

January 10, 2020

City of Burlington  
Angela Morgan, City Clerk  
426 Brant Street  
Burlington, ON L7R 3Z6

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Earlier today, the Mayor issued her January 2020 newsletter which stated that, "Only the Region and Province can change MTSA designations and until that happens, Burlington needs to update its Official Plan policies and Zoning Bylaw before the development freeze ends on March 5<sup>th</sup> to better define and control the impact in each area."

As you know, the City of Burlington operates under a dated Official Plan. That's why I've always supported Council in their efforts to update the Official Plan in order to manage how our community grows in the future.

It's important to note that, to date, neither the Province nor the Region have received a formal request from the City of Burlington regarding changes to either the MTSA or the Urban Growth Centre designations. It is my understanding that any such requests would come after the city's Official Plan has been approved and would specifically outline the required changes to the designations in order to implement Council's new vision on behalf of the people of Burlington.

Let me be clear, the growth and transportation policies of the previous government combined with the inaction of successive Burlington City Councils relating to our outdated Official Plan have created the situation we all find ourselves in today.

I have previously met with the Mayor on these issues and welcome the opportunity to work with the Mayor, members of Council and the City Manager.

Sincerely,



Jane McKenna  
MPP Burlington  
Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

JM: ka

cc: Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair