

April 27, 2021

**RE: Item 5.2 - Land Needs Assessment & Intensification Analysis**

Dear Chairperson Parrish &amp; Members of the Peel Region Planning &amp; Growth Management Committee,

I am writing to you to urge you to consider **supporting two important directions**:

- Call for the provincial government to delay the deadline that Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities must meet to conform with the requirements of the provincial Growth Plan for the GGH.
- Include a 'no boundary expansion' option in the scenarios that Peel Region considers as it determines where and how its urban areas should grow.

As an organization working hard to see our municipality, the City of Hamilton, build a sustainable, climate resilient, inclusive community, Environment Hamilton recognizes that smart urban growth is more important than ever before as a means to ensuring that we have a viable future in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. We need every municipality to recognize this and take appropriate action to ensure that we get this right for all of us and for future generations. My own municipality - the City of Hamilton - has recently supported both of these directions, as has Halton Region.

When it comes to the existential threat posed by the global climate crisis, we are all in this together! Municipalities have a crucial role to play in ensuring that the Greater Golden Horseshoe - an area of Ontario that we are all so truly lucky to be living in - becomes a place that succeeds in effectively and efficiently accommodating population growth without destroying more prime agricultural land and rural open spaces. Done right, we can succeed in building climate resilient communities that are places that offer a wonderful quality of life for everyone.

Yours truly,



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