

# LET'S PROTECT OUR REMAINING FARMLAND

(The following letter was addressed to Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr and members of regional council, and a copy was filed with the Independent and Free Press).

In 2021, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Georgetown's 67 members celebrated 50 years of community involvement and service.

Last year, we organized two virtual public information forums, one addressing the proposed Highway

413 expansion and the other titled "Growing Halton" on land use planning. Both were well attended.

We also submitted a letter to the region in support of the zero-sprawl option related to land planning, a position reaffirmed at our general meeting on Jan. 4, 2022.

Your decision regarding 5,000-plus acres of land will affect the quality of life in Halton for generations to come.

We are asking you to vote no to any urban bound-

ary expansion. There are other solutions, such as "gentle density" that would reduce infrastructure costs and promise healthier, more vibrant community life and more affordable housing options.

Halton sits on some of the best farmland in the province. Feeding the anticipated population growth, not just housing it, should be a goal — fostering a food source and industry that is sustainable and local.

Farmland once lost is gone. It is a finite resource.

The members of our club, and those of the other CFUWs in Halton, will be following this issue with great interest.

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