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Subject: Sprawl concerns with urban boundary expansion

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Dear Peel Region Councillors and Mayors:

I'm a resident of Peel and have lived in Mississauga my whole life. Myself, my friends, and family live, work, play and go to school all in the GTA.

I have become increasingly concerned about urban sprawl. It can be difficult to live in Mississauga or many places in Peel without a vehicle because everything is so spread apart and our transit is fragmented and inconsistent. This increases road traffic and pollution. Sprawl inevitably also raises taxes. New urban infrastructure such as roads, sewer, and water lines is expensive, and taxes help pay for the expense of establishing suburban communities.

For these reasons I strongly oppose the frequent attempts to expand the urban boundaries of the cities and towns in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including the current proposal in Peel Region which would see more than 10,000 acres of natural and agricultural lands lost.

I understand the need for affordable housing (I'm a millennial in the GTA and I won't be able to afford a house anytime soon), but I don't think we are solving problems by destroying our food base, increasing pollution, building huge single and detached expensive houses (that we still can't afford) and destroying sensitive habitat. We need more gentle density and walkable/bikeable communities where there are genuine close places to buy food and visit parkland. Especially during the pandemic, I was lucky enough to live in an area of Mississauga where I had easy access to walking trails which was invaluable to my mental health and wellbeing. I know many others who were not as lucky and forced to drive to find greenspace.

What we seem to be doing is developing swathes of residential land and turning food producing fields into cut-off communities not serviced by public transit. We then build highways to connect up, not necessarily the houses, but single-story distribution centres that are largely serving downtown Toronto and the sprawling tracts associated with our previous planning mistakes. And we should know by now that more highways don't work (<https://environmentaldefence.ca/2020/09/15/why-building-more-highways-wont-make-your-commute-any-better/>)

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I respectfully ask you to see the broader picture in making decisions at the Council and Regional level. We are in a climate crisis and all levels of local government have declared a climate emergency. Destroying valuable arable land and bulldozing for aggregate for housing and highways at the outskirts of our Urban Boundary will severely limit our opportunities to build viable, connected housing in the future. And in the long run, cost us more money.

Please say no to the Urban Boundary expansion.

Sincerely Yours,

Nicole Di Cintio

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