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Subject: No Urban Border Expansion & Delay Submission of Official Plan

Hello Region of Peel Chair, Clerk, Mayors and Councillors,

I am submitting this letter ahead of the Peel Region Council Meeting on April 14 so that it may be taken into consideration of the motion to submit the Region's Official Plan.

My name is Stacie Roberts and I am a resident of Bolton in Caledon.

I grew up in Mississauga and spent the first part of my adult years living in Oakville. My father had a horse farm on Humber Station Rd in Caledon East which I visited many weekends for 10 years before he retired. My Dad now spends winters South and summers at Leisure Time Park in Palgrave.

I have lived in Bolton for close to ten years now renting a home with my older brother and my young teenage daughter. I have worked from home for two decades and travel by car for my clients a few times a week.

On the weekends we visit my retired Mum who lives in an older condo building in Cooksville, Mississauga. And my younger brother lives near Kennedy and Steeles in Brampton.

I feel I am familiar with the Region of Peel as a whole and I have been witness, since the birth of the region, to the massive amount of development throughout the last fifty years.

I am opposed to expanding the Settlement Area Boundaries especially for the Town of Caledon. I feel that gentle intensification and livable communities with linked transit can be achieved within the existing urban boundaries of the Region as a whole.

The pressure on Caledon to meet this expected population and job growth could cause irreversible environmental damage with this proposed plan. And I am concerned that current development is being driven by developers ahead of intensification planning.

It takes time and responsible planning to ensure that the Region can expand to maximize population density (so as to reduce the amount of green space and farmland lost).

Also I feel appropriate roadways and transit systems should be in place before expanded residential community development begins to ensure immediate livability and enjoyment.

Plus the implementation of this important growth plan will need experienced leadership at all governmental levels to ensure that it is done responsibly.

Which is why I am also asking that the Region of Peel delay the submission of the Official Plan until after the results of the June 2 Provincial election.

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We elect our Provincial, and Municipal officials in the hope that they will do what is best for the province, the regions and the municipalities that they represent.

Shouldn't we wait until we know who will be taking the reins before the finalization of such an ambitious and important plan for the Region?

Finalizing growth plans for the next thirty years before knowing who will be taking on that challenge in its initial stages is unfair to both the elected officials and to the voters who put them there.

My understanding was that this latest Growth Plan was initiated by the Province in 2019, additional population numbers were added in August 2020 and the majority of the planning has been done while residents were dealing with a world-wide pandemic. And while I have heard through recent presentations and council meetings that the Region has met their statutory notification requirements, I am quite certain that many Peel Region residents like myself are only just hearing of these growth plans in the last couple of months and many are still not aware of what the Region has proposed in this Official Plan.

Residents need to know what this plan means for their future and should have been given greater opportunity to become engaged and have input in the planning like the city of Hamilton did with their residents.

We have one opportunity to do this right. Once the farmland, green space, forests and wetlands are paved over, there is no going back.

I am asking you again, please do not expand the urban borders and please delay the submission of the Official Plan until we know who will be leading the this important growth initiative.

Thank you,

Stacie Roberts

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