they will get their wish. We know that sprawl is both economically and environmentally unsustainable. While developers will make significant profits from sprawl development, existing residents will have to foot the bill for servicing costs, increasing our property taxes year over year. Worst of all, urban sprawl leads to increases in greenhouse gas emissions at a time when the climate emergency demands that we build climate resilient communities!

There are plenty of opportunities to grow within our existing urban boundary, providing a mix of detached housing, townhouses, apartments and condos. This will allow us to make better use of our existing infrastructure, including roads, sewers and parks, while preserving valuable agricultural land. It will also introduce a broader range of housing options - including more affordable housing options - helping to address the housing crisis. It will help build more vibrant neighbourhoods, support better transit and help keep schools open. Finally, this approach will enable us to live low carbon lifestyles - an essential shift as we tackle the existential threat posed by the climate emergency!

