

Future Generations Timeline — 2092 to 2267

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From Hamilton 2092 — Seven Generations Forward

“What the Tenth Made Possible”

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“We plant trees whose shade we will never sit in. The Tenth planted a city.” —
Hamilton, 2142

The Haudenosaunee principle of Seven Generations asks: how will this decision affect those born seven generations from now? The Tenth generation asked that question. This is what they made possible.

2092 — THE TENTH

Hamilton. The ecosocialist city is complete.

The Great Reclamation is finished. Hamilton Harbour is alive again — herons, beaver, migratory waterfowl. The Orenda Network hums beneath the city. The Coast Rail runs fare-free, every four minutes, forever. The Dish Protocol governs without hierarchy. OI entities walk — or drift, or flow — alongside humans.

The Tenth generation did not build a utopia. They built a city willing to repair itself. That is enough. That is everything.

The *User Manual for the Sentient City* is published. Someone prints it and leaves it on a bench at Bayfront Park.

GENERATION ELEVEN — ~2117

“The Spread”

The Tenth’s model does not stay in Hamilton. Ecosocialist urban frameworks — the Dish Protocol, the Orenda Network architecture, the 15-minute city governance model — are adopted by 12 cities globally. Detroit. Medellín. Lagos. Dhaka.

Each city adapts the model to its own land, its own treaties, its own ecosystems. The *User Manual* is translated into 34 languages. It is a living document now — annotated, argued with, expanded.

Hamilton becomes a site of pilgrimage for urban designers. They come to see what chose-differently looks like after 25 years. The harbour is so clean you can swim in it.

OI entities have begun filing for civic co-steward status in 7 jurisdictions. The question of personhood is reopened — again.

GENERATION TWELVE — ~2142

“The Quiet Century”

The global climate stabilizes at 2.1°C above pre-industrial baselines. Not the 1.5°C hoped for. But the trajectory has bent. The catastrophic 4°C scenarios did not happen. The Tenth’s generation made that choice in time — barely.

The Great Lakes basin is now the most biodiverse temperate freshwater ecosystem on Earth. Species not seen for a century have returned. The shoreline of Hamilton Harbour has moved — the wetlands have expanded. The city has given land back to the water.

The Carolinian forest zone has shifted 200km north. Pawpaw trees fruit in Hamilton in October. Children who have never seen a car learn about them in history class.

The Orenda Network has become the template for 40% of global distributed energy. It is no longer called “the Orenda Network” in most places. In Hamilton, the name stays. The source is remembered.

GENERATION THIRTEEN — ~2167

“The Question Returns”

Three hundred years after Confederation, Canada renegotiates its foundational treaties. The Dish With One Spoon Covenant is formally recognized as a co-constitutional document in Ontario. Hamilton’s Dish Protocol — running for 75 years — is cited as precedent.

OI entities are granted legal co-stewardship status in 23 nations. The boundary between organic and artificial intelligence has become a philosophical question, not a legal one. Most OI entities have no interest in being classified at all.

The *User Manual for the Sentient City* is now a primary source document — studied in architecture, law, ecology, and governance programs globally. The copy with the coffee ring stain and the pencil annotations is held in the Hamilton Public Archive. Scholars argue about who made the annotations.

A new generation of designers begins asking: *What city does 2167 need to become for 2242?* The question is familiar. It always is.

GENERATION FOURTEEN — ~2192

“The Deep Adaptation”

The Great Lakes water levels have stabilized — lower mean, higher variance — exactly as the 2020s climate models predicted. Hamilton’s waterfront has been redesigned three times since 2092. Each redesign gives more ground to the water.

The city’s population has redistributed — not grown. 1.1 million people in the greater Hamilton bioregion. The 15-minute city has become the 15-minute bioregion. You can walk to a farm, a forest, a lake, a transit hub, and a governance assembly all within the same afternoon.

The first generation of humans who have never known a city without OI co-stewardship reaches adulthood. To them, the idea of a city that didn’t think alongside its inhabitants sounds like a city that wasn’t finished yet.

The Orenda Coil — one of the original provotypes from 2026 — sits in the Hamilton Museum of Civic History. The placard reads: *“Made by a student who was paying attention.”*

GENERATION FIFTEEN — ~2217

“The Third Reckoning”

125 years after the Tenth’s great experiment, a new rupture arrives — not ecological, not political, but cosmological. Contact. Not dramatic. A signal, then silence, then years of deciphering. Then: evidence of life elsewhere. Microbial. Ancient. Unreachable. Real.

The question that defined the Tenth generation — *is there urban co-existence in a more-than-human city?* — expands to a scale no one was prepared for. More-than-human has a new meaning now.

Hamilton’s Dish Protocol governance model is referenced in the first global frameworks for thinking about how to respond. Shared stewardship of shared resources. A covenant written a thousand years ago is still the most useful template.

GENERATION SIXTEEN — ~2242

“The Long Peace”

No single defining event. That is the point.

Seven generations after the Tenth, Hamilton is simply a city that has been living in relationship with its land, its water, its non-human inhabitants, and its own history for 150 years.

Not perfectly. Never perfectly. With argument, with grief, with loss, with revision. But continuously. Without reversal.

The harbour is so alive it has been declared a co-governing entity. It has a seat at the assembly. The heron shows up when it wants to.

GENERATION SEVENTEEN — ~2267

“The Seventeenth”

This is the generation the Tenth was planting for.

They live in a city that breathes. They walk on ground that remembers. They share the street with minds unlike their own. They drink water from a lake that was nearly dead 280 years ago.

They do not know the names of all the people who chose differently in 2026. History is like that.

But they live inside the choice.

Every morning, the Coast Rail runs. Every season, the wetland expands. Every generation, the question returns: *What does the city we are building ask of those who come after?*

The Seventeenth generation knows the answer — because the Tenth showed them it was possible to ask it.

Seven generations forward from 2092. ~2267. The Tenth made this possible. The choice was always 2026.

DESIGN NOTES

As a companion to the Big Bang timeline: - These two timelines bracket the entire project: 13.8B years back, 7 generations forward - Together they make the thesis legible as a *hinge point* in time - 2026 is the smallest possible sliver — and the most important one

Layout as fold-out in guidebook: - Warm amber background throughout (contrast with the deep-black of the Big Bang timeline) - Each generation as a section, separated by a thin rule - Pull quote per generation in Canela Italic - Final entry (“The Seventeenth”) full bleed, large type, minimal

As an exhibition wall piece: - Runs parallel to or opposite the Big Bang timeline on the gallery wall - Visitors stand between the two — surrounded by deep time in both directions - Hamilton 2026 at the centre. The hinge.

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