



Ref: Council meeting Sept 29, 2008 Report PL-66/08

Mr Mayor, Members of Council.

Before accepting the staff report PL-66/08, please consider the following:

Does the Growth Plan meet the Regions Sustainability criteria: ..meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?

Planning should be based on worst-case scenarios. We should not assume that our agricultural needs for the future can be filled based on current methods, i.e. importing from far away places. There most likely will be a time in the future that we have to depend on local sources of food again. It is folly to sacrifice 3000 hectares of the best agricultural land in Canada to urban development. This "compromises the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." This becomes even more critical if we double Halton's population from 2001 to 2031.

BurlingtonGreen recommends that council request that, before any decision on which of the five concepts is adopted, the Carrying capacity and the Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) to assist in delineating Halton's prime agricultural area be completed.

It will also be useful to pass a motion similar to the one Oakville's Council adopted on this matter: "THAT a cumulative environmental analysis, a cumulative air quality impact analysis and a traffic congestion impact analysis of the Refined Options be completed by the Region before any decision is made by Regional Council on the Refined Options."

Respectfully

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