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Councillor Carolyn Parrish
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REGION OF PEEL
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Dear Councillor Parrish and Committee members,

RE: Proposed boundary expansion

It is my understanding that up to 4,200 additional hectares of land in Peel could be opened up to development under planning scenarios being considered by regional staff.

This a request the Region of Peel follow the courageous lead of the City of Hamilton which, last fall, voted down a controversial plan to massively its urban boundaries.

Please consider any number of viable alternative options to provide needed housing over the next 30 years. This includes accommodating growth in "existing built-up areas" through intensification or in designated land inside urban boundaries that hasn't been developed yet.

Expanding existing settlement boundaries will have a devastating impact on natural heritage features and farmland and would the commit the region, for the next 30 years, to double the rate at which greenspace is being lost.

The fragile ecology of a number of river valleys will be destroyed and thousands of acres of Peel's last remaining forests, farmlands, and natural areas will be consumed up by sprawl if regional council does not endorse a zero-boundary expansion policy.

The world is facing a climate change crisis and approving boundary expansions will only accentuate that crisis through the loss of habitat and farmland and the emission of greenhouses gases by having more traffic on local roads and highways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Dan O'Reilly

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