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Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 8:23 AM
Attach: Dec 28th email.pdf
Subject: Re: Hamilton Staff misleads Public and Councillors on Greenbelt Study
 Joanne: Good morning!

Thank you for your response. While it is a well written letter, it does not address the issues I have brought forward to you and City Councillors in the original email of Dec 5th (at the start of this email) OR my follow-up email (attached) on Dec 28th 2015.

In your advertised notices to the public to attend these Open houses, the notices stated:

Participants will review a series of display panels that will identify potential areas for addition and removal from the Greenbelt Plan; These areas were selected on the basis of a series of criteria which will also be on display.

The specific area in Waterdown (east of Centre road and south of the Waterdown bypass) was not pre-identified as a potential area. Therefore while you can easily state, after the fact, that you wanted open input on the total greenbelt area in these meetings, in truth the meetings were focussed for input on your pre-identified potential areas. I, like the majority of people in Waterdown, realising there is no specific discussions or concerns on proposed changes to our Greenbelt boundaries would not have bothered to attend or participate.

The fact that your detailed reports did not even mention the specific area recommended for removal contains a PSW, is not providing decisions makers with proper information for making decisions. (In fact, if the staff and consulting report didn't mention the PSW, it may also mean they were not even aware of it which brings forward the question of how well they did their whole research on all their recommendations.)

In addition, I see no further discussion and or feedback in your reports with the original Stakeholders,

including Hamilton Conservation Authority and Halton Conservation, which both have responsibilities within this specific area of land. They again may have more valuable information that the city staff, consultants, city council and the Ontario ministry should be made aware of.

Although always hopeful, I now do doubt that the City is planning to make any changes to their recommendations going to the Ministry. Therefore I had specifically asked in my last email for the specific contact names and addresses at the Ministry who this report is being sent to, so we can independently advise them of the misrepresentation of this city report.

Rick Breznik

----- Original Message -----

From: [Hickey-Evans, Joanne](#)

To: 'Rick Breznik'

Cc: [D'Onofrio, Clementina](#) ; [Robichaud, Steve](#) ; [Partridge, Judi](#) ; [Thorne, Jason](#) ; [Cellini, Sarah](#)

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 8:59 AM

Subject: RE: Hamilton Staff misleads Public and Councillors on Greenbelt Study

Dear Mr. Breznick,

As part of the fall public consultation staff identified a series of different option for lands to be removed from and added to the Greenbelt Plan. As part of this public consultation process staff received input on other lands that staff had not identified. Staff reviewed and evaluated all the submissions that we received during the open houses, through online surveys and additional comments received after the open houses.

Public consultation is a process whereby staff receive input on projects, programs etc and ask for comments on what has been presented. In many cases, the public identifies different ideas, concepts and recommendations staff may not have considered initially. The proposed removal of the Waterdown area is one such circumstance. This public input is used as part of staff's evaluations and recommendations to Planning Committee on a particular process.

For the lands in the eastern end of Waterdown, staff recommended these lands be removed, the details of which are contained on page 14 of the staff report that was presented to the Planning Committee on December 3. The lands south of the future by-pass will be cut off from the remaining rural lands to the north making farming difficult; the lands are surrounded by urban uses on the west.

The public also had the opportunity to make comments to the Planning Committee during their special Committee meeting on the Greenbelt and Niagara Escarpment plan boundary review. Committee amended some of the recommendations; City Council approved the recommendations with some further amendments. Council's recommendations were sent to the Province for them to consider in the Coordinated Provincial Plan review. Ultimately the Province will make a determination as to what or if any changes to the Plans will be made.

With respect to the wetland, provincially significant wetlands are protected by the Province under various Plans – the Greenbelt Plan, the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy statement. The city has wetlands in the urban area, has wetlands and in the rural area not covered by the Greenbelt Plan. Provincially significant wetlands are protected regardless of what Plan they are part of.

I hope this information answers your questions and I apologize for the delay.

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Cc: CATCH; D'Onofrio, Clementina; Hickey-Evans, Joanne; Robichaud, Steve
Subject: Re: Hamilton Staff misleads Public and Councillors on Greenbelt Study

Hi: Can some one please follow up on my emailed concerns???

Rick Breznik

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To: [Partridge, Judi](#) ; [Rick Breznik](#)
Cc: [Robichaud, Steve](#) ; [Hickey-Evans, Joanne](#) ; [D'Onofrio, Clementina](#)
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:35 PM
Subject: RE: Hamilton Staff misleads Public and Councillors on Greenbelt Study

Thank you Councillor Partridge and Mr. Breznik. Joanne, can you please follow up on this inquiry.
 Thank you.

From: Partridge, Judi
Sent: December-10-15 12:58 PM
To: Rick Breznik
Cc: Thorne, Jason; Robichaud, Steve; Hickey-Evans, Joanne
Subject: RE: Hamilton Staff misleads Public and Councillors on Greenbelt Study

Rick

Thank you for the email regarding the removal of the 70 acres in Waterdown, south of the soon to

be built Bypass. Included on this email are senior planning staff who were/are involved in the process for the request for removal of these lands as part of the provincial Green Belt review. By way of this email, staff will now be aware of your comments and concerns. I'll ask them to provide more context to the reasoning behind the request to the province overall and specific to this section of Waterdown.

Best regards,
Judi

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The city of Hamilton Lobbyist Registry is now in effect. Anyone who does not live or own a business in the Ward Councillors riding who wishes to communicate with that Councillor must first register as a Lobbyist. More information: www.hamilton.ca/lobbyistregistry

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Sent: December-05-15 12:38 PM

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Subject: Hamilton Staff misleads Public and Councillors on Greenbelt Study

To all City Councillors and Mayor of Hamilton.

In September, the City of Hamilton's staff held 4 open houses for the public to present their recommendations to REMOVE greenbelt designations from 3 areas within Hamilton. These meetings allowed staff to gathered public feedback on these 3 recommended areas.

Staff's final report last week added a 4th area for REMOVAL from the Greenbelt: - 70 acres in Waterdown, south of the new Bypass.

Buried in the Staffs report appendixes, the Dillon report acknowledges that the public was not consulted about this recommendation. Therefore the recommendations to Council DO NOT CONTAIN ANY PUBLIC INPUT ON THIS REMOVAL RECOMMENDATION.. (Since the Stakeholders input (i.e. - Hamilton Conservation) was done in July, they too have probably not had any input into this recommendation either.)

When the staff were questioned about this new addition to their recommendations, their reason was: - "Minor revisions".

However, the staff's Final Report to Council is purposely written to give the impression to the Councillors and the public (and eventually to the Provincial government reviewing the recommendations) that this 4th area was presented and discussed with the public in these open houses.

They state in their recommendations: *"That the public Consultation Summary report, prepared by Dillon Consulting summarizing the comments received from the City-hosted consultation events on the Greenbelt Boundary Review and attached Appendix "A", be received and forwarded to the Province to be considered as additional citizen input on the Coordinated Provincial Plan review.*

Councillor Brenda Johnson has already (rightly) criticized staff for only sending notices to owners whose land was being eyed for Greenbelt inclusion, but not notifying those affected by the properties being recommended for exclusion.

I, along with my neighbours in Waterdown, who back onto the existing Greenbelt and the associated ESA Wetlands in this area, are affected by this last minute recommendation.

We need clarification on Councillor Partridges statement to the Hamilton Spectator that a decision to not take this area out of the Greenbelt would decide if the developers or Taxpayers pay for part of the \$48 million dollar project for the bypass.

We were misled many years ago when the city told the public that the new bypass would be paid for by Developers. We have all since learned this is not true. (Developers pay standard fees based on their development project (houses) that go into a BIG Hamilton pot of money. The City then budgets project around the whole city out of this pot. However, it still ends up with most new road costs only being covered 85% from this pot and general residential tax revenue paying the other 15%.)

Why does this change to the area designation, changes who pays for the bypass?

We need clarification if the recommended 4th area for REMOVAL from the Greenbelt is simply bending to developers request for further urban expansions, which defeats the whole purpose of the Greenbelt to begin with.

We request the City to REJECT the staff's recommendation for the removal of the 70 acres in Waterdown from the Greenbelt, until those who are affected can be made fully aware of the changes / future implications. Any future staff recommendations should include the review and consideration of our comments.

Rick Breznik