



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Addendum**

**Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held by WebEx videoconference.**

**The meeting can be viewed live on HCA's You Tube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonConservation>**

#### **6. Consent Items for Applications, Minutes and Correspondence**

- 6.4 31 Items of correspondence respecting 140 Garner Road East, Ancaster, labelled du) to ey)

**From:** [Bryan Adamczyk](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposal - Ancaster Creek Wetland  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 5:10:44 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to pave over the Ancaster Creek Wetland and pumpkin patch at 140 Garner Road to allow warehouses to be built on the site. Another example of "Pave paradise put up a parking lot". I'm sure that you have received similar emails like this one so I will try not to be repetitive. Suffice it to say that I am concerned about losing precious farmland and our natural habitat, especially our wetlands. Once they are erased from the face of the earth and replaced by a hole as proposed for the Ancaster Creek Wetland, they are gone forever.

The Hamilton Conservation Authority should listen to its' own staff and concerned citizens and reject the proposal and protect locally significant wetlands. I thought that was part of the Authority's mandate or responsibility. To City Counsellors on the HCA Board, I suggest that you do the right thing and take action to protect the wetland now and in the future by rezoning this wetland to conservation authority under the City of Hamilton's zoning bylaw.

The developers behind this proposal should take a tour of the north sector of our city where I am sure they will find ample space to fit their needs. There is no sense in reinventing the wheel as they say.

In closing, I thank you for your attention to this matter and I request that this email be put on the agenda at the next meeting of the Board on June 3rd.

Sincerely,

Bryan Adamczyk

**From:** [Ewa Lipsztajn](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#); [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:chad.collins@hamilton.ca); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:tom.jackson@hamilton.ca); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:esther.pauls@hamilton.ca); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maria.pearson@hamilton.ca); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Wetlands  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 8:16:49 PM

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Hello,

I am disturbed to hear that there is a consideration to paving wetlands when we are in a climate emergency and the value of nature significantly adds to the economy in terms of flooding mitigation, water purification, species protection and mental well-being.

We must learn to build smarter density urban areas that don't involve paving ecologically significant areas and urban sprawl because wetlands are immensely important.

Thank you  
Ewa Shields

**From:** [Adriana Alfano \[Staff\]](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns re: Ancaster Creek; Please add our letter to the June 3 agenda  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 8:25:23 PM

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Dear Ms. Tellier,

I hope this email finds you well. Could you please see that the following letter is shared with the Board Members of the Hamilton Conservation Authority and is added to the meeting agenda for tomorrow's crucial decision regarding the Ancaster Creek wetland?

To the members of the Board of the Hamilton Conservation Authority,

I am a teacher with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. I am sending you this letter on behalf of my students who wanted to express their concerns regarding the proposed relocation of the Ancaster Creek wetland. **I am asking that their letter is added to the May 3rd meeting agenda.** Here are their thoughts:

We are Lawfield students of grade three and four. We are learning about wetlands. Wetlands are helpful because they prevent floods. They help the environment. They are the habitat of many animals and are important. There are tons of insects, bugs and animals, that live there and the wetlands give them tons of food.

The problem is that there is a company that's called One Properties real estate that wants to destroy some wetlands/ habitats and make five warehouses instead of keeping the Ancaster Creek wetlands. Please keep the wetland where it is. Wetlands are cool, and fun, and important.

Thank you,

-Grade 3 and 4 students from Lawfield Elementary

We believe that the proposed relocation of the Ancaster Creek wetland is in conflict with your mandate to "protect local ecosystems, to manage Ontario's water resources on a watershed basis, and to protect communities from flooding."

I hope you will take the students' (and many other citizens') concerns into account when making your decision tomorrow.

Thank you,

Adriana Alfano

**Mlle Adriana Alfano**

Teacher, Grade 3/4 French Immersion

Lawfield Elementary



Hamilton, ON L8V 0A2

**From:** [keith baker](#)  
**To:** [Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca); [Jaime Tellier](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 140 Garner Rd. East  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 8:48:05 PM

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To Whom this May Concern,

As a resident, and taxpayer of Hamilton, I strongly oppose the destroying of our precious WETLANDS , and in particular the one within your JURISDICTION @ 140 Garner Rd.,East ,Ancaster(City of Hamilton.)

I ask that you, all, uphold your responsibilities to this community, and the HCA, in protecting OUR WATERSHED and this WETLAND NOW.

YOU MUST KNOW THAT WETLANDS ARE A SIGNIFICANT ASPECT TO A HEALTHY ECOLOGY, AS WELL AS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!

PLEASE ACT NOW TO ADDRESS THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AND SEND A RECEIPT AND MAKE THIS PUBLIC.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Keith Baker  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [nature](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ancaster Creek Watershed  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 8:37:56 AM

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Please see below.

Randall Kovacs  
Reception  
Hamilton Conservation Authority  
Phone: 905-525-2181 ext 100



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**From:** Shelley Rempel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:57 PM  
**To:** nature <nature@conservationhamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** Ancaster Creek Watershed

Hello

I hope you will not approve moving a wetland in the Ancaster Creek watershed. This important wetland at 140 Garner Rd. should remain where it is. There are many plants and animals that depend on this wetland and moving the wetland will not be able to replace what currently exists.

Shelley Rempel  
Ancaster resident

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Shelley Rempel  
(she/her)  
Chief Steward  
OPSEU Local 240  
[REDACTED]

*Acknowledging First Peoples and Traditional Territories  
Mohawk College is situated on the traditional Territories of the Anishnaabek  
and the Haudenosaunee, within the lands protected by the "Dish with One*

*Spoon" wampum agreement.*

*This territory is currently home to the Mississaugas of the Credit, and Six Nations of the Grand River, and that Hamilton is currently home to many Indigenous people from all over Turtle Island.*



**From:** [Cara Carrothers](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#); [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:chad.collins@hamilton.ca); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:tom.jackson@hamilton.ca); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:esther.pauls@hamilton.ca); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maria.pearson@hamilton.ca); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opposed to Garner Rd E warehouse proposal  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 9:16:19 PM

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I am OPPOSED to the proposal on Garner Road East in Ancaster which would pave over a huge area to allow for the construction of five warehouses and parking for 3,000 employees. The waters from that wetland are part of the headwaters of Ancaster Creek, which flows over Tiffany Falls. This proposal will allow the developer to substitute land elsewhere for the existing wetland, contrary to existing HCA policy. You need to stop erasing our wetlands for short term profit.

Please confirm that you have received this email and that you will add my objection to the record and have my objection included in any further meetings regarding this important environmental decision.

Thank you,  
Cara Carrothers  
Hamilton Ontario Resident

**From:** [Hailey Van Sickle](#)

**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#); [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:chad.collins@hamilton.ca); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:tom.jackson@hamilton.ca); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:esther.pauls@hamilton.ca); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maria.pearson@hamilton.ca); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];

**Subject:** Do not pave Ancaster wetlands!

**Date:** June 2, 2021 9:24:24 PM

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Hi there,

The Ancaster wetlands need to be saved. More and more land is being paved over and ruining the beauty of Ancaster and wrecking havoc on our ecosystem.

I urge you to vote against this!

Hailey Van Sickle

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brigitte Evering](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [hamilton350.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:hamilton350.volunteers@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Listen to Your Staff Please and Follow Your Own Policy  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 9:34:24 PM

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Dear Jaime Tellier--Please add this letter to the correspondence section of the June 3 meeting. Thank you.

To the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board:

Let me begin by inviting us to consider our Dish With One Spoon treaty responsibilities in these Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabeg lands. I understand that we continue to have water to drink and enjoy bountiful food because these Indigenous Peoples have for millennia fulfilled and continue to fulfill their responsibilities to the River of Life we share. As the current generation, it is now up to us to do our part to maintain these waters and lands for future generations.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Ancaster Creek wetland is the last originally located wetland in our watershed making it the most established and fully functioning wetland for all of the beings that rely on it--including human beings. It is locally significant as a cold-water wetland with a unique ecosystem. Much of our clean water in our watershed is sourced from these headwaters. As a PhD in Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences I understand how long it takes to establish such a wetland and how ludicrous it is to imagine that it can be 'relocated'.

Knowing this, I implore you to listen to your own staff and follow your own policy and deny the request to pave over this wetland for warehouses.

Moreover, given the current climate of the importance of actively listening to Indigenous voices, I am shocked and disappointed that you have chosen not to fulfill your treaty responsibilities and have not yet reached out to Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit to ensure their voices are part of this discussion. Throughout Canada and the world, there is increasing recognition of the significant contribution that Indigenous Peoples are making and can make to decisions that are better for ecosystems and better for all our children. I strongly encourage you to find ongoing ways to listen to Peoples who have protected and enhanced our waters and lands for many generations.

You are in a unique position to make a decision that protects this wetland. I encourage you not only to reject this proposal, but to personally join with others and find a way to change the designation of this wetland to a Conservation zone. In that way you will have done your part to protect this wetland now and into the future for all of us including your children's children.

Dr. Brigitte Evering  
Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences  
Trent University

**From:** [Geoffrey Honey](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [hamilton350.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:hamilton350.volunteers@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Letter to Conservation Board, Add to June 3rd Meeting Agenda  
**Date:** June 2, 2021 10:03:20 PM

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Hello--Please send this letter to the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board and add it to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda.

Dear Hamilton Conservation Authority Board members,

I am writing to have you listen to and abide by the advice of your own staff and reject the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland and Pumpkin Patch at 140 Garner Rd.

A wetland this significant cannot be “offset”. It is the headwaters, the highest point of land, for so many tributaries into the Dundas basin watershed. This is the last originally located wetland in the watershed. A cold water creek which is locally significant. So many species of flora and fauna rely on the purity of wetland water. These original wetlands are far more rich in micro-organisms and inter-web connections to diverse lifeforms. “Offsetting” a wetland is akin to saying ‘we can cut old growth forest, destroy the ecosystems, and just plant more trees’. Well, it will never be the same, nor will it sustain a fraction of the life it did originally.

In these times when we understand the importance of including Indigenous voices in environmental decision-making, why are the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit not consulted with this and other Hamilton Conservation decisions? This is just another failure of Settlers to honour their treaty obligations. To accept the developer’s proposal without consultation is a further insult and injustice heaped upon First Nations.

As you are aware, because Ancaster relies on the adjacent agricultural lands, there are local food sovereignty issues tied into the area that is to be developed, Covid-19 has made us all aware of how important conservation lands are to safe outdoor recreation and locally sourced food supply is essential.

I implore the Board to listen to their own staff and reject this proposal!

Yours,

Geoffrey Honey BA BEd RMT

Hamilton, ON

**From:** [Monica McCrory](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#); [Lisa Burnside](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ancaster Wetlands  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 1:01:09 AM

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**To: Hamilton Conservation Authority Board, Hamilton City Council, Tyler Schultz (Acting Assistant Auditor General, Commissioner of the Environment at Office of the Auditor General of Ontario)**

**From: Monica McCrory**

After helping a turtle cross hwy 52 a couple years back to a sandy area that now has a home situated on it. It became clear to me that we keep encroaching on land that needs to be properly protected. It is instinct for animals to follow these paths to find these areas for breeding and for survival.

We need to maintain and protect this vital wetland in this rapidly growing town. Once it's paved over, that's it you can't go back. The studies are there you can't recreate and replicate the wetlands. It will be subpar and take decades to establish.

I really hope a fair and educated decision will be made. I hope the Hamilton Conservation Board is not looking at this decision from a profitable standpoint but truly at the environmental impacts that this can have.

Yes the below portion may be an email that you will see over and over but I would like to repeat it as I truly believe it!

We cannot loose any more wetlands.

Whereas: Southern Ontario has lost over 72% of its wetlands, and wetland loss continues today;

Whereas: This is the last originally located wetland in the Ancaster Creek Watershed;

Whereas: Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has stated wetlands should never be offset unless unavoidable; and

Whereas: Hamilton Conservation Authority staff have described this wetland as locally

significant and have formally recommended the HCA reject this proposal.

We the Undersigned:

Call on the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board to listen to its own staff and impacted residents and reject this proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland.

Call on City of Hamilton to take action to protect this wetland now and in the future by rezoning this area of 140 Garner Rd as Conservation/Hazard zoning under the city of Hamilton's Zoning Bylaw.

Call on Tyler Schultz the Acting Assistant Auditor General, Commissioner of the Environment at Office of the Auditor General of Ontario to step in and formally review all wetland offsetting policies and offsetting applications since 2018 to ensure this tool truly is being used as rarely as possible.

Thanks.

Monica McCrory



**From:** [Christopher McLeod](#)  
**To:** [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca); [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [Hali Tsui](#)  
**Subject:** Bulldozing a wetland  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 8:14:06 AM

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Hello Mr Ferguson and members of the HCA Board,

I am writing this letter to you to express my family's great concern over the proposed bulldozing of wetlands at the headwaters of Ancaster Creek.

Regardless of what a developers consultant may say, natural wetlands are an extremely important part of the natural environment supporting many life forms (ours included) and plant species which simply can't be moved. The priorities of the developer are short sighted and highly destructive, and I ask that you as the board of the Conservation Authority reject this application outright and send a clear message to this developer and future ones, that your mandate is to protect these wetlands and any others that fall within your jurisdiction.

Thank you,  
Christopher McLeod, Hali Tsui, Jacob McLeod, and Bram Alvey.  
Address: [REDACTED], Dundas.

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Christopher McLeod (He/Him)  
[www.christophermcleod.ca](http://www.christophermcleod.ca)  
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**From:** [Jillian Vieira](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Save Ancaster Creek Wetland  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 9:42:22 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E. Ontario has already lost 75% of its wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

We are in a climate crisis and wetlands play a vital role in both adaptation and mitigation to a changing climate. They also support biodiversity in Ontario, including providing habitat for many species at risk.

As a citizen I'm asking that you reflect on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere.

Thanks very much,

Jillian Vieira

Hamilton, ON

**From:** [Elizabeth & Les Birchall](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please protect the Ancaster wetland and headwaters and support it remaining in place  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 9:50:20 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E. Ontario has already lost 75% of it's wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

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Please add my support for protecting this wetland in situ to this evening's HCA meeting agenda.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Birchall

[REDACTED]

Dundas, ON L9H 7A5



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**From:** [Joanne Turnell](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** I oppose the offset of the Ancaster Wetlands and ask for the removal of the fencing from the Ancaster Well  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 9:51:42 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E. Ontario has already lost 75% of it's wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

We are in a climate crisis and wetlands play a vital role in both adaptation and mitigation to a changing climate. They also support biodiversity in Ontario, including providing habitat for many species at risk.

As a citizen and as a protector of the Ancaster Well, I continue to pay for and host the <http://saveourspring.ca> website where I have uploaded all of the documents provided to us under the Freedom of Information Act. Sadly it did not include all of the information from 18-068 - <https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/media/browser/2018-04-03/18-068.pdf>

Which ended up being the end of public water.

One page on the website continues to get 10 of thousands of hits is <http://saveourspring.ca/hca-board-motion-re-ancaster-wells-october-5-2017/> the Board Decision from Oct 5<sup>th</sup> when the HCA Board declared the Ancaster Well a Small Drinking water System, when it had previously been acknowledged by the City of Hamilton in Sept of the same year that the Ancaster Well was indeed NOT a small drinking water system and indeed NOT under the jurisdiction of the City of Hamilton. And indeed with no health order to close the well.

Do the right thing and protect and conserve and return the Ancaster Well to free public use with appropriate warning signs and remove the ugly and invasive fencing that you should be ashamed to your core of Lloyd Ferguson.

Thank you

Joanne Turnell

**From:** [Matthew Walker](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#); [Chad Collins](#); [Tom Jackson](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:esther.pauls@hamilton.ca); [Brad Clark](#); [Maria Pearson](#); [Lloyd Ferguson](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
**Subject:** Don't pave Ancaster Creek  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 9:52:46 AM

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Dear HCA members,

My family has been residents of Ancaster since 1971.

I'm writing to voice my firm objection to the proposal to 'relocate' the wetland at the headwaters of Ancaster Creek. The absurdity of attempting to create a drainage ditch and settling pond for water superheated by acres of pavement and rooftops, as an offset for a naturally draining landscape at the headwaters of a COLD WATER CREEK is beyond comprehension.

This proposal is a violent insult to the future generations of Hamilton and any contemplation of it as a legitimate proposal should be regarded as a sign of willful dereliction of duty by Council and Board Members of the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

Please, do not approve the proposal or invest any more time in the consideration of an offset policy for wetlands and natural areas in Hamilton.

Regards,  
Matt Walker  
Ward 1, Hamillton

**From:** [Cat Fan](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Protect the Ancaster wetland and headwaters and support it remaining in place  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 9:54:18 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E. Ontario has already lost 75% of it's wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

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As a citizen I'm asking that you reflect on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere.

Please add my support for protecting this wetland in situ to this evening's HCA meeting agenda.

Thank you,

Les Birchall

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Dundas, ON L9H 7A5



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**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
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**Subject:** Ancaster Creek Wetland  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 9:58:58 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

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Thank you.

**Simon Cooper**

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**From:** [Cara Carrothers](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Subject:** Ancaster Creek Wetland  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:10:13 AM

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Thank you,  
Camille Carrothers (from my mom's email)



**From:** [Mary Porter](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ancaster Creek Wetland, Protect the Watershed  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:14:47 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E. Ontario has already lost 75% of it's wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

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Sincerely,

Mary Porter

**From:** [Monica Palkowski](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Save Ancaster Creek Wetland  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:15:13 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

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As a citizen I'm asking that you reflect on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Palkowski

From: [nancy.cooper](#)

To: [Jaime.Tellier](#); [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#);

Date: June 3, 2021 10:17:23 AM

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Dear Council Men and women, you are charged with a powerful responsibility. It is an honour and a difficult burden at times.

We urge you to listen to the important and compelling evidence that our climate and lands urgently require accountable and wise stewardship. So much damage has been done in the name of expansion and growth, we must take action where we can. Small, important, and careful acts will help preserve what valuable resources we have left and will help educate others how to do the same.

We know that paving over a wetland is the wrong action to take, terribly damaging and irreversible. There is powerful evidence to support its preservation. This is not a matter of a difference of opinion or different ideas about "progress". Paving over wetlands does irreparable damage to the larger ecosystem and that damage cannot be restored.

I want to be proud of my city and we have done many things right, I urge you to consider the larger picture and do what is necessary for the wise stewardship of our precious earth. Do not allow building on the Ancaster wetland!

Sincerely

Nancy Cooper and Family

**From:** [Deirdre Britton](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ancaster wetlands  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:22:52 AM

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As a citizen I'm asking that you reflect on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere.

Deirdre Britton

**From:** [Hailey Van Sickle](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ancaster wetlands  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:29:52 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

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As a citizen I'm asking that you reflect on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere. Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jill](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SAVE ANCASTER CREEK WETLAND  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:42:25 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E. Ontario has already lost 75% of it's wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

We are in a climate crisis and wetlands play a vital role in both adaptation and mitigation to a changing climate. They also support biodiversity in Ontario, including providing habitat for many species at risk. It is incredibly irresponsible to even consider destroying an entire ecosystem, as there are plenty of industrial lands / brownfield better suited to this type of development.

As a citizen I'm asking that you reflect on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Jill Tonini

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Dundas, Ontario

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**From:** [Carolanne Forster](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [Ferguson, Lloyd](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ancaster Creek Wetland, HCA Board  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:47:37 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at

140 Garner Rd. E. Ontario has already lost 75% of its wetland cover and we have a responsibility

to preserve our remaining wetlands where they naturally exist.

The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, and the HCA's draft offsetting policy,

all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

Our wetlands play a vital role in both the ability to adapt and to mitigate within a changing climate. Our wetlands support biodiversity in this province of Ontario, and provide an essential habitat for all species, including many species at risk.

As a citizen I'm asking you to reflect on your duty to protect our watersheds, and not permit this wetland to be destroyed. It cannot ever be recreated and so called "duplicated" elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Carolanne Forster

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**From:** [Lynda Lukasik](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Submission re: Section 28 Hearing - June 3rd  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:52:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [LLukasik - EH - HCA letter - Jun 3 21.pdf](#)

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FYI - Please see below and attached!

Thanks  
Lynda Lukasik, PhD  
Executive Director  
Environment Hamilton  
51 Stuart Street  
Hamilton, ON

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**From:** **Lynda Lukasik** <[llukasik@environmenthamilton.org](mailto:llukasik@environmenthamilton.org)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 8:12 AM  
**Subject:** Submission re: Section 28 Hearing - June 3rd  
**To:** Lisa Burnside <[Lisa.Burnside@conservationhamilton.ca](mailto:Lisa.Burnside@conservationhamilton.ca)>

Hello Lisa

Apologies for not submitting this sooner - but I am hoping the attached letter can be included on the agenda for tonight's meeting and the Section 28 hearing regarding 140 Garner Road East.

Thanks  
Lynda Lukasik

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June 3, 2021

**RE: Section 28 Hearing – 140 Garner Road East, Ancaster**

Dear Members of the Board of the Hamilton Conservation Authority,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Executive Director of Environment Hamilton to express strong support for the HCA staff recommendation that you **OPPOSE** the request from developers to relocate the locally significant wetland complex located at 140 Garner Road East, in the headwaters area of Ancaster Creek. I urge you to heed the sound advice of HCA staff experts on this matter.

Many others – including HCA staff – have provided important reasons for why this wetland must not be relocated. I would like to add that to simply push a wetland out of the way for employment uses is not the vision the public was sold when the Airport Employment District was created. We live in a municipality that has declared a climate emergency. This means that we need to do things differently, including learning how to design with nature rather than continuing to design to dominate and destroy nature.

The context of this application is also very important to consider. The HCA is on the brink of consulting the public regarding a controversial proposal to develop a wetland offsetting policy. That consultation has not even started. Give the public the opportunity to have our say regarding HCA wetlands policy.

In the meantime, the HCA Board must do what the public expects of you – uphold the regulations you are obligated to uphold in the role that you have been entrusted to play on behalf of the broader community as members of the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Lukasik", written in a cursive style.

Lynda M. Lukasik, PhD  
Executive Director

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EMAIL: [llukasik@environmenthamilton.org](mailto:llukasik@environmenthamilton.org)

**From:** [Lisa Burnside](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Message to Board of Directos  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:58:37 AM

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**From:** Major Girardin, Judy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 10:32 AM  
**To:** Lisa Burnside <Lisa.Burnside@conservationhamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** Message to Board of Directos

Dear HCA Board of Directors,

My name is Judy Major-Girardin and I am a Professor in the School of the Arts at McMaster University and an advocate for wetlands. I am working with colleagues from across the campus in many different departments and faculties on an initiative to create a mosaic of wetlands that will replace parking lots on McMaster's West Campus bordering Coldwater Creek. This project is not an isolated initiative but is part of a much larger effort to restore a significant natural corridor through the valley. Efforts are underway by many groups and organizations who are trying to promote sustainability, address climate change, increase biodiversity, improve water quality, contribute to Truth and Reconciliation, and promote mental and physical health and wellbeing in our community.

It takes an enormous amount of time, energy, and money to restore natural habitats. At McMaster we have devoted substantial funds to design, feasibility studies and will also be conducting an archaeology study. We are consulting with a broad range of expertise to try to understand the complex interconnections between water, flora, fauna and human needs. Simply digging a hole does not create a functioning wetland. I see no evidence of any data collection or understanding of the complex nature of these eco-systems in the plan before you and yet approvals are being sought to destroy a functioning wetland. Our creeks and watershed systems are interconnected and disruptions impact far more than the area seeking approval.

At a time when many are striving to repair the damage from the past, it is deeply discouraging to think that we continue to make the same mistakes at the detriment to our own health. The environmental crisis before us demands that we make better decisions and I appeal to the Board to listen to the expert opinions of the HCA staff and make an ethical decision on this matter.

I request to speak to this matter at the Thursday night meeting if time allows.

Thank you

Judy Major-Girardin

**From:** [Michelle Chin](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:chad.collins@hamilton.ca); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:tom.jackson@hamilton.ca); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:esther.pauls@hamilton.ca); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maria.pearson@hamilton.ca); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: HCA wetland and stream relocation  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 11:03:52 AM

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Dear Jamie Tellier and HCA Board,

I hope that this email finds you well.

I wrote to you on May 5th and today I am still in opposition to the proposal to relocate the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Rd E.

The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort. We are not in that situation. Surely warehousing can be relocated, the built world is easily within human possibility. We just need the will.

The City has declared a climate emergency and every decision made should be through this lens. Natural wetlands play a vital role in both adaptation and mitigation to a changing climate. Ontario has already lost 75% of its wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands in their natural locations.

Please reflect and act on your duty to protect watershed health and not permit this wetland to be destroyed and recreated elsewhere.

Yours in good faith,

Michelle Chin

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Dundas ON L9H 1X5

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On Wed, May 5, 2021 at 7:59 PM Michelle Chin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear HCA Board,

I hope that this email finds you well.

I understand that there is an HCA Board meeting on Thursday May 6th to decide on a proposal to relocate a wetland and Ancaster Creek for five warehouses and several acres of parking.

There are a number of reasons why I am opposed to this plan.

1. This undermines the city initiative to send a survey to citizens about urban sprawl. Dundas Works, a local citizens group, had a discussion last night about the urban boundary and was unanimously opposed to developing on sensitive conservation and agricultural land. I urge the developers to look within the urban boundary first for options. The City

declared a climate emergency, and such a proposal demonstrates blatant disregard for the environment.

2. Relocating wetlands is against provincial, city and Conservation Authority policy. The wetland is part of the headwaters of Ancaster and the relocation would include the wetland and the creek flowing into and out of it.

3. A 2008 HCA study of Ancaster Creek watershed recommended that present natural systems remain intact and preserved, else face degradation of fisheries and downstream erosion. HCA staff are opposed to the developer application.

4. Wetlands are biodiverse natural features located by natural processes. They are not human constructs. They are ecologically productive, the single best sink for CO2 (better than trees) and provide critical habitat for many species.

5. Ancaster Creek goes over Tiffany Falls, west of Wilson Street, under the Dundas Rail Trail, alongside McMaster and into Spencer Creek just before Cootes Drive. The impacts of this proposal are significant and impact many residents.

I urge the HCS Board to vote against this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michelle Chin

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**From:** [basil.cottage@basil.cottage](mailto:basil.cottage@basil.cottage)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [Jackson Tom](#); [Pearson Maria](#); [brad.clark](#); [Ferguson Lloyd](#); [hamilton350](#); [esther.pauls](#); [Collins Chad](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Save the Ancaster Creek Wetlands and Headwaters.  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 11:06:16 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning, Ms. Tellier,

This is just an updated version of my earlier submitted letter of yesterday, Tuesday, June 2nd. Sorry for any inconvenience, but I really believe that these wetlands should be protected, so I am hoping any thing I add will help this cause.

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Dear HCA Board Members:

I am writing today in opposition to the proposal to offset the Ancaster Creek Wetland located at 140 Garner Road East, which I respectfully ask that it be added to the agenda of June 3rd. Ontario has already lost 75% of its wetland cover and we have a responsibility to protect our last remaining wetlands where they are. The province's environmental commissioner, HCA policy, the HCA's draft offsetting policy all state that relocating or "offsetting" a wetland should only ever be used as a last resort.

Yet here we are again: another classic battle of Man vs. the Environment.

In the green corner, the defending champ; the Ancaster Wetlands, the 1.8-hectare wetland, part of the headwaters of Ancaster Creek, which flows over Tiffany Falls, and home to a variety of wildlife and birds, including migratory ducks and swans which use this area as a resting spot.

In the black corner, the challenger: the proponent of building a 1.3-million-square-foot warehouse complex with five warehouses and parking for 3,000 employees, which would provide employment and supposedly boost the local economy.

At stake: the fate of an environmentally sensitive area which not only plays a vital role in both adaptation and mitigation to a changing climate, provides a home to many species, many of them 'at risk' and plant life, but is vital in the filtering and cleansing of our natural waterways which flow well beyond the property lines of this site. .

I have likened the situation to a boxing match, but it shouldn't be one *versus* the other, but one *working with* the other. Shuffling a wetland to another location is not 'working with the other' - that's like paving over Gage Park and planting some trees across a city block and declaring victory! A man-made retention pond is *not* an equitable solution to replacing of a natural habitat that has taken centuries to establish!

If 'shuffling' a wetland to another location is a 'viable', surely relocating this development to a more suitable location would make a more feasible option economically and logistically.

We are all in a climate crisis and wetlands are a major component that supports biodiversity in Ontario. Granted, "*...the interests of the economy, development and money have to be balanced with the interests of our environment. And where they can't, the interests of the environment should prevail.*" (*The Hamilton Spectator* (November 13, 2020 - "Don't give free rein to Ontario's developers"). This should be carved in rock and placed in a prominent place in every HCA Board member's office!

Trusting that you will collectively make the right decision, I remain respectfully and sincerely yours,

Stan Nowak

Dundas, Ontario

**From:** [Mary Ann Frerotte](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Burnside](#); [Jaime Tellier](#); [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](mailto:chad.collins@hamilton.ca); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:tom.jackson@hamilton.ca); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:esther.pauls@hamilton.ca); [Clark, Brad](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maria.pearson@hamilton.ca); [Lloyd Ferguson](#)  
**Subject:** Wetland Offset report  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 11:12:04 AM

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Hello,

I have read the proposal to offset wetlands, and I am feel this action should not be considered. I also read numerous other articles about wetlands and do not believe there is a viable alternative known to replace them. I am concerned for flooding, destruction of natural habitat, effect on two highly visited waterfalls, effect on two prominent business (the Ancaster Mill, The Hamilton Golf club) and of coarse our very unique eco system in Cootes Paradise of the Royal Botanical Gardens.

This week we had an absolutely horrific news from the indigenous community a group that is disproportionally affected by environmental destruction I hope you, the decision makers of Hamilton Conservation will join with me in renewing our commitment to protecting the environment and do not allow wetland offsets.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Frerotte  
Dundas, Ontario

<https://theconversation.com/putting-a-dollar-value-on-nature-will-give-governments-and-businesses-more-reasons-to-protect-it-153968>

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-02/documents/wetlandfunctionsvalues.pdf>

**From:** [Kai M](#)  
**To:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**Cc:** [chad.collins@hamilton.ca](#); [tom.jackson@hamilton.ca](#); [esther.pauls@hamilton.ca](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [maria.pearson@hamilton.ca](#); [lloyd.ferguson@hamilton.ca](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ancaster Creek Wetland  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 11:24:42 AM

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