



MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 27th day of February, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 1 Halton Hills Drive Town Hall, commencing at 9:35 a.m., with Mayor R. Bonnette in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor R. Bonnette
 Councillor C. Somerville
 Councillor J. Fogal
 Councillor M. Albano
 Councillor J. Hurst (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)
 Councillor W. Farrow-Reed
 Councillor M. Johnson
 Councillor B. Inglis
 Councillor A. Lawlor

REGRETS: Councillor T. Brown
 Councillor B. Lewis

STAFF PRESENT: A. B. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer
 (Open Session) S. Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services
 C. Mills, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works
 J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Sustainability
 W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks
 J. Diamanti, Commissioner of Corporate Services
 H. Olivieri, Chief & Commissioner of Fire Services

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 J. Diamanti, Commissioner of Corporate Services

H. Olivieri, Chief & Commissioner of Fire Services
S. Silver, Senior Advisor Strategic Planning
R. Cockfield, Manager of Strategic Planning
W. O'Donnell, Manager of Finance
D. Szybalski, Manager of Economic Development, Innovation
and Culture
D. Davey, Acting Chief Librarian
S. Burke, Manager of Strategic Research
G. Clark, Manager of Sustainability and Climate Change
S. Mackie, Communication Specialist
J. Markowiak, Manager of Development Review

1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor R. Bonnette called the meeting to order 9:35 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2019-0030

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills meet in closed session in order to address the following matters:

a. Staff Presentation

Presentation regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board.
(ROP-Growth Plan)

CARRIED

Convened into Closed Session at 9:37 a.m.

Council Recessed at 1:00 p.m.

4. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Resolution No. 2019-0031

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills reconvene into open session.

CARRIED

Reconvened into Open Session at 2:51p.m.

a. Motion to Approve REPORT NO. PLS-2019-0016

PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT NO. PLS-2019-0016 dated February 8, 2019 regarding Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe - Proposed Amendment No.1.

Resolution No. 2019-0032

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT Report No. PLS-2019-0016 dated February 8, 2019 regarding Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe - Proposed Amendment No. 1 considered at Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee held on February 26, 2019 be approved. (Recommendation No. PPT-2019-0014)

CARRIED

Councillor M. Johnson assumed the role of Chair for this motion.

b. Motion to Approve Resolution regarding Growth Plan Amendment

Resolution No. 2019-0033

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills is very much open for business and looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the provincial government to improve economic prosperity for the Town and the province as a whole;

And WHEREAS the Town recognizes that tourism is a key driver of economic development in Ontario, generating over \$34 billion in economic activity and supporting nearly 400,000 Ontario jobs;

AND WHEREAS the Halton Hills Premier Gateway constitutes the Town's key employment and investment area with excellent access to Highways 401 and 407ETR, and regional and international markets, that benefits not only the Town but the broader provincial economy;

AND Whereas the Premier Gateway is the Town's main area for economic development, investment and job creation at present and over the long-term, and crucial to the Town's economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS there are significant investment and employment opportunities being actively pursued for lands in the Halton Hills Premier Gateway;

AND WHEREAS the eastern section of the Premier Gateway has been frozen by Corridor Protection for the Halton Peel Boundary Area/NWGTA/GTA West corridor transportation studies which have rendered the area unavailable for development for close to a decade, resulting in a loss of critical investment and job creation opportunities;

AND WHEREAS through a detailed three year study, the Town and Halton Region identified replacement employment lands through ROPA 47 to compensate for the lands that are frozen by Corridor Protection;

AND WHEREAS the Province decided to not support the efforts of the Town and Halton Region to replace employment lands and appealed ROPA 47 to LPAT;

AND WHEREAS there is a pending immediate, substantial and provincially-significant private-sector tourism and job creation investment proposal for the Hodero lands, located at the northeast corner of Steeles Avenue and Eighth Line, in the Halton Hills Premier Gateway which requires expedited re-phasing of these lands to make them available for development pre-2021, rather than post-2021 in the Halton Regional Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS Town Council and Regional staff support the re-phasing of the Hodero lands, but a Regional official plan amendment is needed and under current Provincial planning requirements that would unnecessarily extend the timeframe and create uncertainty which may compromise the ability of the provincially-significant investment to proceed in a timely fashion;

AND WHEREAS on January 15, 2019, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing released proposed Amendment No. 1 to the 2017 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe with a commenting deadline of February 28, 2019 and indicated that the “Minister is also seeking feedback as to whether there are any specific planning matters (or types of matters) in process that should be addressed through the transition regulation. This could include, for example official plan or official plan amendments that have been adopted and are currently under appeal”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to take the necessary steps through the transition regulation and/or other means necessary to expedite the final approval of ROPA 47, and facilitate the expeditious re-phasing of the Hodero lands to allow the provincially-significant investment to proceed as quickly as possible;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Steve Clark; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Todd, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport; Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton; and appropriate Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff, Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville and the opposition leaders.

CARRIED

**c. Motion to Receive Correspondence from Minister Steve Clark,
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Resolution No. 2019-0034

Moved by: Councillor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor M. Johnson

THAT the Correspondence from Minister Steve Clark, Ministry of
Municipal Affairs Housing regarding Growth Plan for the Golden
Horseshoe be received for information.

CARRIED

5. RECESS

Recess was taken at 1:00 p.m.

6. RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2019-0035

Moved by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills reconvene into closed session in
order to address the following matters:

**6.a Presentation by A.B. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer and R.
Cockfield, Manager of Strategic Planning and Continuous
Improvement with Opening Remarks by Mayor R. Bonnette.**

Presentation regarding litigation or potential litigation affecting the
Municipality. (Regional Government Review)

6.b MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-ADMIN-2019-0007

OFFICE OF THE CAO MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-ADMIN-2019-0007
dated February 20, 2019 regarding litigation or potential litigation affecting
the municipality. (Regional Review)

CARRIED

Council reconvened into Closed Session at 3:00 p.m.

7. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Resolution No. 2019-0036

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills reconvene into open session.

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 4:30 p.m.

8. MOTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

a. Motion to Receive MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-ADMIN-2019-0007 and Appendices

Resolution No. 2019-0037

Moved by: Councillor M. Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT Confidential Memorandum No. MEM-ADMIN-2019-0007 dated February 20, 2019 regarding litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality (Regional Review) and the appendices attached be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor M. Johnson assumed the role of Chair for this motion.

b. Motion to Adopt Resolution regarding Regional Government Review

Resolution No. 2019-0038

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has announced a review of Ontario's eight regional municipalities, the County of Simcoe, and their lower-tier municipalities by appointed Special Advisors;

AND WHEREAS, the provincially appointed advisory body will develop recommendations for the Minister for the purpose of improving governance, decision-making and service delivery in the regions and Simcoe County and their lower-tier municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, the provincially appointed advisory body has included in the review consideration of moving to single-tier municipalities or amalgamating existing municipalities;

AND WHEREAS 90 per cent of residents rated the quality of life excellent, very good, good in the Town of Halton Hills, and 88 per cent believe the Town of Halton Hills has a vibrant and healthy local economy;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills has a history of finding efficiencies and savings while enhancing programs, services and facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills has contributed to Halton Region's AAA credit rating for 29 years;

AND WHEREAS Halton is a model of municipal efficiency through service agreements between municipalities and the Region and 98 per cent of Halton residents rate their quality of life very high;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills is recognized in the top ten of Canada's Best Place to Live;

AND WHEREAS in the sixteen municipal elections since the 1974 creation of our two-tier system of municipal governance, no one has run or been elected to change the structure of municipal government in Halton Hills;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills endorses the current effectiveness of our two-tier municipal government as it has evolved on mutual agreement with our partner lower municipalities since its foundation in 1974;

AND FURTHER THAT the residents of Halton Hills value their choices, voices and diversity of representation and residents should have their say before any change in municipal representation, or possible merger with other municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Halton municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills and Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills.

CARRIED

9. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2019-0039

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

THAT the following Bills are hereby passed by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the said by-laws and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto:

By-Law No. 2019-0006

A by-law to adopt the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on 27th day of February, 2019 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2019-0040

Moved by: Councillor M. Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 4:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

Suzanne Jones, CLERK