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Mr. Allen,

Thank you for your feedback and sorry for the delayed response. We are looking to address climate change in the Official Plan through intensification and in expansion areas.

Through the Region's work, more growth is being concentrated in our built-up areas, including an overall higher intensification rate for already developed areas. Intensification and redevelopment will more efficiently use land and infrastructure and support climate initiatives by improving watershed conditions within established communities. The Region will encourage areas undergoing change to prepare intensification strategies and secondary plans to proactively provide direction for sustainable redevelopment.

New expansion areas will be planned using implementation tools such as secondary plans with subwatershed plans. Secondary planning provides the direction for communities to grow and develop in a sustainable and resilient manner. This process will establish appropriate land uses and help to protect key natural features. It can ensure that the plan addresses key climate change policies, including through the use of technology and built forms that contribute towards net-zero emissions targets, requiring consideration for enhanced sustainability features (i.e. LID or green building design) and the establishment of transit supportive densities to facilitate future transit connections.

In addition to providing current policy directions, the proposed Niagara Official Plan highlights commitment to development of a greening strategy, adaptation strategy, greenhouse gas reduction targets and climate modelling.

Take Care,

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Feedback for our official plan.

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I am taking this opportunity to briefly comment on the proposed, major expansion of five urban boundaries in the Niagara Region. I want to make it very clear to the Committee that such a large expansion of urban boundaries in the context of an accelerating climate change crisis, which poses an increasing danger of catastrophic consequences, is not responsible. Urban expansion is consistently synonymous with the elimination of greenspace and the destruction of wetlands as well as with the further endangerment of those species which inhabit them. With respect to the climate change crisis this proposed urban expansion will mean increasing greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to the problem rather than mitigating it. Talk is abundant with respect to taking meaningful action in response to climate change but meaningful action is comparatively scarce. Accordingly, what is needed is not more urban expansion. This is possible. The City of Hamilton recently demonstrated this by freezing its urban boundaries and focusing on growth inward not outward. What is needed in Niagara is a serious commitment to reforestation and the expansion of greenspace both within and outside of urban boundaries. What is also needed is a serious, concerted effort to protect and enhance existing wetlands along with the protection of those endangered species residing in them. Simply stated, we urgently need land planning conducive to mitigating the accelerating climate change crisis not making it worse and you can make this happen. Thank you.
Bruce R. Allen

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