

From: [Deanna Dubicki](#) on behalf of [City Clerk \(External\)](#)
To: [Angie Melo](#)
Subject: FW: Please vote against expanding urban boundaries
Date: Friday, March 25, 2022 11:36:37 AM

Hi Angie,

For information document

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From: Sarah Spinks [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 11:19 AM
To: mayor@caledon.ca
Subject: Please vote against expanding urban boundaries

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[REDACTED] March 25, 2022

Dear Councillors and Mayors:

I live now in East York Toronto, but in my younger days I lived in Mississauga. I have many friends in Peel Region, including colleagues in Caledon and Brampton. More to the point I have been a citizen of the GTA for almost 72 years.

I am concerned about urban sprawl and for this reason I strongly oppose the frequent attempts to expand the urban boundaries of the cities and towns in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

I understand the need for affordable housing, but I don't think we do this as a region by destroying our food base, building single, detached, and expensive houses and destroying sensitive habitat. We need more gentle density and walkable communities where there are genuine close places to buy food and visit parkland.

What we seem to be doing is developing swathes of residential land and turning food producing fields into cut off communities not serviced by public transit. We then build highways to connect up, not necessarily the houses, but distribution centres that are largely serving downtown Toronto and the sprawling tracts associated with our previous planning mistakes.

I lived in Mississauga and met many fine people there. But it was hellish to try and

get to either the stores or to work. We do not want to repeat those planning mistakes.

I respectfully ask you to see the broader picture in making decisions at the council and regional level. We are in a climate crisis. Destroying valuable arable land and bulldozing for aggregate for housing and highways will severely limit our opportunities to build viable, connected housing in the future.

Sincerely Yours,

Sarah Spinks