Greetings Mayor Bratina and Hamilton's new City Council,

Despite having just begun there are many important decisions set to be made and I would like to draw your concerns to two of them.

**HSR Fares:**

HSR fares are again set to see further increase. Not only does this deter greater use, we continue on a path of punishing the most vulnerable, the unemployed and the working poor to carry the cost of public transit due to a sever lack of investment. LRT is a great step forward but will not help families and individuals today. Instead of raising fares, I implore you to at least freeze them and allocate the gas tax to be used as it is intended - on public transit. I believe we already lost some of this funding as, unlike virtually all other municipalities, we did not invest in our transit hence fewer users. The core are those who need transit to survive. Please do not make a tough life harder by further neglecting our transit system.

**Meadowlands Development off Garner road Ancaster:**

Since at least 1994, the city's Natural Area's Inventory, there has been a call that "the existing linkages with the Iroquoia Heights CA and Tiffany Falls should be protected and strengthened."

This is not being done. Provincially Significant wildlife is damaged and degraded in order to facilitate more rampant housing developments such as the impending Meadowlands Development. However, the area remains a significant wildlife corridor.

The Meadowlands development, like far too many others, has not looked forward at the potential damage for our natural heritage. Animals both large and small use the area as a way to enter and leave the city and areas such as Iroquoia Heights which is currently under discussion regarding the deer population.

Large animals such as deer and coyotes are particularly vulnerable and could cause greater conflicts as their ability to come and go is being choked by this development. Once you include the nearby Airport Development Lands, the issue is quite dire both for wildlife and our natural heritage. Public safety is also at issue with more deer and other animals being forced to wander through the new developed areas just to survive.

Please consider Hamilton's vulnerable both human and animal when making choices in your upcoming meetings. we need a legacy of positiver change with our new council and I dearly hope I will see this reflected in your decisions on these and other issues.

Sincerely,
Paul Glendenning
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