



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: Request that Halton create a Growth Option for the years 2031 to 2051 that accommodates growth within the 2031 urban boundary

Date: April 12, 2021

Moved by: _____
Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: _____
Councillor M. Johnson

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS Phase 2 of Halton's Regional Official Plan Review is underway and involves research, technical analysis and community engagement around key themes including Climate Change, Natural Heritage System, and Agriculture;

AND WHEREAS a Climate Emergency was declared in 2019 by all local municipalities in Halton (Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville) and the Region of Halton;

AND WHEREAS Halton Regional Council has expressed strong concern about loss of prime agriculture land and negative impacts that growth beyond the existing settlement area boundary will have on future food security;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has increased awareness of the loss of security our society suffers when we allow ourselves to become dependent on other countries for essentials;

AND WHEREAS accommodating growth through 2051 within the existing settlement area boundary is the most impactful strategy to address future greenhouse gas emissions generated in Halton;

AND WHEREAS the Growth Concepts Discussion Paper profiles four Growth Concepts based on 'Local Plans and Priorities' as well as an evaluation of the four Growth Concepts and their supporting technical analysis work;

AND WHEREAS the technical analysis associated with Concept 3 of the Growth Concepts Discussion Paper has demonstrated that all population growth and a considerable proportion of employment growth to 2051 could be accommodated within the existing settlement area boundary;

AND WHEREAS a greater proportion of employment growth can be accommodated in the existing settlement area boundary if Mixed Use is used to model land use for employment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Halton Region be requested to develop and add to the public consultation work an analysis that builds on Concept 3 and proposes to accommodate growth to 2051 based on no expansion of the existing Halton urban area boundaries;

AND FURTHER THAT Halton Region be requested to provide an assessment of the relative impact on greenhouse gas emissions that would reasonably be expected to be associated with each of the Growth Concepts;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario undertake a comprehensive study of the Ontario Agricultural System to determine which farmlands are important to the on-going health and prosperity of agricultural system and should not be converted to urban uses during the current planning horizon of 2051.

AND FURTHER THAT Halton Hills communicate this Resolution to the public, and other Halton municipalities, Halton MPP's and MP's, Ontario Federation of Agriculture and Halton Federation of Agriculture.

Mayor Rick Bonnette