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Subject: Recommendation for Adoption of New Region of Peel Official Plan for Regional Council

Dear Members of Regional Council,

My name is Kathleen Moleski. I am a retiree and have been a resident of Mississauga for 33 years.

I am deeply concerned that the Peel Region Planning and Growth Committee is proposing to extend Peel's urban boundary by almost 11,000 acres in its 2051 Growth plan. On Thursday April 7th 2022, the Planning and Growth Committee heard from over 25 delegates, of which I was one, and received over 750 petitions and letters from residents in Peel and beyond. However, the Planning and Growth Committee went into the April 7th meeting already decided on endorsing the staff report. The concerns of delegates and petitioners were barely acknowledged.

With the dire warnings received from the International Panel on climate Change (IPCC) in its last three reports, I am distressed that the Peel Regional staff and planning committee have not been more mindful of the climate emergency in their approach to the planning problem to be solved and more innovative in their solutions. An urban boundary extension will pave over valuable farmland, unprotected habitats and green spaces, never to be wholly regained and putting further detrimental stress on the environment. We need a plan that considers and protects the environment and heeds the call of the IPCC and others to safeguard, not destroy, the planet.

There are ways that Peel can meet the provincial government's projections for increased growth to 2051 without expanding into the approximate 11,000 acres that 2051 Peel Growth Plan states is needed. Peel can build more compact communities with higher population densities that are livable, walkable and serviceable which will allow it to maintain its existing urban boundary, preserve our green spaces, natural habitats and farmland and still meet the provincial government's increased growth projections. Peel can achieve higher densities within the existing urban boundary by:

- increasing low-rise intensification in existing neighbourhoods by rezoning them for more than single family dwellings,
- zoning the 16,640 acres of unused greenfield land that is already slated for development for higher densities to allow for row housing, low rise apartments, smaller yards and street parking, and
- imposing a building regulation in industrial areas to ensure the construction of multi-level rather than sprawling single story buildings.

The ~11,000 acres proposed for incorporation into the the Peel urban boundary is undeveloped land and new municipal services will be required. Not only will protecting the existing urban boundary protect farmland, green spaces and wildlife habitat, it will save taxpayers the money required in the operation and maintenance of these additional services.

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I respectfully ask all members to consider the impact that their votes can make in the context of the inescapable existential threat that we all face. On April 14th, I ask that you delay the official plan approval until after the provincial election (June 2nd) and to hold the hard urban boundary with increased density targets during that additional time.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Moleski