



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 6th day of May, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 1 Halton Hills Drive Town Hall, commencing at 6:00 p.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
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor B. Lewis
Councillor W. Farrow-Reed
Councillor M. Johnson
Councillor B. Inglis
Councillor A. Lawlor

STAFF PRESENT: A. B. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer,
S. Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services,
B. Andrews, Acting Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works,
J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Sustainability,
W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks,
H. Olivieri, Chief & Commissioner of Fire Services
M.J. Leighton, Manager of Accounting and Town Treasurer,
G. Cannon, Chief Librarian,
V. Petryniak, Deputy Clerk,
R. Brown, Deputy Clerk

*** Denotes Change From Council Agenda**

1. **OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor R. Bonnette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. CLOSED MEETING/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

NIL

3. RECESS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

NIL

4. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

NIL

5. NATIONAL ANTHEM

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Conservation Halton Foundation Gala

Councillor M. Johnson announced that the Conservation Halton Foundation Gala will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 outside at the Kelso Quarry.

7. EMERGENCY BUSINESS MATTERS

NIL

8. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest.

9. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Maxine Payne, Resident of Halton Hills

M. Payne spoke in support of the Autism Resolution.

9.2 Dr. Lesley Barron, Resident of Halton Hills

Dr. L. Barron spoke in support of the Climate Change Resolution.

9.3 Lisa Kohler. Halton Environmental Network

L. Kohler spoke in support of the Climate Change Resolution.

9.4 Leslie Adams, Ontario Environment Network

L. Adams spoke in support of the Climate Change Resolution.

9.5 Doris Treleaven, Protect Our Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.)

D. Treleaven spoke in support of the Climate Change Resolution.

9.6 Janet Duval, Halton Hills Climate Action Rally

J. Duval spoke in support of the Climate Change Resolution.

9.7 Spencer Lippa, Green Party of Canada

S. Lippa spoke in support of the Climate Change Resolution.

10. RESOLUTION PREPARED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) OF COUNCIL

Resolution No. 2019-0083

Moved by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

10.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 15, 2019.

10.2 Minutes of the Council Workshop (Ward Meeting's Concept) held on April 15, 2019.

10.3 Minutes of the Council Workshop (Regional Official Plan Review) held on April 25, 2019.

10.4 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 15, 2019.

10.5 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on April 15, 2019.

10.6 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on April 25, 2019.

CARRIED

11. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2019-0084

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor C. Somerville assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

11.1 Public Meetings / Hearings

11.1.a

PUBLIC MEETING

Destination Downtown Secondary Plan

(Refer to Public Meeting Minutes (2019-0004), Appendix A of these Minutes)

11.1.b

PUBLIC MEETING

Cannabis Cultivation and Processing.

(Refer to Public Meeting Minutes (2019-0005), Appendix B of these Minutes)

11.2 Delegations/Presentations regarding items in General Committee

NIL

11.3 Municipal Officers Reports to be Considered by General Committee

11.3.a PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT NO. PLS-2019-0032 dated April 23, 2019, regarding a Statutory Public Meeting on the Draft Destination Downtown Secondary Plan (March 2019), and Draft Downtown Urban Design Guidelines.

Recommendation No. GC-2019-0026

THAT Report No. PLS-2019-0032, dated April 23, 2019, regarding a Statutory Public Meeting on the Draft Destination Downtown Secondary Plan (March 2019), and Draft Downtown Urban Design Guidelines, attached as Schedules One and Two to this report, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all agency and public comments be referred to staff to be addressed in a final recommendation report to Council on the disposition of this matter;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of Report No. PLS-2019-0032 be forwarded to the Region of Halton.

CARRIED

11.3.b PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT NO. PLS-2019-0029 dated April 15, 2019 regarding cannabis cultivation and processing.

Recommendation No. GC-2019-0027

THAT REPORT NO. PLS-2019-0029 dated April 15, 2019 regarding cannabis cultivation and processing be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all comments received from agencies and the public be referred to staff for a further report to be considered by Council regarding the final disposition of the cannabis cultivation and processing Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

CARRIED

11.3.c OFFICE OF THE CAO REPORT NO. ADMIN-2019-0018 dated April 30, 2019, regarding Nomination to the CTC Source Water Protection Committee.

Recommendation No. GC-2019-0028

THAT Report ADMIN-2019-0018, dated April 30, 2019, regarding Nomination to the CTC Source Water Protection Committee, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Mr. Dave Kentner be nominated by the Town of Halton Hills as the Municipal Representative for Halton Region and Wellington County on the Credit Valley – Toronto and Region – Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT Halton Region and the other municipalities that are represented by this CTC Source Water Protection representative, namely County of Wellington, Town of Erin, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville, be informed of this nomination and be requested to pass a resolution nominating Mr. Kentner as well;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the CTC Source Water Protection Committee Program Manager, Jennifer Stephens.

CARRIED

11.3.d PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY MEMORANDUM NO. PLS-2019-0003 dated April 18, 2019 regarding Award of Request for Proposal RFP P-017-19 for the Corporate Energy Plan Update.

Recommendation No. GC-2019-0029

THAT Memorandum No. PLS-2019-0003 dated April 18, 2019 regarding Award of Request for Proposal RFP P-017-19 for the Corporate Energy Plan Update be received for information.

CARRIED

11.3.e TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS MEMORANDUM NO. TPW-2019-0012 dated April 15, 2019 regarding Road Occupancy Permit - Disposal Containers & Construction Supplies Permit Application Awareness.

Recommendation No. GC-2019-0030

THAT Memorandum No. TPW-2019-0012 dated April 15, 2019 regarding Road Occupancy Permit - Disposal Containers & Construction Supplies Permit Application Awareness be received for information.

CARRIED

11.4 Adjourn back into Council

Recommendation No. GC-2019-0031

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL

Resolution No. 2019-0085

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the recommendations regarding the Reports & Memorandums from the Monday, May 6, 2019 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted:

GC-2019-0026

GC-2019-0027

GC-2019-0028

GC-2019-0029

GC-2019-0030

CARRIED

13. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES (ADOPTION / RECEIPT OF MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS)

Resolution No. 2019-0086

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown

Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

THAT the following items are hereby approved:

13.1 Report of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee meeting held on April 29, 2019.

13.2 Report of the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting held on April 30, 2019.

CARRIED

14. RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF ADVISORY/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Resolution No. 2019-0087

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

THAT the following minutes are hereby received for information:

14.1 Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on April 17, 2019.

14.2 Minutes of the Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting held on March 13, 2019.

CARRIED

15. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/MOTIONS

15.1 Motion regarding Climate Change.

Resolution No. 2019-0088

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

WHEREAS the report “Canada’s Changing Climate Report 2019 (CCCR) paints a stark and alarming picture of the future of Canada as a result of continued sustained and accelerating accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere;

AND WHEREAS the CCCR concludes that Canada’s climate has warmed and will warm further in the future, driven by human influence and that global emissions of carbon dioxide from human activity will largely determine how much warming Canada and the world will experience in the future and this warming is effectively irreversible;

AND WHEREAS the CCCR further concludes that both past and future warming in Canada is, on average, about double the magnitude of global warming and northern Canada has warmed and will continue to warm at more than double the global rate;

AND WHEREAS the CCCR further finds that the rate and magnitude of climate change under high versus low emission scenarios project two very different futures for Canada. Scenarios with large and rapid warming illustrate the profound effects of continued growth in greenhouse gas emissions and that scenarios with limited warming will only occur if Canada and the rest of the world reduce carbon emissions to near zero early in the second half of the century and reduce emissions of other greenhouse gases substantially;

AND WHEREAS carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is accumulating at an accelerating rate and total emissions show no sign of decreasing on a worldwide basis;

AND WHEREAS all nations are responsible to do what they can to reduce their Green House Gas (GHG) emissions;

AND WHEREAS Canada is the worst emitter in the world of GHG’s on a per capita basis;

AND WHEREAS the scenario will only worsen as time is wasted when action is immediately required;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills Report PLS-2019-0001 also confirms that the “Business as Usual” scenario will have a significant impact on heat stress-related illness, mortality and productivity especially for vulnerable populations;

AND WHEREAS these and other associated climate change threats will seriously impact on the quality of life of all Ontarians but most especially today's young people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Town of Halton Hills declare a Climate Emergency in the knowledge that this is an emergency with no foreseeable conclusion which will require permanent robust changes in how the Corporation conducts its business and a resetting of goals with respect to Engineering, Planning, Building, Recreation, Parks Libraries, Fire and Transportation Services;

AND FURTHER THAT in response to this emergency, the need to reduce overall emissions from the Town of Halton Hills is deemed to be the highest priority and can be addressed through but not limited to the following actions:

1. The Town of Halton Hills sets a goal to be a Net Zero municipality by 2030.
2. The update to the Halton Hills Green Building standards be strengthened, and tools be investigated to incentivize the construction of R-2000 or LEED Platinum standard or Net Zero buildings.
3. Transition the Town's fleet to electric vehicles wherever possible and as soon as possible.
4. The Town encourage staff and the public to switch to plug-in vehicles by installing more EV charging stations at Town facilities beginning with Town Hall, and further strategies (such as preferred parking spots) be considered to encourage the switch to electric and high efficiency vehicles by the public.
5. That staff investigate new standards to be included in site plan and secondary plans that move the Town towards a goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2030.
6. Plans for future growth be predicated on the most energy efficient model taking into consideration transportation emissions, opportunities for green energy development, and the importance of preserving high quality agricultural land.
7. That the role of a healthy eco-system including its important function of sequestering carbon be recognized as fundamental to any Climate Change plan by measures such as expanding tree planting and maintenance budgets.
8. That a Climate Change Task Force comprised of local experts, Conservation authorities, business leaders and community leaders, youth, faith organizations, non-profit organizations, indigenous representation, educators and others be formed taking advantage of expertise and community knowledge to assist in formulating and delivering a community-wide plan to reduce carbon emissions.
9. That a plan be made to inform and engage the residents and businesses in becoming part of the solution to this emergency.

10. That Halton Region be requested to become a partner in helping to reduce overall emissions in Halton Hills and adopt carbon reduction goals for Region as a whole and that this be considered a principle in the Regional Official Plan review.
11. That the Halton District School Board and Halton Catholic District School Board be requested to become partners and adopt carbon reduction goals for the Region as a whole.
12. That progress towards reducing overall carbon emissions originating in Halton Hills be reported annually to Council.
13. That the Mayor write to the Premier urging the Provincial Government to strengthen the Ontario Building Code with respect to energy efficiencies and to create incentives for energy efficiency retrofits for both residential buildings and commercial/industrial buildings and introduce incentives to hasten the shift in transportation away from fossil fuels.
14. That all Canadian Municipalities be challenged to pass similar resolutions specific to their locality, challenges and opportunities to respond to the Climate Emergency.

AND FURTHER THAT Council refer this resolution to staff to evaluate the listed actions with respect to impacts to the municipal government balanced against the dire impacts of inaction outlined in report PLS-2019-0001;

AND FURTHER THAT staff bring back a report on or before the June 25th Planning, Public Works Transportation Committee meeting outlining a recommended course of action;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Region of Halton, Local Halton Municipalities, Halton District School Board, Halton Catholic District School Board, The Halton Climate Collective, Halton MP's Halton MPP's , AMO, FCM and to The Climate Mobilization Organization, Partners for Climate Protection, Global Covenant of Mayors, Ministers of Environment both Federal and Provincial.

Recorded Vote:

In Favour : Mayor Bonnette, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Fogal, Councillor Hurst, Councillor Inglis, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Farrow-Reed, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Somerville, Councillor Brown, Councillor Albano

Opposed: NIL

MOTION CARRIED

15.2 Motion regarding Services for Families and Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Resolution No. 2019-0089

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

WHEREAS according to the National ASD Surveillance System (NASS), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is one of the most common development disabilities in Canada. 1 in 66 children is diagnosed with ASD;

AND WHEREAS according to the Canadian Medical Association Journal, approximately 1% of the Canadian population is affected by ASD, which means there are approximately 100,000 Ontarians on the autism spectrum;

AND WHEREAS ASD changes over time – in its expressions, challenges and delights; Ontario must be prepared to support children, youth and adults within the context of development, learning, family and community. Supportive, understanding and inclusive communities ensure that each person with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians must support the individual needs of a person with ASD throughout their lifespan using evidence-based treatment and intervention, while remembering that developmental trajectories are constantly changing;

AND WHEREAS the supports and services for adults on the spectrum are inadequate and fragmented and fail to address needs across entire lifespans;

AND WHEREAS school boards are expecting an influx of about 1,000 students with autism as families lose funding, leaving educators unequipped with the resources required to provide specialized care and a higher level of assistance for children with special needs;

AND WHEREAS funding will not address the critical need for assistance for families not only in their younger years, but after the age of 18;

AND WHEREAS the changes which will come into effect April 1 will mean the thousands of families currently receiving services could see drastic cutbacks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills formally requests the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services suspend implementation of its proposed plan and continue to identify and advocate for a sustainable funding plan for families with individuals with ASD to ensure adequate resources for Applied Behavioural Analysis and needed therapies and further;

AND FURTHER THAT the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services work collaboratively with families, community partners and stakeholders to develop a funding plan which will guarantee every person with ASD has access to funding, specialized programming and service providers further;

AND FURTHER THAT children currently enrolled in Autism programming continue to receive services and further;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clinical Expert Committee be reassembled to provide advice and feedback and further;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Minister Fedeli, local Members of Provincial Parliament, Region of Halton Council, Chairs of the respective school boards in Halton Region and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Halton Region, Town of Milton, City of Burlington and Town of Oakville, Leaders of the Opposition Party and the Green Party and Autism Ontario.

Recorded Vote:

In Favour : Mayor Bonnette, Councillor Lawlor, Councillor Fogal, Councillor Hurst, Councillor Inglis, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Farrow-Reed, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Somerville, Councillor Brown, Councillor Albano

Opposed: NIL

MOTION CARRIED

15.3 Motion regarding Provincial Cutbacks to Funding for Conservation Authorities.

Resolution No. 2019-0090

Moved by: Councillor M. Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities (CAs) have a mandate to prevent, mitigate and forecast flooding within their respective watersheds;

AND WHEREAS Provincial funding (transfer payments) have traditionally been provided to assist CAs with addressing their core mandate, namely flood forecasting and hazard area management;

AND WHEREAS impacts (decreases) to CA budgets regarding flood forecasting would result in an increase risk to members of the public associated with property damage, personal injury and possibly, loss of life;

AND WHEREAS CAs sources of funding have been a combination of the Province and municipalities within their watersheds;

AND WHEREAS Provincial transfer payments have been reduced by 50% for 2019, after CA's budgets have already been approved;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities would be forced to assume the costs of replacing the money removed from provincial transfer payments to CAs;

AND WHEREAS municipal budgets have been impacted in the past from downloading provincial services onto the property tax base creating an additional burden to property taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Halton would see a loss of \$145,000 that would transfer to the Municipal (Regional) levy and result in a 1.5% increase in its budget request from its watershed funding Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Credit Valley Conservation Authority would see a loss of \$90,000 that would transfer to the Municipal (Regional) levy and result in a 0.5% increase in its budget request from its watershed funding Municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Rick Bonnette, write to the Minister of Natural Resources to express Council's concerns related to the loss of provincial funding, the downloading of additional burden onto the property taxpayer and request that this decision be reversed;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of his letter and this resolution be provided to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Honourable Rod Phillips, the Minister of the Environment, and to the Towns of Milton and Oakville, the City of Burlington and the Region of Halton and all Halton MPPs and MPs.

CARRIED

15.4 Motion regarding Committee Appointments

Resolution No. 2019-0091

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills approves the Mayoral Appointments to the following Committees:

Town of Halton Hills
Tourism Advisory Committee
Councillor Ann Lawlor

Region of Halton
Halton Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
Councillor Michael Albano

CARRIED

16. ADVANCE NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

17. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2019-0092

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT the General Information Package dated May 6, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

18. MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

NIL

19. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2019-0093

Moved by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

Seconded by: Councillor T. Brown

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. 2019-0021

A By-law to provide for the levy and collection of rates or levies required for the Town of Halton Hills for the year 2019 and to provide for the mailing of notices for the payment of taxes.

BY-LAW NO. 2019-0022

A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.

BY-LAW NO. 2019-0023

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 6th day of May, 2019 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

20. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2019-0094

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor B. Lewis

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

Suzanne Jones, CLERK

APPENDIX A



PUBLIC MEETING-2019-0004

Destination Downtown Secondary Plan

Minutes of the Public Meeting Committee held on Monday, May 6, 2019, 7:33 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Town of Halton Hills, Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills.

Councillor C. Somerville chaired the meeting.

Councillor C. Somerville advised the following:

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to inform and consult with the public, and to provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions or to express views with respect to the Draft Official Plan Amendment (Secondary Plan) and Urban Design Guidelines to Downtown Georgetown. The Councillors are here to observe and listen to your comments; however, they will not make any decisions this evening.

As the Chair, I am informing you that when Council makes a decision regarding whether or not to adopt this Official Plan Amendment, if adopted, it will be forwarded to the Region of Halton for approval. Should you disagree with the decision of the Region of Halton, the Planning Act provides you with an opportunity to appeal the decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

Please note that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Halton to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. In addition, if a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or submit written comments to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so. You may wish to talk to Town staff regarding further information on the appeal process.

The Planning Act requires that a Statutory Public Meeting be held for a proposal to amend the Official Plan.

The format of this Public Meeting is as follows:

- The Town's consultant will give a presentation explaining the purpose and details of the proposed Secondary Plan and Urban Design Guidelines;
- Next, the public can obtain clarification, ask questions and express their views on the proposal.

The Town's consultants and staff will attempt to answer questions or respond to concerns this evening. If this is not possible, staff will follow up and obtain this information. Responses will be provided when this matter is brought forward and evaluated by Council at a later date.

SPECIFIC PROPOSAL

This Public Meeting involves an Official Plan amendment to put in place a Secondary Plan for Downtown Georgetown.

TOWN'S OPPORTUNITY

The Chair called upon the Town's representative, Ron Palmer of The Planning Partnership, to come forward to explain the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

R. Palmer introduced himself and his partner Donna Hinde. D. Hinde commenced the presentation by advising that they were there to inform and consult the public on the Destination Downtown Draft Secondary Plan. D. Hinde noted that notification for this Public Meeting was advertised on May 11 and May 25 in the Georgetown Independent and Free Press; written notice was delivered to properties in the Downtown Study Area and within 120 metres of the Downtown Area; written notice was also delivered to the project notification list and the meeting was advertised on the Town's website.

D. Hinde noted that the study is at Phase 6, the final phase of the six phase process for developing the Secondary Plan. The Purpose of the study is to develop a clear vision and detailed planning framework (land use and built form) for Downtown Georgetown for the next 20-25 years (2041 planning horizon), to produce a Secondary Plan for Downtown Georgetown as a basis for evaluating the merits of future development applications, particularly intensification proposals, to ensure the heritage character and multi-faceted, mixed use function of the area is protected and to comprehensively evaluate the capacity of the area to accommodate intensification of a magnitude and scale appropriate for the area.

There have been many inputs into the process over the course of the past year and half, parking and mobility, natural environment, built heritage and cultural resources, municipal servicing, market analysis, land use, urban design and policy. Everyone has worked very hard at public engagement with three separate events; Downtown

Visioning Exercise on February 20, 2018, Design Summit on April 4, 2018 and a Workshop on May 24, 2018. They have met with the steering committee, the technical advisory committee and have held one on one meetings, three council presentations and hosted on line surveys through the course of the year.

The vision statement is that Downtown Georgetown is a vibrant destination that serves the residents of Georgetown and Halton Hills and draws visitors from all corners of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area.

Development will build on the rich natural and cultural heritage that makes Downtown Georgetown unique and so cherished by all who live there and visit.

Through sustainable development and enhanced public realm initiatives, Downtown Georgetown will continue to grow and offer an increasingly diverse range of places to live, work, shop, be entertained, and enjoy community life in a setting that artfully integrates old and new development into a picturesque landscape.

Through the process seven guiding principles have been developed, the principles are:

1. Ensure new development celebrates and protects the existing built heritage character of the downtown.
2. Establish a variety of beautiful public gathering spaces to support cultural events, festivals and community life throughout the year.
3. Create vibrant, safe and comfortable pedestrian-oriented streets that enhance mobility for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers and support existing and future transit.
4. Promote a mix of uses in a variety of building forms, including a range of housing types and opportunities for retail, commercial and community uses.
5. Protect and enhance natural features while broadening opportunities for public access, enjoyment, education and stewardship.
6. Demonstrate high-quality design in new development and incorporate best practices that respect and complement the character of Downtown Georgetown and its adjacent neighbourhoods.
7. Incorporate sustainable development and construction practices to maximize resource conservation.

Four alternatives were developed through the process. All of the inputs have been used to develop the secondary plan that supports the vision and the guiding principles.

R. Palmer explained that the secondary plan is a process that includes not only planning and urban design expertise but a whole host of other professionals related to; Heritage Conservation, Mobility/Parking, Functional Servicing, Scoped Natural Heritage Assessment, Sustainability, Fiscal/Market Impact and Design Guidelines. These elements all work with us together to create the plan in its totality and will be a part of the supporting documentation once it is all completed.

The Secondary Plan is a statutory Planning document, it is the framework through which planning, development and fiscal decisions can be made by Council over the next 20-25 years. The Secondary Plan is the beginning of a strategy to manage change in Downtown Georgetown over a period of time.

Downtown Georgetown has been identified as a location within Halton Hills for intensification with growth expected to have the population double by 2031 for the Downtown area with the population going to approximately 4,000 residents by 2041. This is fiscally viable according to the marketing experts. Part of the growth will be in the non-residential component, primarily office and service commercial and retail uses that will add to the already existing uses.

Schedule B in the Secondary Plan is the Land Use Plan which illustrates the three primary land uses within the Downtown Area; Historic Main Street Area, Downtown Regeneration Area and Downtown Neighbourhood Area.

Schedule C in the Secondary Plan illustrates the built form heights of buildings, proposing low rise (1-3 storeys), mid-rise I buildings (3-6 storeys) and mid-rise II buildings (6-12 storeys). Actual heights will have to be determined through various compatibility and context tests to ensure that the character of the community is maintained and that there is no undue impact.

Schedule D in the Secondary Plan is the Active Transportation Plan that looks at transportation and mobility and refers to the guidelines. The goal is to improve pedestrian comfort and if possible incorporate bike lanes. The trails network is aspirational recognizing hurdles related to property ownership.

Appendix III to the Secondary Plan identifies the Cultural Heritage of the Downtown Area, making sure that the heritage resources are appropriately preserved and considered when any new development might happen in Downtown Georgetown.

Attached to the Secondary Plan are a set of Urban Design Guidelines that note things such as Park Hierarchy and Guidelines (Urban Square, Pocket Park, Sliver Parks and Connecting Links), Building Heights, Heritage Facades and Other Key design elements such as surface parking, in structure parking, signage and lighting.

The next steps are a recommendation report going to Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee on June 25 (tentative date) and a final recommendation Report to Council and Council Adoption of the Secondary Plan on July 8 (tentative date). The deadline to comment is May 24, 2019.

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance that have questions, require further clarification or information or wish to present their views on the proposal.

No persons came forward.

FINAL COMMENT FROM STAFF

The Chair asked if there was any further information which Town Staff or the Consultant wished to provide prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

Staff and the Consultant had no further information.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Chair declared the Public Meeting closed. Council will take no action on this proposal tonight. Staff will be reporting at a later date with a recommendation for Council’s consideration.

If you wish to receive further notification on this matter, please leave your name with Steve Burke in the foyer outside this Council Chambers, or with the Town Clerk during regular business hours. Only those persons who leave their names will be provided further notification. If you wish to speak to the proposal when it is brought before Council in the future, you must register as a delegation with the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

If you wish to make a written submission, the deadline for comment is May 24, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

_____MAYOR
Rick Bonnette

_____CLERK

APPENDIX B



PUBLIC MEETING-2019-0005

Cannabis Cultivation and Processing

Minutes of the Public Meeting Committee held on Monday, May 6, 2019, 7:56 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Town of Halton Hills, Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills.

Councillor C. Somerville chaired the meeting.

Councillor C. Somerville advised the following:

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to inform and provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions or to express views with respect to the Town's proposed policy approach to regulating cannabis cultivation and processing. The Councillors are here to observe and listen to your comments; however, they will not make any decisions this evening.

As the Chair, I am informing you that when Council makes a decision, should you disagree with that decision, the Planning Act provides you with an opportunity to appeal the decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for a hearing, subject to Tribunal validation of your appeal. Please note that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the decision is made, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Halton Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. In addition, if a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written comments to the Town of Halton Hills before the decision is made the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so. You may wish to talk to Planning staff regarding further information on the appeal process.

The Planning Act requires that at least one Public Meeting be held for each Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment proposal and that every person in attendance shall be given an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposal.

The format of this Public Meeting is as follows:

- The Town will generally explain the purpose and details of the proposed Amendments;
- Next, the applicant will present any further relevant information, following which the public can obtain clarification, ask questions and express their views on the proposal.

The applicant and staff will attempt to answer questions or respond to concerns this evening. If this is not possible, the applicant and/or staff will follow up and obtain this information. Responses will be provided when this matter is brought forward and evaluated by Council at a later date.

SPECIFIC PROPOSAL

This Public Meeting involves proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments by Town Planning Staff to amend the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, Zoning By-law 2000-0138, and By-law 2013-0070 (Site Plan Control) and to regulate cannabis cultivation and processing in Halton Hills by introducing these uses into local policy and applying development criteria and necessary approvals for proposals.

TOWN'S OPPORTUNITY

The Chair asked the Town's representative, Keith Hamilton, Planner – Policy and Nick McDonald from Meridian Planning Consultants, to come forward to explain the proposal.

K. Hamilton stated that the purpose of the public meeting is to present the Town's policy approach to regulating cannabis cultivation and processing in Halton Hills as part of the statutory requirements for town-initiated official plan and ZBL amendments and to solicit public input on the preferred policy option for cannabis cultivation and processing in Halton Hills.

K. Hamilton briefly summarized the Town's study on cannabis cultivation and processing to date. Preliminary research on cannabis production began last spring with a review of policy and operation of medical cannabis facilities and with the Cannabis Act looming on the horizon, the scope of the study broadened to include recreational cannabis production that would be governed under the Cannabis Act.

The Town retained Meridian Planning Consultants in June of 2018 to complete a background report on cannabis production and land use implications and an Interim Control By-law was passed on September 24th to prohibit any new cannabis production development for much of Halton Hills.

A background report was taken to Council on September 10th, 2018, and provided the following:

- A summary of federal regulations for cannabis and licences available under the Cannabis Act;
- An overview of potential regulatory considerations for Town policy, including odour concerns associated with production, and social considerations; and,
- A discussion on where the use(s) could be permitted within the Town and regulatory tools that could be applied, which included the Agricultural/Rural Area, General and Rural Employment Areas, and the Prestige Industrial Areas of the Premier Gateway.

The report identified options for regulation in the Halton Hills Premier Gateway Business Park, including Options for Halton Hills Premier Gateway Business Park (M7 Zone only);

- Permit as of right with special rules on facade treatment and height
- Not permit as-of-right and require re-zoning
- Permit subject to lifting of Holding provision

Similarly, the report identified options for regulation in the Halton Hills Employment areas in GT and Acton, where setbacks, re-zoning and holding provisions were considered.

Options for EMPI Zone in Georgetown and Acton and RU-EMP Zone in Mansewood;

- Permit as of right with setbacks from major roads
- Not permit as-of-right and require re-zoning
- Permit subject to lifting of Holding provision

From December 18th to January 16th an online survey was available to Halton Hills residents to gather responses on retail and production-related questions. The survey also gave residents an opportunity to provide written comments on cannabis operations in Halton Hills. Survey respondents were first asked about cultivation (growing). The majority indicated both agricultural and industrial areas were acceptable. It should be noted that it would be difficult to defend the absolute prohibition of cannabis production town-wide, and questions were structured on this basis. The option for written comments did however provide residents the opportunity to voice this opinion. Similarly, respondents felt processing operations were acceptable in both agricultural and industrial areas.

‘Agricultural’ and ‘Industrial’ areas were chosen based on the municipal policy scan completed in the research phase which indicated most municipalities were permitting medical cannabis operations in agricultural and/or industrial areas. Also we identified only agricultural and industrial areas in the background report.

Another question in the survey asked where setbacks would be important from a cultivation and/or processing operation. The most common responses related to youth:

schools, daycares, youth-oriented facilities; with residences also common. Those who answered 'Other' for this question were given the opportunity to clarify through written response. The most common responses were green spaces/environmentally sensitive areas and commercial areas, while other responses included churches, other agricultural operations and addiction/mental health services. Also of note is that several responses advocated for outright prohibition.

The majority of respondents indicated they had no concerns with permitting cultivation and processing operations. Those who answered 'Yes' to this question were given the opportunity to clarify through written response. Of the 107 written responses provided, the most common responses advocated for outright prohibition, cited crime-related concerns, or cited concerns over odour from production. Other, less frequent responses included concerns related to surrounding property values, substance abuse, and youth access to cannabis.

A ranking question was also included in the survey, where four themes were ranked with 1 being most important and 4 being the least. Results showed that the potential for economic benefit being the most important and threat to public safety being the least. These themes were selected based on prior research on cannabis operations and comments made by residents in the early stages of the study.

The next question asked if cannabis operations should be a part of the Town's economic development efforts, over two thirds of respondents agreed it should be. All those who answered this question were given the opportunity to provide more information through written response.

For all those who answered 'Yes', 200 chose to provide a written response. General economic benefit was the most common theme among these responses, followed by job creation, tax revenue, and business attraction. Tourism and the potential expansion/diversification of existing businesses were also noted. For all those who answered 'No', 86 chose to provide a written response. Most common among these responses was the belief that the Town should pursue the expansion of other businesses, while some saw no economic benefit, and others noted concern over perception of Halton Hills. Some noted concerns related to substance abuse while others were concerned over potential impacts on other uses.

The final question on the survey provided respondents the opportunity to add general written comments. In total, 177 respondents chose to provide a written response. While many focused on retail, others took the time to comment on production.

The agencies were circulated the directions report for comment in mid-April. To date four agencies have responded with more expected in the coming weeks. Noted concerns include a request for case by case evaluation in the urban areas and larger setbacks. Additionally, Town staff have been working with NEC staff to identify how proposals would be evaluated in the NEPA. An analysis of agency/stakeholder comments will be provided in the recommendation report.

The first option for consideration, Option A would require all proposals for cannabis cultivation and processing to go through a site specific rezoning. This would first require a Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment to introduce criteria for permitting operations in the Agricultural/Rural Areas and Employment Areas. This criteria would include among other things, a Zoning by-law amendment application and Site Plan Application. Rezoning guarantees public consultation and agency circulation. The issues of impacts on surrounding land uses would be properly assessed through the submission of studies and plans. Site Plan Approval, as a complement, forces the developer to adhere to a Town-approved site design established in the rezoning process.

The second option for consideration, Option B implies the same policies for the Agricultural/Rural Areas as outlined in Option A. This option takes a different approach in the Employment Areas where cultivation and processing would be permitted as-of-right, subject to a Site Plan Application and setbacks from sensitive land uses. Site Plan Approval ensures proposals would still go through Pre-Consultation and circulated to applicable agencies for comment. The application also provides these agencies to impose conditions for development that the applicant must satisfy, subject to securities held by the Town.

The third option for consideration, Option C would permit cultivation and processing as-of-right in Agricultural/Rural Areas and Employment Areas, where a Site Plan Application would still be required, and setbacks from sensitive land uses still applicable. Evaluation for all proposals would be limited to the Town's Pre-Consultation process.

In developing the options put forward today it was important that a process be established requiring, at minimum, setbacks from sensitive land uses and the requirement to come through Pre-Consultation.

All options would impose setbacks of 150m from arenas, community centres, day nurseries, dwellings, long-term care facilities, parks, places of worship, retirement homes, schools and trade and convention centres, which are not seen to be compatible with production and should have some separation. The selection of uses is based on consultant research and public and agency/stakeholder consultation.

Outdoor-only cultivation was given separate consideration as part of this study, given it's similarity to other crop production. As outdoor cannabis cultivation operations would be much different from indoor ones in terms of the infrastructure required, the use had to be evaluated differently. In the absence of cultivation buildings, rezoning and Site Plan Approval requirements would be difficult to justify.

However, it is also understood through current regulations that security requirements of physical barriers around the site and monitoring at site access points would still be required. Given the presence of this infrastructure it is staff recommendation that a 50m setback from lot lines for this use be imposed. This would be addressed separately in OPA and ZBAs.

The preferred option of Option B, would require a Town-initiated amendment to the Official Plan to establish criteria for cannabis cultivation and processing including:

- Requirement for rezoning, Site Plan Approval, and setbacks in the Agricultural/Rural Area
- Requirement for Site Plan Approval and setbacks in the Employment and Prestige Industrial Areas

An amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law to:

- Define terms related to the six licences available under the Cannabis Act as outlined in the draft ZBL attached to the report
- Create parking standards for cannabis production uses
- Permit in Employment and Rural Employment (Mansewood) zones subject to setbacks
- Permit outdoor cultivation in the PC and AG areas, subject to a setback
- Permit all other activities in the Rural Employment zone, subject to setbacks

A similar Amendment would be required to Zoning By-law 2000-0138 which regulates uses in the Premier Gateway. Additionally an amendment to the Site Plan Control By-law (2013-0070) would be required so that buildings for cannabis cultivation in the Agricultural/Rural Area would not be exempt from Site Plan Approval. Currently the By-law states buildings for agricultural purposes are exempt.

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance that have questions, require further clarification or information or wish to present their views on the proposal.

The following persons came forward:

Daniel Querques of 9 Salmon Way, Acton

D. Querques stated that he has concerns with the proposed setbacks.

D. Querques provided a written submission that was given to planning staff.

FINAL COMMENT FROM STAFF

The Chair asked if there was any further information which Town Staff or the Consultant wished to provide prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

Staff and the Consultant had no further information.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Chair declared the Public Meeting closed. Council will take no action on this proposal tonight. Staff will be reporting at a later date with a recommendation for Council's consideration.

If you wish to receive further notification of this proposal, please leave your name and contact information with Mr. Hamilton in the foyer outside this Council Chamber, or with the Town Clerk during regular business hours. Only those persons who leave their names and contact information will be provided further notification. If you wish to speak to the proposal when it is brought before Council in the future, you must register as a delegation with the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

If you wish to make a written submission the deadline for comment is May 27, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

_____MAYOR
Rick Bonnette

_____CLERK
Suzanne Jones