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SENT VIA ERO POSTING

RE: City of Hamilton Comments on ERO 26-0229 - 2026 Proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan, 1978

Attached, please find City of Hamilton staff comments in response to the above noted ERO posting. Hamilton Planning Committee and City Council will be reviewing these comments at their June 16, 2026, and June 24, 2026, meetings.

Hamilton City Council may choose to amend or add to the enclosed comments which would be provided in a subsequent letter.

Should you have questions or comments, please contact myself or Steve Burke, Manager, Sustainable Communities Section, at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5863 or by email at Steve.Burke@hamilton.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita Fabac", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosed.

ERO 26-0229: 2026 Proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan, 1978

The following table provides the opportunity to comment on [ERO 26-0229](#) and the revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan as well as any concerns or impacts from doing so.

ERO 26-0229: 2026 Proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan, 1978	
Description	Comments
What are your thoughts on the proposal to revoke the Parkway Belt West Plan and five associated MZOs?	The City previously submitted comments to the Province regarding the revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan, including through the 2022 Environmental Registry of Ontario consultation (ERO 019-6167). The Parkway Belt West Plan (PBWP) was Ontario's first provincial land use plan and came into effect in 1978. The PBWP crosses several municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe including the City of Hamilton, Halton Region, Peel Region, the City of Toronto, and York Region. Provincial legislation, land use policies (e.g., the Provincial Policy Statement) and Provincial plans (e.g., the Niagara Escarpment Plan) have provided a more modernized policy framework that has resulted in the Parkway Belt West Plan becoming outdated. This includes policies in the Provincial Planning Statement and Provincial plans related to infrastructure, natural heritage, agriculture, parks, and open space. If revoked, stakeholders would no longer have to apply for Plan amendments to permit uses or remove lands from the Plan. The extent of lands within the City of Hamilton that are subject to the policies of the PBWP is limited, as lands within the Niagara

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What potential municipal concerns and impacts (e.g. on local zoning) are there with respect to revoking the remaining MZOs?	Escarpment Planning Area are excluded from the application of the PBWP. The remaining lands currently subject to the PBWP are appropriately designated to protect the natural open space, natural heritage, and hazard elements of the PBWP area as well as the highway and rail corridors that run through this area. Therefore, consistent with the comments previously submitted, staff are of the opinion that the additional layer of policy provided through the PBWP is not required. In summary, the City of Hamilton has no objection to the revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan as it applies to the lands within the City of Hamilton. The City of Hamilton has no comments on the proposed revocation of the five MZO's, as they are not located within the City of Hamilton.