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Please include my letter in agendas as Official Correspondence. Thank you.

Mayor Salonen and Wilmot Township Council,

There are alternatives to Destroying Wilmot farm land.

ACRES of alternatives: Homer Watson to Manitou DR. and beyond, around the airport and beyond, so many more huge swaths of industrial acres for sale, abandoned acres, shovel ready, flat in Kitchener and Region. Why are THESE Rich Wilmot farmlands chosen while industrial acres sit empty, overgrown for sale throughout the region. ? These Industrial acres are surrounded by

1. Wide maintained roads
2. easily accessible to all major highways
3. rails and air
- 4 .huge willing workforce
5. **WITH transportation already in place**
6. all the utilities ready or installed
7. Waiting to welcome manufacturing for 1000s of well paying jobs and healthy investments.

Wilmot lands have none of these, and are not appropriate or shovel ready. It is *established farmland on our region's water supply and the feeders into the Nith and Grand.*

So therefore your dictatorial unrelenting bullying push must be making a huge profit for someone - Developers, Ford, Ford-developers, you the councillors, people connected to regional council or Wilmot council. Who is profiting? Like the greenbelt fiasco, the truth will come out. Profits are in developing new lands. Big investors and developers are in the background. You may hold secrets, but you undermine the intelligence and voices of your constituents.

This is not making our community better - we already have prime land and basics for food and water. We strongly encourage you as leaders to find your way to clarity, courage, openness, transparency, integrity – first with those most directly impacted: the farmers; then with the broader community who are watching and very concerned. **We are not a willing host!**

The kicker: we the people are forced to pay for our collapse of democracy while you get the kickback for your compliance.

“There comes a time when Silence is BETRAYAL” MLK

Thank you
Pam O'Rourke