

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
April 14, 2022**

**Subject: Item 10.12 - Submitted by 15 Individuals  
Reject the Draft Peel 2051 - Grow within the Existing Settlement Boundary  
(Receipt recommended)**

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Attention Planning Committee Chair Parrish, Councillors and Regional Chair Iannicca,

I am writing to urge you to **reject the draft Peel 2051 Official Plan presented to Planning and Growth Management Committee on February 3, 2022**, and to direct staff to prepare a new draft Official Plan which accommodates the same jobs and the same number and mix of homes within Peel Region’s existing settlement area boundaries.

Peel Region can do this without breaching provincial land use planning rules by planning for more compact and affordable houses, semis and townhomes with less parking, and by requiring more land-efficient, job-dense use of employment lands. There is no excuse for defying the clear marching orders given by the 73% of respondents in the Region’s Official Plan consultations who expressly demanded that Council accommodate growth without further boundary expansion.

Further expansion of Peel Region’s Settlement Area Boundary would be disastrous for our natural heritage and our farmland, because it would commit Peel, for 30 years, to roughly double the rate at which it destroys green space. While Peel Region used about 483 acres per year 2001 and 2019 **the new plans would see the region burn through roughly 27,500 more acres by 2051**. Expansion would destroy the fragile ecology of the Campbell’s Cross Creek and other upper tributaries of West Humber River, which provide some of the last remaining habitat for the endangered redbreasted dace, and would destroy quality farmland that Ontario and Canada simply cannot spare.

Squandering the next 30 years of new residents and jobs on more sprawl would abandon our climate change obligations and betray the vast majority of existing Peel Region residents, because that growth is needed to complete existing neighbourhoods and make alternatives to driving viable. When surveyed, 64% of Peel Region’s residents said they’d “much prefer” to live in a neighbourhood where they “didn’t need to use a car to do [their] shopping, recreation, entertainment, or commutes to work or school.”

None of the arguments being used to argue that Peel Region must extend its Settlement Area Boundary hold up to scrutiny. Peel Region can achieve a much higher intensification rate than proposed in the draft Peel 2051 Official without “an insufficient proportion of family-sized units” by aggressively reforming zoning to add a lot more compact single- and semi-detached homes and townhouses to established low-rise neighborhoods and bringing them up to transit-supporting densities. Peel can achieve transit-supporting densities (90-100+ people per hectare) in existing designated greenfield areas by planning and zoning for modest family homes with reduced on-lot parking.

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The draft Peel 2051 Official Plan is a plan to fail. It is your responsibility to slam the brakes and change course.

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cc: All Members of Regional Council

The form letter was submitted by the following individuals:

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8	Cecilia Gibbons	Mississauga	4/7/2022	
9	Jeremy Caulfield	Mississauga	4/8/2022	
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12	Bruno Bustos Alegria	Mississauga	4/11/2022	
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