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FW: Land Needs Assessment Report, April 29th Planning Committee

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Dear Chair Iannicca,

Re: Land Needs Assessment Report, April 29th Planning Committee Extending the public consultation period for the public consultation period for the Regional Official Plan Review until in-person input can resume OPTION for a fixed urban boundary HACEN (Halton Action for Climate Emergency Now) is a volunteer organization dedicated to responding to the current climate emergency by acting on and promoting initiatives that will result in lowering of greenhouse gasses as soon as possible. Decisions made at the regional and municipal planning stage cost the least and impact the most when it comes to carbon emissions. We at HACEN believe we all need to plan now for future growth that will meet our climate change goals, act on the declared climate emergency, and provide a healthy future for generations to come. As our neighbours to the east, decisions made in Peel will affect those of us around you. We know that local decisions in the GTA could determine whether Ontario achieves its climate change targets. In February, the Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously voted for a delay in their Official Plan Review, and in March Hamilton did as well. HACEN asks that your region follow suit. On April 21 Halton Region voted to add the option of a hard urban boundary when planning for future growth. I am asking you to extend the public consultation period because constituents cannot be properly consulted with the lockdown due to COVID. Many households do not have reliable internet access, and many more lack the expertise to use Zoom in order to delegate. Decisions should not be rushed, and it's vital that Peel Regional Council act with full transparency and citizen participation. This cannot happen at the moment. When planning for growth, consultation and full integration with emissions planning is a must in order to avoid a nearsighted decision based on insufficient regard for the emissions growth it will create, a lack of integration with energy and emissions plans and goals, uncertain population growth forecasts, and outdated and unsustainable market-based assessments. There are many environmental issues in the region of Peel that need to be acted on to mitigate future consequences. The Credit River headwaters must be protected the extraction of aggregates must be responsibly managed in Peel Region. We need to protect our farmlands from land speculators and ensure that the class A farmland that we are fortunate enough to have as part of our region continues to provide environmental and economic benefits. We do not need to expand settlement areas into our existing farmlands. Instead, we can support accommodating newcomers within existing neighbourhoods, or land that is already allocated to development. We want our rural and natural areas to remain rural and natural! We are in a climate emergency and must act accordingly. We fear that the Ford government is moving Ontario away from addressing our climate emergency. Premier Ford's "market-driven" policy changes would lock in

urban sprawl until 2051 resulting in increased greenhouse gas emissions. Please stand up for a hard urban boundary and the protection of our green and natural spaces. Please allow the citizens of Peel the opportunity to understand what is being proposed and to have the opportunity to say how their community will grow. Sincerely Jo-Anne Thompson for HACEN

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