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Halton Hills Public Library Board

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Zoom Videoconference

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Lisa Caissie, Larry Hawes, Matt Kindbom, Ann Lawlor, Keith Medenblik (Chair),
Joanna Meler, James Schumacker, Tamara Smith, Marilyn Willis

Staff Present: Barb Elliott (Recorder), Clare Hanman, Beverley King, Mary Querques,
Melanie Southern

Regrets: Betsy Cosper, Ted Brown

1.0 Declaration of Quorum

- K. Medenblik declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Kindbom

That the agenda be approved.

Seconded by T. Smith

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CARRIED

3.0 Declaration of pecuniary interest

- None declared

4.0 Minutes

4.1 April 14, 2021

4.2 In Camera April 14, 2021

Moved by M. Willis

That the Minutes and In Camera Minutes of April 14,
2021 be approved as revised.

Seconded by L. Caissie

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CARRIED

5.0 Consent Agenda

5.1 Independent article (Apr. 22, 2021) re: "New Library Program Encourages..."

5.2 Independent article (Apr. 22, 2012) re: "Library Elects New Board Chair..."

The consent agenda was approved concurrently with the agenda.

6.0 Correspondence

- None

7.0 Business Arising

7.1 Annual Giving Campaign Update

- M. Willis reported that the Advocacy Committee met on April 26 to review their Terms of Reference and discuss next steps. It was noted that the Advocacy presentation will be revised, and the development of a dedicated webpage is under consideration.
- The minutes will be shared with the Board at the June meeting.
- The Advocacy Committee will meet again on June 9.

7.2 Report No. LBD-2021-025 re: Fine Free Implications

- M. Southern presented Report No. LBD-2021-025 as information and to obtain feedback about the implications of moving to a Fine Free system.
- M. Southern discussed that while a move to Fine Free would impact the budget, it was important to note that fine revenues have been steadily decreasing since 2013, and that less than the budgeted \$38,000 (1% of total operating budget) was collected in 2019. This trend is also being experienced by other libraries and is expected to continue due to the increased use of electronic materials that do not accrue fines.
- It was also discussed that without fines, a material recovery model, or accountability mechanism, would need to be instituted to ensure that materials are returned to the library in a timely manner.
- As the current fines-free period, introduced due to the pandemic and stay-at-home restrictions, ends on September 30, the Board considered several approaches for the reintroduction of fines at that time. The consensus was to re-activate fines on October 1.
- Staff will bring forward reports at the next meeting to outline the process for reactivating fines, material recovery model scenario, and the suggested process if HHPL were a move toward a Fine Free system.

8.0 Council Update

- A. Lawlor reported:
 - The Town's year-end financial information for 2020 is being reviewed.
 - The designation report about the Methodist Church, now the Helson Gallery and Library Local History Room/Archives, has been updated with additional information and A. Lawlor suggested that staff may wish to review the updated document.
 - The Cultural Centre/Georgetown Branch courtyard plaza opening is being tentatively planned for June.

9.0 Friends of the Library Update

- J. Meler reported that the Friends of the Library brochure and banner have been finalized and are now aligned with the new webpage on the HHPL website. Staff will investigate if the Friends page can have a higher prominence in the website's menu structure.

10.0 Community Connections Update

- None

11.0 Financial Report**11.1 Month End Report (April)**

- M. Southern reported that spending is very close to target with 72.9% of the budget remaining and that current staffing gaps are being addressed.

Moved by T. Smith

That the Month End Report be received.

Seconded by J. Meler

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CARRIED

12.0 New Business**12.1 Presentations/Delegations – None****12.2 Report No. LBD-2021-022 re: Board Policy Review (1st review)**

- M. Southern presented Report No. LBD-2021-022 for first review and comment, detailing suggested revisions to the Board's circulation-related policies that would reflect changes in legislation, modifications requested by staff, housekeeping fixes and current best practices in public libraries.
- Highlighted changes:
 - Operational Policies: Removal of operations-related procedures, clarification of membership types and eligibility, and a number of housekeeping items were suggested. This policy to be renamed Borrowing Policy.
 - Fines and Charges Policy: Renamed to Fines and Fees Policy. Updated to clarify language, remove operational details, and to reflect best practices.
 - Confidentiality and Retention of Patron Information: Renamed to Privacy Policy to reflect current practices and align with the Borrowing Policy.
 - Appendix 1-Schedule of Loan Periods and Conditions: Recommended to be repealed due to the complexity of loan rules.
 - Appendix 3-Replacement Charges: Recommended to be repealed as fees for lost and damaged items are based on the original list price or when not available, vendor default pricing.
 - Appendix 2-Schedule of Fines and Charges: Renamed to Appendix 1-Schedule of Fines and Fees to reflect the new numbered sequence with the removal of Appendix 1 Schedule of Loan Periods and Conditions. Updated to reflect best practices and remove redundancies.

- M. Southern will present the revised policies for second review and final approval at the June meeting.

12.3 Report No. LBD-2021-026 re: 2022 Budget and Business Plan Schedule

- M. Southern shared information about the Town's the 2022 Budget Process and Business Plan Schedule, and recommended that the June Board meeting be delayed by one week to provide Board members the opportunity to review and approve the draft Preliminary Operating Budget and Capital Forecast.

Moved by M. Kindbom

That Report No. LBD-2021-026 dated May 6, 2021 regarding the 2022 Budget Process and Business Plan Schedule be received for information;

AND THAT the June Board meeting be delayed by a week to Wednesday, June 16 to review and approve the submission of the draft Preliminary Operating Budget and Capital Forecast in alignment with the budget schedule.

Seconded by J. Schumacker

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CARRIED

12.4 Report No. LBD-2021-023 re: 2021 Quarter 1 Metrics Report

- M. Querques presented the Quarter 1 Metrics Report detailing how patrons used the collections during the first three months of 2021, in comparison to previous years. While pandemic-related restrictions have resulted in decreased circulation of physical materials and in-person usage, use of the online catalogue, circulation of ephemera (e.g. seeds, games, educational kits), and digital items showed a continuing upward trend.
- It was noted that program attendance statistics have decreased by approximately 40% from Q1-2020. This was primarily attributed to changes in Children's programming. At the beginning of the emergency closure (March 2020), daily programs were offered that did not require registration. Currently, many of the online storytime and other children's programs have returned to being held weekly and require registration, which limits enrolment.
- Social media engagement has continued to improve with an increase of over 50% when compared to the first quarter of 2020.

12.5 Report No. LBD-2021-027 re: Q1 Work Plan Update

- M. Southern provided an update on the status of initiatives launched during the first quarter and noted that all items are progressing on schedule.
- It was noted that the library is working closely with the Town to develop a webpage that will provide information for residents who are new to Halton Hills, as well as residents who are newcomers to Canada.



**HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 16, 2021

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday,
June 16, 2021 at 3:31 p.m. Via Zoom.

Members Present: Councillor M. Johnson, Chair, M. Rowe, B. Cosper, R. Denny,
L. Quinlan, G. Miller, A. Walker, S. Frick

Regrets: Councillor T. Brown, C. Donaldson

Staff Present L. Loney, Senior Heritage Planner, K. Robins, Summer Student,
L. Bateson, Administrative Coordinator, B. Parker, Director of
Planning Policy, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Johnson, Chair opened the meeting and introduced herself to the committee.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures declared.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0017

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on
May 19, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Georgetown Lawn Bowling (29 Edith Street) - Research for Designation

The Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club has approached the Committee about designating the Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club, located at 29 Edith Street, Georgetown. M. Row and K. Robins will be working on the report.

4.b Ongoing Project Updates

1. 12428 Kirkpatrick Lane - Research and Evaluation

K. Robins has visited 12428 Kirkpatrick Lane and spoken with the owner. K. Robins photographed the exterior of the property and received interior photographs from the owner, she has prepared the report template, researched the land registry records and noted the architectural details.

2. Barn Inventory Project

K. Robins provided the committee with an update on the Barn Inventory Project. K. Robins set out letters to 95 properties and received 5 responses and as able to photograph those properties, research them and add them to the inventory.

3. Craiglea House - Update on Online Presentation and Background Work

L. Quinan provided an update on the Craiglea House Online presentation and background work. L. Quinlan has arranged a meeting with the property owners for this Friday. The background on the property has already been done, next steps will be to get updated photos and start to pull everything together.

4.c Williams Mill - Online Presentation

K. Robins has finalized and updated the PowerPoint. A. Walker will be doing the voiceover for the presentation and once completed it will be circulated to the committee before being posted on the website.

4.d Cultural Heritage Master Plan Launch

L. Loney advised that the kick-off meeting for the Cultural Heritage Master Plan will be held on June 28. The steering committee will be looking for a representative and alternate from Heritage Halton Hills.

The committee discussed and selected Mark Rowe and Ray Denny as the representative and alternate.

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0018

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee select Mark Rowe and Ray Denny as their representatives on the Cultural Heritage Master Plan Steering Committee. The representative and the alternate to be determined.

CARRIED

4.e Request to Consider Listing on the Heritage Register - 9117 Fourth Line - Sproat Farm

L. Loney advised the Esquesing Historical Society was emailed by a former resident of Sproat Farm - 9117 Fourth Line about having the property listed/designated on the Heritage Register. The property is currently owned by developers and is up for sale. At this time cannot access the property as we have not received property owner permission.

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0019

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend that staff request permission to enter the property at 9117 Fourth Line and discuss listing on the Heritage Register with the property owner.

CARRIED

4.f Heritage Property Tax Refund Application - 89 Bower Street

The Heritage Tax Refund Application for 89 Bower Street was received late however that was no fault of the applicant. Staff supports the applicant receiving the refund.

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0020

THAT Heritage Halton Hills approve the Heritage Property Tax Refund application for 89 Bower Street (Syndicate Housing HCD).

CARRIED

4.g Speyside Royal Oak - Missing Designation Plaque

L. Loney advised that the Speyside Royal Oak Designation Plaque has gone missing, unaware of when it went missing. Staff recommend that the plaque be replaced with a faux bronze plaque.

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0021

THAT Heritage Halton Hills approve the purchase of a replacement designation plaque for the property at 11445 Regional Road 25.

CARRIED

4.h Ontario Heritage Act Update

L. Loney advised that Bill 108 - Updates to the Ontario Heritage Act, consists of mainly technical amendments and does not affect the committee directly. Implementation of Bill 108 has been delayed until July 2021. L. Loney will be submitting a report to Council regarding comments on the Draft Tool Kit and will circulate that report to the committee for information only.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**5.a History Podcast**

S. Frick provided the committee with an update on the History Podcast. The committee was approached by Canadian History Ehx Podcast to do an episode for Halton Hills. The podcaster does 15 minute long podcasts on the history of Towns and Communities, the charge for these podcasts is \$250 and the podcaster will do his own research with minimal involvement from the committee. The podcaster has done many of these and the quality is good.

Recommendation No.HHH-2021-0022

THAT Heritage Halton Hills approve the payment of \$250.00 plus HST for the Canadian History Ehx Podcast episode for Halton Hills and that the Promotion & Public Outreach Subcommittee update the committee upon the completion of the project.

CARRIED

6. CLOSED SESSION

Committee reconvened into Open Session at 4:21 p.m.

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0023

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee convene into Closed Session to address a Confidential Verbal Update by L. Loney regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (Heritage Property)

CARRIED

Committee convened into Closed Session at 4:27 p.m.

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0024

THAT the Heritage Halton Hills Committee do now reconvene this meeting into Open Session.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. HHH-2021-0025

THAT the Confidential Verbal Update by L. Loney regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Heritage Property) be received for information.

CARRIED

7. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

June 4, 2021

VIA RESS AND EMAIL

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas)
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File No.: EB-2021-0149
2020 Utility Earnings and 2019 Utility Earnings and Disposition of Deferral &
Variance Account Balances Application and Evidence**

Effective January 1, 2019, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“EGD”) and Union Gas Limited (“Union”) amalgamated to become Enbridge Gas Inc. (“Enbridge Gas”). Enclosed is the application and evidence submitted by Enbridge Gas addressing 2020 utility earnings and the disposition and recovery of certain 2020 deferral and variance account balances (the “Application”) for all Enbridge Gas rate zones (EGD, Union North and Union South) and for Enbridge Gas.

The Application is supported by evidence which is outlined below:

Exhibit A: Overview and Introduction

Exhibit B: Utility Results and Earnings Sharing

Exhibit C: Enbridge Gas Deferral and Variance Accounts

Exhibit D: EGD Rate Zone Deferral and Variance Accounts

Exhibit E: Union Rate Zones Deferral and Variance Accounts

Exhibit F: Rate Allocation

Exhibit G: OEB Scorecard

Enbridge Gas proposes to dispose of the approved 2020 deferral and variance account balances with the first QRAM application following the OEB’s approval, which is assumed to be October 1, 2021.

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In accordance with the OEB's revised Practice Direction on Confidential Filings effective February 17, 2021, sensitive information has been redacted from the following exhibit:

- Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 6

The confidential Exhibit is being sent separately via email to the OEB.

The above noted submission has been filed electronically through the OEB's RESS and will be made available on Enbridge Gas's website at:

<https://www.enbridgegas.com/Regulatory-Proceedings>

In the event that you have any questions on the above or would like to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

Joel Denomy
Technical Manager, Regulatory Applications

cc.: D. Stevens (Aird & Berlis)

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

**Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to dispose of
the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.**

Learn More. Have your say.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer of Enbridge Gas Inc. will see the following one-time billing adjustment, effective October 1, 2021:

Residential Customer Bill Impacts

Rate Classes	One-time billing adjustment, effective October 1, 2021
Enbridge Gas Distribution Rate 1	\$ 5.30 (Credit)
Union Gas South Rate M1	\$ 7.97 (Charge)
Union Gas North West Rate 01	\$ 30.08 (Credit)
Union Gas North East Rate 01	\$ 7.26 (Charge)

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

Enbridge Gas Inc. is required to share with customers any earnings that are 150 basis points over the OEB-approved return on equity. Enbridge Gas Inc. says that its 2020 earnings were below the 150 basis point threshold and as a result it is not proposing to share any earnings with customers.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will review Enbridge Gas's 2020 earnings and the deferral account balances that are requested for disposition. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Enbridge Gas's request to dispose of the deferral account balances.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Enbridge Gas's application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas's request. Apply by **July 9, 2021** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#) and only in relation to the following:

1) The review of the following deferral and variance accounts:

EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) Accounts

- Storage and Transportation Deferral Account
- Transactional Services Deferral Account
- Unaccounted-For Gas Variance Account
- Average Use True-Up Variance Account
- Deferred Rebate Account
- Transition Impact of Accounting Charges Deferral Account
- Ontario Energy Board Cost Assessment Variance Account
- Dawn Access Costs Deferral Account

Union Rate Zones (former Union Gas Limited) Accounts

- Upstream Transportation Optimization Deferral Account
- Unabsorbed Demand Costs Variance Account
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account - Supply
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account – Transport
- Base Service North T-Service TransCanada Capacity Deferral Account
- Short-Term Storage and Other Balancing Services Deferral Account
- Normalized Average Consumption Deferral Account
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account

- Ontario Energy Board Cost Assessment Variance Account
- Parkway West Project Costs Deferral Account
- Lobo C Compressor/Hamilton-Milton Pipeline Project Costs Deferral Account
- Lobo D/Bright C/Dawn H Compressor Project Costs Deferral Account
- Panhandle Reinforcement Project Costs Deferral Account
- Pension and OPEB Forecast Accrual vs. Actual Cash Payment Differential Variance Account
- Unaccounted for Gas Price Variance Account

Enbridge Gas Inc. Accounts

- Earnings Sharing Deferral Account
- Tax Variance Deferral Account
- Accounting Policy Changes Deferral Account

2) The review of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2020 earnings, earnings sharing calculations and the 2020 Performance Scorecard.

3) The review of the methodology for disposing and allocating the deferral and variance account balances.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Enbridge Gas's distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0149**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0149** or select it from the list of file numbers on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **July 9, 2021**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



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June 10, 2021

In This Issue

- Two dates and limited space for *Human Rights and Equity* training.
- Limited seats available for *Leading Through Crisis* training.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- Save the date - 2021 Risk Management Symposium.
- Latest blog: Group Benefits Program.
- Canoe believe it's all across Canada?
- Choose LED lighting for energy savings!
- Energy Training made simple!
- Energy Reporting deadline - in the home stretch.
- IESO engagement on gas phase-out impact assessment.
- Coordinating municipal responses to Enbridge's 6 Year Natural Gas DSM plan.
- Careers: AMO, MGCS, Brant County, MCCSS and London.

Eye on Events

The necessity to honestly and transparently face the issues of human rights, diversity, equity and inclusion should be a top priority of all councils. AMO has developed training to help members better understand these important and complex issues along with their roles and obligations. AMO has added a second date for this in demand training. Join us June 24 or September 9 for this important session.

AMO and the Loomex Group are offering training that provides tools for elected officials to build resilience and strength in providing leadership through and beyond COVID-19. *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience* training is now also being offered on June 17, 2021. This important training has limited capacity, register today.

4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering JHSC online training at member preferred pricing. Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

The 2021 Risk Management Symposium is going virtual. Walk away empowered with knowledge on climate change - gain tools to identify potential environmental risks in your municipality along with insights in beautifying your communities. Save the Date: October 5 and 6, 2021.

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you'll be glad you did.

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With more than 300 attendees and over 54 energy workshops, our [Energy Training](#) programs empower municipal staff to build a culture of conversation. Led by Stephen Dixon these workshops have significantly contributed to lower energy consumption and facility operating costs. Make an impact - contact [Christian Tham](#) to book a session for the fall.

Annual energy reports under [O. Reg. 507/18](#) are due to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on July 1, 2021. Have you [logged in to their portal](#) and submitted your 2019 consumption values? The final Ministry information [webinar](#) will be held on June 23. Questions, email BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

Municipal Wire*

Phasing out gas generation is being discussed among municipalities. Register for the [IESO's June 24 webinar](#) as they seek input on the scope of an assessment around possible impacts to the electricity system. For more information, contact engagement@ieso.ca.

A virtual, [interactive workshop on June 23, 2021](#), from 10-11:30 (EDT) is being held with municipalities across Ontario to inform, coordinate opportunities and educate on the OEB natural gas DSM process.

Careers

[Administrative Assistant - AMO](#). Working in a dynamic work environment in the AMO Policy Centre, the administrative assistant must provide accurate and efficient administrative support to a group of policy professionals. It is vital that the individual have superior materials preparation, scheduling and meeting organizational skills and experience. Please apply in confidence by June 18, 2021, 12 noon by email to: careers@amo.on.ca.

[Senior Policy Advisor - Ministry of Government & Consumer Services](#). Division: Information, Privacy and Archives Division. Additional Information: 4 Temporary, duration up to 12 months (with possibility of extension). Location: Toronto, Toronto Region. Please apply online, only, by Thursday, June 17, 2021, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#) and entering Job ID 164704 in the Job ID search field. Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

[Arts, Culture & Heritage Officer - County of Brant](#). Reports to: Director, Economic Development & Tourism. Location: Initial Placement - Wincey Mills Paris. Please visit County of Brant [Current Employment Opportunities](#) to apply for this opportunity. The application deadline is: Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

[Senior Policy Advisor - Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services](#). Location: Toronto. Additional information: 2 Temporary, duration up to 18 months, 315 Front St. W., Toronto, Toronto Region. Note: The information that you provide for the purpose of this competition and the results from this competition may be used to fill other positions. Please apply online, only, by Wednesday, June 23, 2021, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#) and entering Job ID 164854 in the Job ID search field. Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

Black Community Liaison Advisor - City of London. As an effective leader with an ability to engage others, the Black Community Liaison Advisor works to develop and strengthen the City’s relationship with Black and racialized people, and representative organizations in our community. For a complete job description and to apply on-line, please visit the City of London website. Closing Date for Applications: Sunday, June 27, 2021

Equity and Inclusion Advisor - City of London. The City of London is committed to eradicating racism and oppression in our community and to creating a work environment that is truly reflective of the communities we serve. The Equity and Inclusion Advisor will play a key leadership role in helping us to become the inclusive workplace we envision. For a complete job description and to apply on-line, please visit the City of London website. Closing Date for Applications: Sunday, June 27, 2021.

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- Ontario launches applications for Seniors Community Grant.
- Roadmap to Recovery - Summer Camps webinar.
- AMO's outstanding program for 2021 Conference.
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- Reopening Ontario: OHS and *Employment Standards Act* requirements.
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The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is hosting an online information session to answer questions and explain responsibilities related to the Camps Campaign on June 23 at 3 pm.

Eye on Events

From broadband to policing, long-term care and conservation authorities, women's leadership, economic recovery, the impacts of climate change, bias, inclusion and mental health, AMO's 2021 program has it all. Register today!

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Has it been two years already? Our biennial Risk Management Symposium is virtual this year on October 5 and 6. (em)Powering Change - Climate resiliency for a better tomorrow. Registration is now open.

AMO's Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) partner, 4S Consulting Services, is

hosting a virtual roundtable with Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer, government, and industry specialists to provide guidance for employers on reopening workplaces safely. [Register for the event](#) held on June 24 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am ET.

4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering [JHSC online training](#) at member [preferred pricing](#). Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

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Annual energy reports under [O. Reg. 507/18](#) are due to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on July 1, 2021. Have you [logged in to their portal](#) and submitted your 2019 consumption values? The final Ministry information [webinar](#) will be held on June 23. Questions, email BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

Municipal Wire*

Phasing out gas generation is being discussed among municipalities. Register for the [IESO's June 24 webinar](#) as they seek input on the scope of an assessment around possible impacts to the electricity system. For more information, contact engagement@ieso.ca.

Careers

[Administrative Assistant - AMO](#). Working in a dynamic work environment in the AMO Policy Centre, the administrative assistant must provide accurate and efficient administrative support to a group of policy professionals. It is vital that the individual have superior materials preparation, scheduling and meeting organizational skills and experience. Please apply in confidence by June 18, 2021, 12 noon by email to: careers@amo.on.ca.

[Manager, Realty Services - City of Kitchener](#). The Manager, Realty Services is responsible for the coordination of land strategies in support of the City's corporate objectives and overseeing a full suite of realty services that support City operations, including negotiation, appraisal and valuation for land acquisition and disposition, as well as license and lease management. To learn more about the position profile, visit: www.kitchener.ca/careers. Closing Date June 27, 2021.

[Executive Director - Rural Ontario Institute \(ROI\)](#). Established in 2010, ROI delivers programs that develop strong leaders who are critical voices around opportunities and key issues facing rural and northern Ontario. There is flexibility in terms of work location and a regular schedule of in-office time is required. Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and resume/CV to: [Suzanne Trivers](#), Board Chair no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

[Chief Building Official - City of Cambridge](#). Reports to: Deputy City Manager of the Community Development Department. To apply for this position, please visit [City of Cambridge Careers](#). This posting closes on Friday, July 2, 2021.

[Treasurer - Township of East Garafraxa](#). The Township offers the appeal of country living in a rural setting with an easy commute to Orangeville, the north-west GTA, the Waterloo Region and Guelph. Position reports to the CAO/Clerk. Applicants are

invited to submit a cover letter and resume, quoting file number 2021-02 by Friday, July 9, 2021 to: Township of East Garafraxa, Attention: Susan Stone, CAO, Administration Office, 065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2, East Garafraxa ON L9W 7J8.

Director of Public Services - Township of South Frontenac. Competition No.: 21-14-PS. Just a 10 minute drive north of the City of Kingston, the community offers over 75 lakes and the Rideau Canal UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Director's portfolio includes Public Works, Facilities, Waste Management and Technical/Engineering Services. Resumes and cover letters may be emailed in confidence by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 9, 2021 to: Jillian McCormick, Human Resources/Legislative Compliance Officer, Township of South Frontenac.

RFP - Digital Strategy - County of Renfrew. The County is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the development of a digital strategy. Submission requirements and the detailed terms of reference, for this RFP (RFP-IT-2021-01) may be obtained by contacting the undersigned. Submissions must be received by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) local time on Friday, July 30, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions a public tender opening will NOT be held. For further information please contact: Chris Ryn, Manager of Information Technology, 9 International, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5. Phone: 613.735.7288; Toll Free: 800.273.0183.

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June 24, 2021

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If you have already registered for the 2021 AMO Conference, thank you for your support. It's your participation in the AMO Conference that makes it a truly important annual event. The 2021 AMO conference promises to set the bar even higher than 2020 including providing you the opportunity to connect with Government, the Official Opposition and other party leaders and MPPs in a way that draws a direct line to your local priorities. For more information and to register today visit the [AMO Conference site](#).

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What are your plans this summer? We hope reading is one of them. Our LAS staff has put together a book list, which we hope will give you some ideas on what to add to

your own list.

One third of Ontario's municipalities use LAS' [Energy Planning Tool](#) to track and report energy consumption and their energy programs. [Check out this short video](#) to learn how to use EPT to generate your annual report. While you're at it, now's a great time to update your Council with the built in energy analytics.

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Careers

[General Counsel - TTC](#). The General Counsel is the senior legal advisor to the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), as well as to its subsidiaries and related organizations. The TTC is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to ensure an applicant list that has greater representation from Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, thereby reflecting Canada's diverse population. All interested applicants can send their resume to Jason Murray or Helen Mekonen by emailing hmekonen@bipocsearch.com, or can apply through the [BIPOC Executive Search mobile app](#). Closing date: July 17, 2021.

[Digital Communications Officer - Town of Ajax](#). Reporting to the Manager of Corporate Communications, the Digital Communications Officer is responsible for developing and implementing digital communications and engagement strategies to support the Town's programs, services, initiatives and corporate priorities. Applications are accepted at www.ajax.ca/careers until 11:59 p.m. on July 2, 2021.

[Fire Chief - Municipality of North Perth](#). The North Perth Fire Department is a volunteer fire department consisting of 1 full time Fire Chief and 1 full time Assistant Fire Chief. The Fire Chief directs the overall operation and administration of fire services including the delivery of fire prevention, inspections, public education, training and fire response. A detailed summary of the position responsibilities, qualifications and a complete job description are available upon request or by visiting www.northperth.ca/jobs. Applications are being accepted until 4:30 pm, July 15, 2021.

[Manager of Corporate and Community Strategic Initiatives - City of Guelph](#). The successful candidate will play an critical role in developing a culture of strategic planning and performance measurement excellence as well as supporting the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Guelph's Community Plan and the City's Corporate Strategic Plan. Qualified applicants are invited to apply using our [online application system](#) by Sunday, July 4, 2021.

[Realty Specialist - City of Guelph](#). Department: Legal, Realty & Court Services. Position reports to the Associate Solicitor, Realty Services. Qualified applicants are invited to apply using our [online application system](#) by Monday, June 28, 2021. Please note all applicants must complete the online questionnaire specific to this position at the time they submit their resume and cover letter in order to be considered.

[Administrator - County of Simcoe](#). As a valued member of Long Term Care and Seniors Services, the Administrator demonstrates a commitment to Resident Safety by providing quality care in accordance with the organization's mission and vision. Employment Status: Permanent, Full Time. Reference Code: 1321. Location: Midhurst. Closing date: July 6, 2021. To view the job description and submit your

application online, please visit [Simcoe County Career Opportunities](#).

Program Supervisor Non Profit - County of Simcoe. The Program Supervisor oversees the administration of mandated Social Housing programs and non-mandated affordable housing programs. Employment Status: Permanent, Full Time. Reference Code: 1313. Location: Midhurst. Closing Date: July 12, 2021. To view the job description and submit your application online, please visit [Simcoe County Career Opportunities](#).

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SENT VIA EMAIL (melissal@haltonhills.ca)

June 25, 2021

Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2
Attn: Melissa Lawr, Deputy Clerk – Legislation

Dear Ms. Lawr:

**RE: KINGSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT OF TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF LPAT**

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, June 14, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville supported Council of the Town of Halton Hills' Resolution passed May 25, 2021 as follows:

"386-2021

Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong

Seconded By Councillor Thomas Neufeld

That Council supports the Town of Halton Hills' Resolution No 2021-0115 RE:
Elimination of Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

CARRIED"

A copy of your correspondence is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



Jennifer Astrologo, B.H.K. (Hons), LL.B.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Legislative Services Department
jastrologo@kingsville.ca

Enclosure

June 1, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Dear Premier Ford;

Re: Elimination of LPAT

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Tuesday, May 25, 2021, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2021-0115

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario, on June 6, 2019, passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019, (Bill108);

AND WHEREAS the changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), contained in Bill 108 gives LPAT the authority to make final planning decisions based on a subjective "best planning outcome" approach rather than compliance with municipal and provincially approved official plans and consistency with provincial plans and policy;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 restricts third party appeals of plans of subdivision only to the applicant, municipality, Minister, public body or prescribed list of persons;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 takes local planning decision-making out of the hands of democratically elected municipal councils and puts it into the hands of a non-elected, unaccountable tribunal;

AND WHEREAS the LPAT adds cost and delays delivery of affordable housing by expensive, time consuming hearings, contrary to the intent of the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019;

AND WHEREAS Regional and City/Town Councils have spent millions defending provincially approved plans at the OMB/LPAT;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the short term, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis;

AND FURTHER THAT in the long term the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Small Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario and Halton's local municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2021-0115.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,

Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament
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**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.: 2021-0115

Title: Elimination of LPAT

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

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Mayor Rick Bonnette

June 18, 2021

The Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2
e-mailed to: melissal@haltonhills.ca

Re: Elimination of LPAT

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that at their June 15th, 2021 meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Addington Highlands resolved to support your resolution calling on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis in the short term and that, in the long term, the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings.

I trust you will find this letter of support satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Christine Reed

Christine Reed
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier – premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – minister@mah.ontario.ca
Daryl Kramp, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington - daryl.kramp@pc.ola.org
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario – horwatha-gp@ndp.on.ca
Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario – info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario – Mschreiner@ola.org



June 24, 2021

Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2

Dear Ms. Lawr,

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Lennox and Addington endorsed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting held June 23, 2021:

*That the June 1, 2021 - resolution re: **Elimination of LPAT** (Town of Halton Hills) be endorsed.*

CARRIED

(signed) Warden Ric Bresee

I trust that County Council's support may be beneficial in your pursuit of this matter.

Sincerely,



Tracey McKenzie
Clerk

**VIA EMAIL**

June 25, 2021

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 Tungasuvvingat Inuit
 Kevin Arjoon, City of Burlington
 Meaghen Reid, Town of Milton
 Valerie Petryniak, Town of Halton Hills
 Vicki Tytaneck, Town of Oakville

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: CA-07-21 - Indigenous Relationship Initiative Update

1. THAT as Halton Region moves forward in building and fostering reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on cultural understanding, empathy and respect, Council endorses the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
2. THAT the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement and its uses outlined in report CA-07-21, as well as permanently flying the flag of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation be endorsed to demonstrate the Region's commitment to Indigenous recognition and commemoration.
3. THAT Council approve staff working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and local First Nations to establish a Halton Indigenous Advisory Group, modelled after the Halton COVID-19 Indigenous Elder Advisory Group, to work together and support areas of mutual interest.
4. THAT a copy of Report No. CA-07-21 re: "Indigenous Relationship Initiative Update" be sent to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, Credit River Métis Council, Grand River Métis Council and Tungasuvvingat Inuit, and the Local Municipalities for their information.

Regional Municipality of Halton

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Included please find a copy of Report No. CA-07-21 for your information. Please note that the resolution adopted by Council differs from the staff recommendation in the report. Please note also that per direction of Council, "Anishinaabe" will be added to the land acknowledgement as printed on page 8 of the report.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
graham.milne@halton.ca



The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Jane MacCaskill, Chief Administrative Officer
Date:	June 16, 2021
Report No:	CA-07-21
Re:	Indigenous Relationship Initiative Update

RECOMMENDATION

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REPORT

Executive Summary

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report and Calls to Action as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) report have helped increase public consciousness about the need for all Canadians to learn

more about Indigenous history and the traumatic impact of the Residential School System, colonization and Indigenous rights, as well as highlighted the importance of building and fostering relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

- As Halton Region moves forward in recognizing the importance of building and fostering reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on cultural understanding, empathy and respect, it is recommended that Council endorse the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- While there are no specific First Nation communities located within the boundaries of Halton Region, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation were the original owners of the territory in which Halton Region sits and have Treaty lands in Halton.
- As part of Halton Region's responsibility to move forward with Truth and Reconciliation, the Region has begun building relationships with Indigenous Communities and Leadership.
- An Indigenous Relationship Building Initiative has been developed to set an overall direction to advance actions for Reconciliation and Indigenous Relationship building.
- A COVID-19 Elder Advisory Group was established to provide expertise and guidance to help inform the Region's vaccine planning for Indigenous Peoples living in Halton Region.
- Staff recommend permanently flying the flag of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Council endorsing the use of a land acknowledgment statement to demonstrate the Region's commitment to Indigenous recognition and commemoration.
- As the Region moves forward with the Indigenous Relationship Building Initiative and associated work plan, priority areas include training and building Indigenous cultural competency opportunities for staff and Regional Council commemorating and raising awareness of significant Indigenous dates and providing various means of Indigenous forms of recognition and honouring.

Background

Truth and Reconciliation Commission and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was established on June 1, 2008 with the purpose of documenting the history and lasting impacts of the Residential School System on Indigenous students and their families. It provided Residential School Survivors an opportunity to share their experiences during public and private meetings

held across the country. In June 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released a summary of its findings along with 94 "calls to action" regarding Reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples. The Calls to Action are directed to all levels of government, organizations, as well as individuals to make concrete changes in society.

On September 13, 2007, the United Nations adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which acknowledges both individual and collective rights of Indigenous Peoples around the world, principles of equality, partnership, good faith and mutual respect. The Declaration is a legally non-binding resolution with major themes focused on the rights of Indigenous Peoples:

- To self-determination
- To protect their culture through practices, languages, education, media and religion
- To their own type of governance and economic development
- To health
- The protection of sub-groups (elderly, women, and children); and
- Land rights

In 2016, Canada signed the UNDRIP. In December 2020, Bill C-15, *The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* was introduced into the House of Commons, to further bring Canadian laws into alignment with the resolution.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and 94 Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have:

- helped increase public consciousness about the need for all Canadians to learn more about the Indigenous narrative, history and the traumatic impact and legacy of the Residential School System, colonization and Indigenous rights.
- highlighted the importance of building and fostering reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on cultural understanding, empathy and respect.

There are eight Calls to Action that are addressed to various levels of government, and five that refer to municipal governments specifically. These can be found in Attachment 1 for your reference. As Halton Region moves forward in the journey to learn more about the Indigenous narrative, history and rights while recognizing the importance of building and fostering reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on cultural understanding, empathy and respect, it is recommended that Council endorse the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Definitions

Aboriginal is a collective noun and term that is no longer used among many Indigenous People within Canada. In earlier documents you will find that Aboriginal refers to First

Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples; the first inhabitants of Canada. This term came into usage in Canada when *Constitution Act, 1982*, enacted as Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982*, 1982 c.11 (UK).defined the term.

Indigenous is a collective noun and term used internationally; nationally it is used to encompass First Nation, Métis, Inuit, Non-Status and Urban Indigenous communities. It is also the term currently used by the Provincial and Federal Governments. In United Nations documentation, for example, “Indigenous” is used to refer broadly to peoples of long settlement and connection to specific lands who have been adversely affected by incursions by industrial economies, displacement, and settlement of their traditional territories by others. Indigenous is the term used in this document.

First Nation is used to describe Indigenous Peoples, Status and Non-Status and can refer to an individual Nation legally identified as a Band within Canada; A reserve-based community, or a larger grouping and the Status Indians (i.e. under the federal Indian Act) who live in them.

Métis refers to Indigenous Peoples who are of Indigenous and European. There are nine Métis Regions across Ontario. These Regions are not the same as Treaty territories, as the Métis People of Canada did not sign Treaties with the Federal Government.

Inuit refers to specific groups of people generally living in the far north of what is now Canada, but have representation across Canada.

Reconciliation refers to establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples in Canada. For this to happen, there has to be awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behaviour.

These definitions are intended to provide a consistent understanding and context for this report.

The Halton Indigenous Context

There are no specific First Nation communities located within the boundaries of Halton, however, there are Indigenous Communities around Halton which include: The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (Not elected), Métis Nation of Ontario, Credit River Métis Council and the Grand River Métis Council. In addition to that, there are a number of Indigenous People living in Halton, however, most recent 2016 census data is not a true representation of the actual population, given that Indigenous People are sometimes reluctant to provide personal information and participate in Census, as these collections of information are not supported by some communities. This sense of mistrust is in direct relation to historical experiences.

The Mississaugas of The Credit First Nation are the original Treaty and title holders of the territory in which Halton Region resides. Maps of the Treaty lands in Attachment 2 to this report for your reference.

Discussion

Work Conducted to Date

As part of Halton Region's responsibility to move forward with Truth and Reconciliation, the Region has begun building relationships with Indigenous Communities and Leadership. In order to effectively and respectfully accomplish this, Halton has engaged an Indigenous Advisor, to assist in establishing and building these relationships while also developing an Indigenous Relations Initiative for the organization.

Halton's Indigenous Advisor has worked and advocated for many Indigenous communities locally, provincially and nationally for the past 25 years. He has traveled throughout North America as a noted Indigenous artist, teacher, musician, educator, facilitator, trainer, writer, consultant and speaker. He has presented to numerous First Nations, Indigenous communities, local district school boards, colleges, universities, corporate institutions as well as several Indigenous and non-Indigenous non-profit organizations.

His experience and emphasis on the importance of engaging Indigenous People in a respectful and reciprocal way and the much needed alliance of Indigenous and non-Indigenous People in the community is a critical step forward in Halton's path of Reconciliation and in building an inclusive culture.

This year, Halton has also hired its first Indigenous relations summer student and staff are in the process of hiring an Indigenous relations intern.

Indigenous Relationship Building Initiative

Led by Halton's Indigenous Advisor and supported by the Strategic Policy & Government Relations division of the CAO's office, an Indigenous Relationship Building Initiative has been developed to set the overall direction to advance action for Reconciliation and Indigenous Relationship building.

The Initiative focuses on enhancing cultural competency and knowledge including Indigenous narrative, history and heritage as well as education on Indigenous groups and organizations around the Region. The initiative also emphasizes the importance of building and fostering relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Communities around Halton and Urban Indigenous leaders in the community.

Moving forward, in addition to building relationships, the initiative includes a comprehensive work plan which identifies additional area of work including:

- supporting departmental staff in their Indigenous engagement initiatives and outreach;
- providing guidance, expertise, tools and resources to staff on Indigenous competency, relationship building and engagement initiatives;
- developing and delivering various training opportunities for staff and Council;
- building awareness and cultural competency within the organization; and
- the identification and implementation of recognition and commemoration opportunities throughout Regional buildings and properties, including flags, art, symbols and plaques.

COVID Indigenous Elder Advisory Committee

As Halton continues to develop relationships with Indigenous Communities and People in Halton as well respond to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, in accordance with the direction from the Halton Region COVID-19 Vaccine Committee, the COVID-19 Indigenous Elder Advisory Group was established. This group has come together to inform vaccine planning for Indigenous Peoples living in Halton Region. Members of the COVID-19 Indigenous Elder Advisory Group provide valuable feedback, input, and advice on COVID-19 vaccine clinic models and approaches, identify other health and COVID-19-related issues important to Indigenous Peoples living in Halton, as well as provide roadmaps to address these issues.

The membership of the COVID-19 Indigenous Elder Advisory Group includes representatives and attendees from the following Indigenous Communities and Organizations:

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Credit River Métis Council
- Grand River Métis Council
- Tungasuvvingat Inuit
- Native Men's Residence, Toronto
- Other Local Indigenous Leaders

Individuals from Six Nations of the Grand River were also invited to participate but were not able to join at this time. This group is chaired by Halton's Indigenous Advisor and supported by staff from Strategic Policy & Government Relations as well as Business Planning & Corporate Initiatives.

To date the COVID-19 Indigenous Elder Advisory Group has identified ways to ensure Halton's COVID-19 vaccination clinics are welcoming, inclusive and support Indigenous People in Halton. This includes providing input into clinic signage, support resources, the need for transportation options and they participated in opening of one the clinics with a traditional Indigenous ceremony and blessing. Evaluations of clinic experience has been

sent out to those who have been vaccinated at Halton's clinics. Responses will be evaluated with the COVID-19 Indigenous Elder Advisory Group to determine ways to further enhance the clinic experience. Halton Region would like to thank the advisory group for their continued support and participation to help respond to the pandemic.

This advisory group model has proved to be informative and beneficial to the vaccine roll out to Indigenous People in Halton. By developing relationships and consulting those with first hand lived experience, and whom are directly impacted, has proven to be invaluable. Staff are recommending that the work of the Indigenous Elder Advisory Group continue as this model could be used to provide expertise, and guidance as Halton moves forward with the development and implementation of the Indigenous relations initiative as well as provide input into other regional projects and programs. Staff will continue to work with the Indigenous Advisory Group, to develop a terms of reference, with a focus on areas of mutual interest, and will report back to Council about their work on a regular basis.

Recognition and Commemoration

As a symbol of Halton's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, and inclusivity, as part of the initiative and work plan, various means of Indigenous recognition and commemoration will be developed and implemented.

According to Halton Region's Flag Protocol Policy, Halton Region will display the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Flag on the courtesy flagpole at Halton Regional Centre in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, as part of National Indigenous History Month. This has been agreed to by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. To demonstrate Halton's further commitment to recognition and commemoration of Indigenous People and history in Halton, staff are recommending to permanently fly the flag of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This is consistent with other municipalities, including the Town of Oakville, and will be accommodated in the modernization of the Halton Regional building, with an additional flagpole.

In addition, as part of the modernization project of the Halton Regional Centre, staff will work to source Indigenous artwork, commemorative plaques, signage and symbols to create a welcoming and inclusive environment in Regional facilities for Indigenous People.

Another way to demonstrate a commitment to recognition is through the development and use of a land acknowledgement statement, which recognizes the traditional territory of the Indigenous People who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, and in many cases still do call it home. Land acknowledgments are used by various levels of government and organizations. Within Halton, the City of Burlington and Town of Oakville use a land acknowledgment statement, and the Town of Halton Hills is in the process of developing one. It is critical that land acknowledgments are developed in consultation with Indigenous Communities, particularly those whom has treaty lands. Halton staff has worked with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to develop a land

acknowledgement for Halton Region's use, that is respectful, meaningful and inclusive, and it is as follows:

Boozhoo, She:kon , Tanshi, Greetings!

Halton Region acknowledges the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as well as the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat on which we gather.

In stewardship with Mother Earth and the enduring Indigenous presence connected to these lands we acknowledge the Indigenous Nations of the past, present and future.

In the spirit of ally-ship and mutual respect, we will take the path of Truth and Reconciliation to create change, awareness and equity as we strive to elevate the collective consciousness of society.

Miigwetch, Nia:wen, Marsi

It is recommended that the land acknowledgement be used for (in person and virtual) Council meetings, formal gatherings and meetings with dignitaries, ceremonies, large staff meetings, internal meetings where indigenous matters are discussed, and other meetings as determined by departments. In addition, it is recommended that the land acknowledgment be posted on Halton.ca and through the modernization of the Regional building, that a plaque on the grounds with it be installed. Staff recommend that Council endorse the land acknowledgment and its use.

Next Steps

The month of June is celebrated as National Indigenous History Month with June 21 recognized as National Indigenous Peoples Day. Staff are developing an internal awareness campaign to inform and educate staff on the importance of recognizing this month and encouraging them to learn more about Indigenous history and culture. Information about the month will also be communicated to the community through the Regions communication channels.

As work continues to move forward on the Indigenous Relationship Initiative and work plan, staff will also work to develop and deliver opportunities for training and education for Regional Council on Indigenous history and culture moving forward.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the Indigenous Relationship program are included in the 2021 Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Attachment 1: Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action
Attachment 2: MCFN Maps

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action for Government:

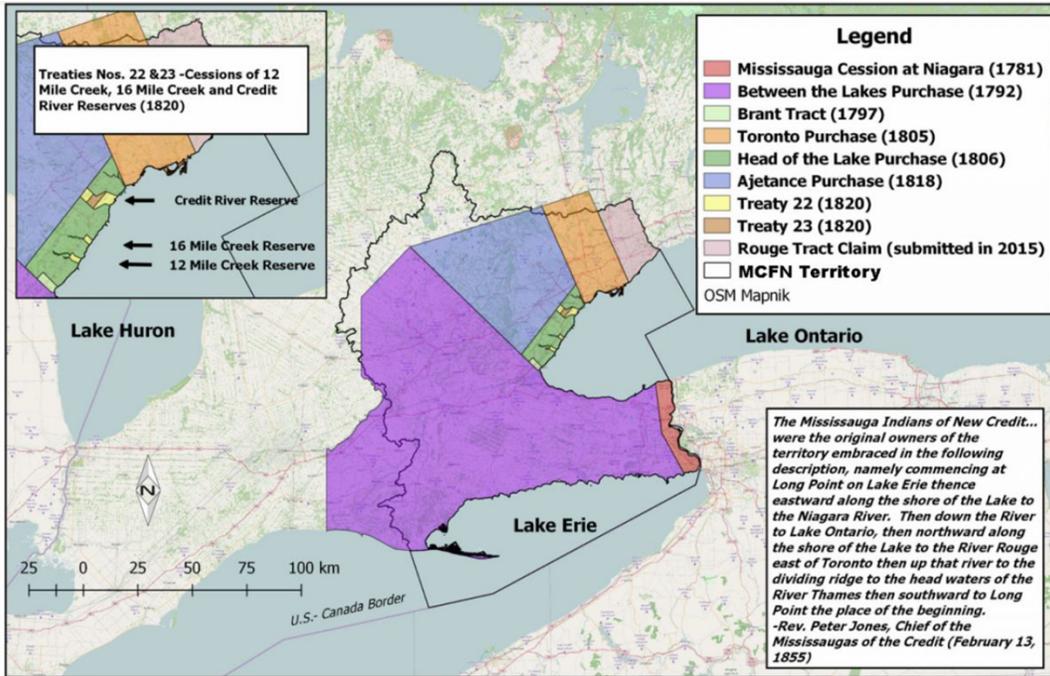
- Eight TRC Calls to Action that are addressed to all levels of government:
 - **#3.** “We call upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan’s Principle.”
 - **#17.** “We call upon all levels of government to enable residential school Survivors and their families to reclaim names changed by the residential school system by waiving administrative costs for a period of five years for the name-change process and the revision of official identity documents, such as birth certificates, passports, driver’s licenses, health cards, status cards, and social insurance numbers.”
 - **#23.** “We call upon all levels of government to: Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field, ensure the retention of Aboriginal health-care providers in Aboriginal communities and provide cultural competency training for all healthcare professionals.”
 - **#40.** “We call on all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, to create adequately funded and accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programs and services with appropriate evaluation mechanisms.”
 - **#55.** “We call upon all levels of government to provide annual reports or any current data requested by the National Council for Reconciliation so that it can report on the progress towards reconciliation...”
 - **#64.** “We call upon all levels of government that provide public funds to denominational schools to require such schools to provide an education on comparative religious studies, which must include a segment on Aboriginal spiritual beliefs and practices developed in collaboration with Aboriginal Elders.”
 - **#87.** “We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.”
 - **#88.** “We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel.”

- Five Calls to Action from the TRC that specifically refer to municipal governments:
 - **# 43.** “We call upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the UNDRIP as the framework for reconciliation.”
 - **# 47.** “We call upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts.”
 - **# 57.** “We call upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to

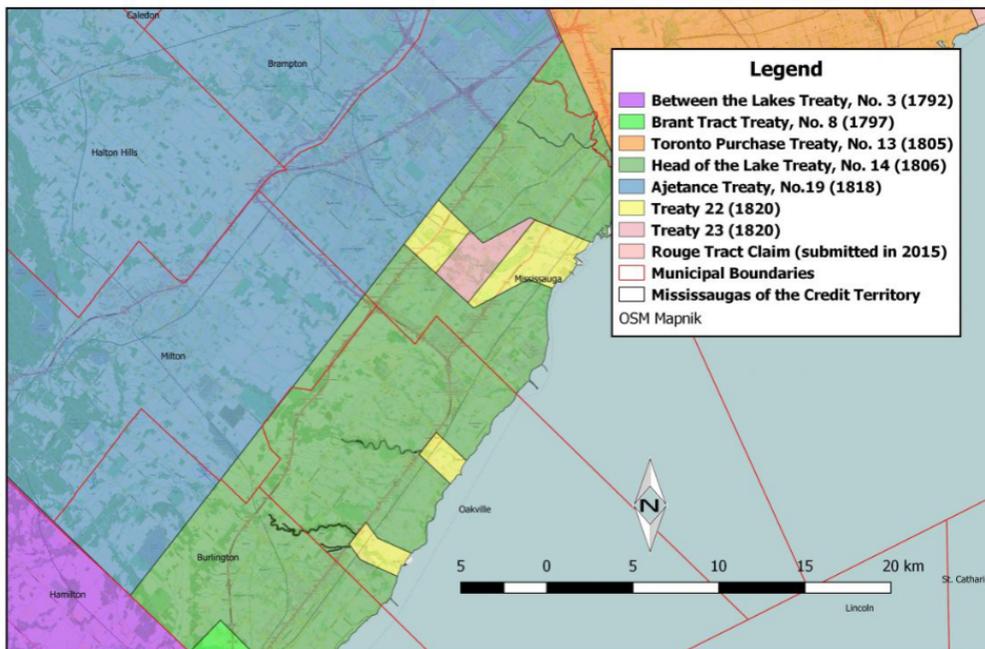
provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the UNDRIP, treaties and aboriginal rights, Indigenous law and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.”

- **#75.** “We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential schools students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance commemoration and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.”
- **#77.** “We call upon provincial, territorial, municipal and community archives to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system, and to provide these to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.”

MCFN Maps



Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Land Cessions 1781-1820 and Rouge Tract Claim, 2015



Municipal Boundaries Related to Treaty Nos. 22 & 23

**VIA EMAIL**

June 21, 2021

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS50-21 - 2020 State of Housing Report

1. THAT Report No. LPS50-21 Re: "2020 State of Housing Report" be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS50-21 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS50-21 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Graham Milne".

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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Bob Gray, Commissioner, Legislative and Planning Services and Corporate Counsel
Date:	June 16, 2021
Report No:	LPS50-21
Re:	2020 State of Housing Report

RECOMMENDATION

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REPORT

Executive Summary

- The State of Housing Report has been prepared annually since 2006. It provides a review of housing supply and demand in Halton Region and monitors how well the housing sector and market are responding to Regional housing policies.
- The 2020 State of Housing Report (Attachment #1 – document under separate cover) provides a comprehensive review of data related to housing policies and targets identified in the Region’s Official Plan.
- In 2020, the Regional Official Plan target related to the mix of new housing development was achieved; however, the Regional Official Plan target related to the affordability of new housing units was not.
- The State of Housing Report continues to serve as an important source for information on housing initiatives, programs, and the overall housing market.

Background

Halton's Regional Official Plan (ROP) requires that a State of Housing Report is to be provided annually to Regional Council, containing:

- a) an update of the definitions of Assisted Housing and Affordable Housing;
- b) a review of housing supply, demand and need in Halton during the past year, covering the housing segments of Assisted Housing, Affordable Housing, Market Housing, Special Needs Housing and housing with universal physical access;
- c) identification of the gaps between supply and demand of Assisted Housing and Affordable Housing;
- d) state of homelessness in Halton; and
- e) performance of the housing market towards meeting the housing targets under ROP Sections 86(6) and 86(6.1).

Discussion

The 2020 State of Housing Report is a comprehensive report to Regional Council prepared in accordance with Section 86(7) of the ROP that monitors achievement of the Region's housing policies and targets. These include housing affordability and mix targets for new housing development.

Halton's Housing Model

Halton's Housing Model was created to reliably produce the information required by the ROP to provide an annual State of Housing report to Regional Council that monitors achievement of the Region's housing policies and targets. Data sources used in the Housing Model include: 2016 Census data on household income and spending, housing sales data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), average rents and construction data from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and various other sources for housing carrying costs (i.e. utilities, mortgage rates, taxation rates).

Key Findings

New Housing Development Mix

The Region's Housing Mix Target in the Regional Official Plan calls for at least 50 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton to be in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings (i.e., higher density housing) (ROP Section 86(6)a)).

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, housing construction activity in Halton remains strong. In 2020, there were 3,338 new housing completions, a 4.1 per cent increase compared

to 2019. 1,415 housing completions were in the form of new apartment¹ units (42.4 per cent) and 932 were in the form of townhouse units (27.9 per cent). In total, these higher density housing forms made up 70.3 per cent of new unit completions and Halton Region achieved its 50 per cent Housing Mix Target for the tenth consecutive year. 911 housing completions (27.3 per cent) were in the form of single detached units and 80 (2.4 per cent) were in the form of semi-detached units. This represents an ongoing trend toward the development of higher density residential development in Halton Region in keeping with Halton's land use policies. At the local municipal level, the highest number of housing completions took place in Oakville with 1,898 new units (56.9 per cent), followed by Milton with 899 new units (26.9 per cent). Burlington accounted for 510 new units (15.3 per cent) while Halton Hills accounted for 31 new units (0.9 per cent).

Though some local municipalities saw decreases in completions, all local municipalities observed an increased number of new housing starts since 2019. In 2020, there were 4,238 new housing starts in Halton, a 96.9 per cent increase compared to 2019 (2,152 new housing starts). Of the new housing starts in 2020, 67.1 per cent were higher density units (townhouses and apartments). The remaining 32.9 per cent were single and semi-detached units. At the local municipal level Oakville had the highest share of new housing starts with 2,645 (62.4 per cent), followed by Burlington with 912 (16.1 per cent). Though completions in Milton and Halton Hills decreased, both municipalities saw a number of new projects break ground in 2020, with 581 new housing starts in Milton (13.7 per cent) and 331 in Halton Hills (7.8 per cent). Since 2018, no apartment units have been completed in Halton Hills; however, in 2020, 185 of Halton Hills' new housing starts were for apartment units.

Housing Costs and Affordability

The Region's Housing Affordability Target calls for at least 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton to be in the form of assisted or affordable housing (ROP Section 86(6)b)).

As noted above, the Housing Model gathers information including household income, household spending, housing costs, and average rents in the Region from a variety of data sources to determine housing affordability. Using the data available, analysis is conducted through the Housing Model that generates affordability thresholds (maximum purchase price or monthly rent based on income and housing cost). The thresholds generated by the Housing Model represent what low and moderate income households can afford, based on Regional Official Plan definitions for assisted and affordable housing (ROP Sections 214 and 218).

The affordable ownership threshold (or maximum affordable purchase price) for 2020 was \$409,500. Sales data from MPAC indicates that there were 12,912 new and resale units sold in Halton overall. 25 of these units were in the form of assisted housing and 1,298

¹ An **apartment** is a unit in any building with three or more units where there is some horizontal separation, including a house of 3 or more units, a purpose built triplex or quadraplex or a building with three or more units above retail. (Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2020)

were at or below the affordable threshold of \$409,500 (10.2 per cent combined). Of the 2,347 new units sold, 610 (25.9 per cent) were at or below the affordable threshold. Halton Region did not achieve its 30 per cent Housing Affordability Target for the third consecutive year. All new affordable housing sales were comprised of townhouses and apartments, demonstrating the link between higher density housing and affordability, with an average price of \$366,111.

The increase in affordable unit completions (units at or below the affordable threshold) over the previous two years (452 units or 19.4 percent in 2018; 185 units or 10.7 percent in 2019) was influenced by an increase in the total number of high-density units completed and brought to market. With apartment and townhouse units accounting for 3,801 units under construction (77 per cent) and 2,846 housing unit starts (67.1 per cent), it is anticipated that the 30 per cent affordability target may be within reach in the coming years. Market dynamics on price, built form, and number of bedrooms will determine what portion of these units will sell below the affordable threshold.

The total number of housing sales (new and resales) in 2020 increased by 10.1 per cent compared to 2019. The average price of all sales was \$902,576, an increase of 8.1 per cent compared to 2019. The average price of new sales was \$643,680 in 2020, a decrease of 18.5 per cent compared to 2019. The steep drop in average new price was due to a large increase in the number of new higher density unit sales, namely apartment units. The average price of resales was \$960,089 in 2020, an increase of 13.9 per cent compared to 2019. Among other factors, a large share of resales being in the form of single detached units contributed to the high increase in average price in 2020.

Rental Housing

Rental housing is an important form of affordable housing to many of Halton's residents. The Housing Model identifies an ongoing shortfall in the supply of affordable rental housing.

In 2020, there were 16,830 private/market townhouse and apartment rental units (in buildings of three or more rental units) occupied or available for rent, with an average rent of \$1,583, a 7.0% increase over 2019. By municipality, Oakville had the highest average rent in 2020 at \$1,694 followed by Burlington and Milton at \$1,573 and \$1,345, respectively. Halton Hills had the lowest average rent in 2020 at \$1,245.

The Region's overall vacancy rate for private townhouse and apartments increased to 2.3 per cent in 2020, up from 1.8 per cent in 2019. Despite any short-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with only 137 units added, the ongoing low vacancy rate suggests challenges in finding a suitable unit when searching for rental housing. While the overall vacancy rates have increased, the vacancy rate for 3+ bedroom units continues to be very low at 1.2 per cent suggesting an inadequate supply of larger rental units.

Assisted Housing

The Housing Model identifies an ongoing shortfall in the supply of assisted housing. Halton’s commitment to add more assisted housing opportunities each year helps to mitigate this shortfall. The Region’s Comprehensive Housing Strategy (2014-2024) sets a 10-year target to create 550 to 900 new government-funded housing opportunities, including housing subsidy payments to landlords and residents directly. Continued participation by the Federal and Provincial governments will be required to close the gap in supply of housing available at or below the assisted threshold.

From 2014 through 2020, the Region created 913 new assisted housing opportunities through various delivery models.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

The cost of preparing the 2020 State of Housing Report has been included in the Legislative and Planning Services approved 2021 budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Attachment #1 – 2020 State of Housing Report (under separate cover)



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2020 State of Housing



Overview

Since 2006, Halton Region has prepared the State of Housing Report annually to provide a review of the Region's housing supply and demand.

The report is also used to monitor how well the Region is implementing its vision for managed and sustainable growth, as set out in Halton's Regional Official Plan and the Provincial Growth Plan.

Halton's vision includes advancing the supply of an adequate mix and variety of housing to meet differing physical, social and economic needs. For more details, refer to sections 86(6), 86(6.1), 86(7), 214, 218 and 256.1 of Halton's Regional Official Plan for further detail.

Using Halton's Housing Model, the Report assesses the Region's success in achieving its Regional Official Plan housing targets (section 86(6)), which call for:

- at least 50 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton to be in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings; and
- at least 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton to be affordable or assisted housing.

The *State of Housing Report* also provides summary and highlights on:

- Housing supply and demand in Halton for the various housing segments of the housing continuum.
- Income and housing cost thresholds for assisted and affordable housing.
- Achievement of the Regional Official Plan targets related to housing density and affordability.
- New housing developments (starts, under construction, and completions).
- Highlights of housing sales (new and resale) in Halton by housing type and affordability.
- Highlights of rental housing market in Halton (average rents, vacancy rates, and number of units by type).
- Assisted housing activities and initiatives by Halton Region.

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Housing Continuum

Housing plays an important role in the lives of Halton’s residents. Individuals and families move back and forth across the housing continuum depicted below, depending on changes that affect their personal circumstances.

The continuum is based on the following observations:

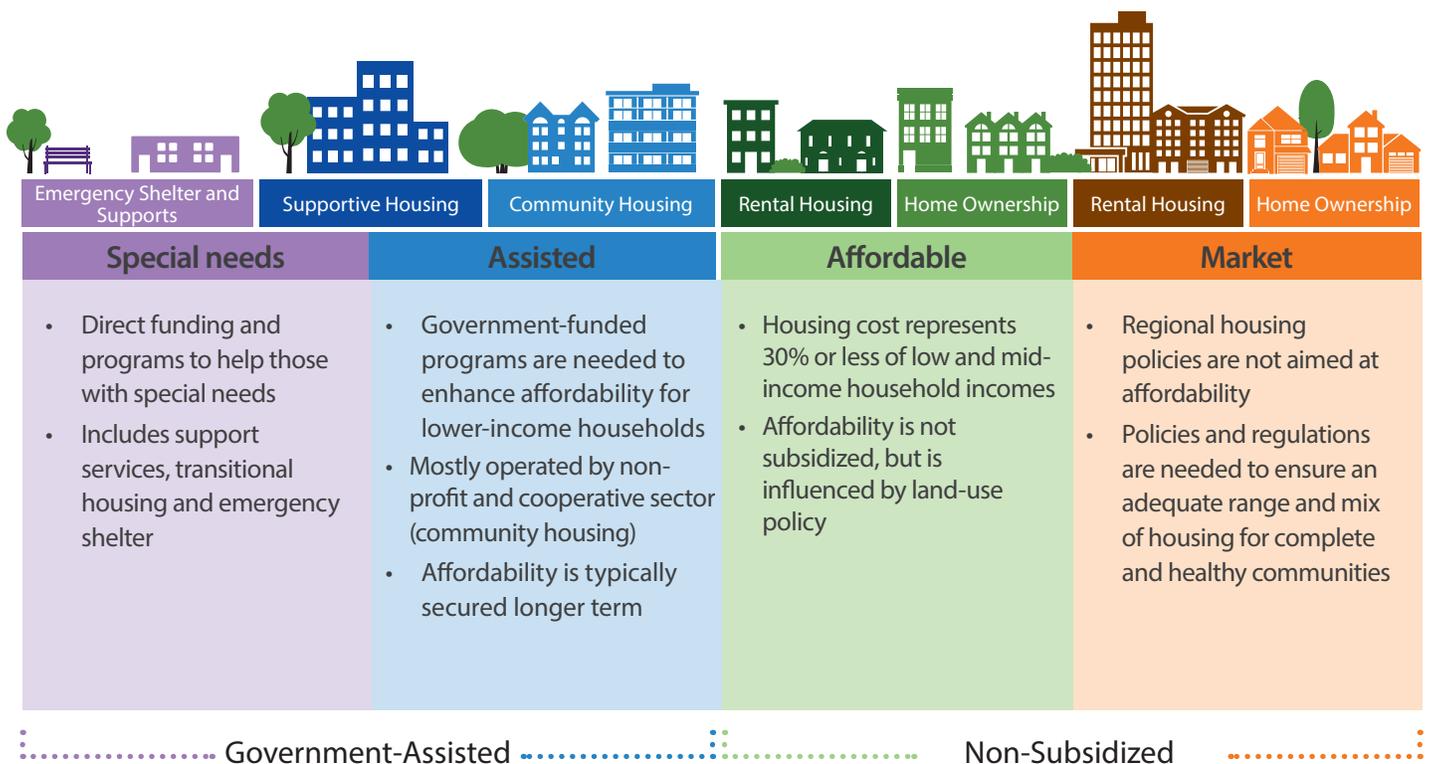
- a range of housing types is required to meet the needs of residents throughout the various stages of their lives and at any level of income;
- private and non-profit sectors play an essential role in providing housing across the continuum; and
- governments have various tools and programs available to provide a range and mix of appropriate housing and supports.

Assisted vs. Affordable Housing

Assisted housing is housing that is affordable for *low and moderate income households* for rent or purchase where part of the housing cost is subsidized through a government program.

Affordable housing is housing with a market price (for purchase) or rent that is affordable to households of low and moderate income, spending no more than 30 per cent of their gross household income on housing, without government assistance.

Affordable rental housing should meet the demand of renter households where they would be able to afford at least three out of ten rental units on the market. Affordable ownership housing should meet the demand of households at the high end and have sufficient income left, after housing expenses, to sustain a basic standard of living.



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Halton's Housing Model

Halton's Housing Model gathers various information including household income, household spending, housing costs, and average rents in the region from a variety of data sources. Data sources include Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Statistics Canada, and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Using the data available, analysis is conducted through the Housing Model that generates thresholds based on household income and housing cost. This calculation is undertaken for both the assisted and affordable (non-assisted) segments of the continuum.

Using the generated thresholds, the Housing Model also generates a snapshot of housing needs by Halton's residents and those looking to live in Halton at a moment in time. These model outcomes may be influenced by the pace of growth or the health of the economy, as well as updates and changes to the inputs or assumptions.

The maximum purchase price or monthly rent generated by the Housing Model represents what a household with that income could afford, based on Regional Official Plan definitions on housing costs for assisted and affordable housing (Section 214(a) of the Regional Official Plan). Affordable rent thresholds per unit-type for some Regional housing programs and initiatives for 2021 are based on CMHC's 2020 annual Rental Market Report and can be found on page 20 of this report.

Income and Housing Cost Thresholds

The tables below provide a summary of the upper limit household income and housing cost thresholds in Halton Region calculated through the Housing Model for 2020.

In 2020, the assisted income threshold increased to \$61,700 from \$57,800 (up by 6.7 per cent). Households with an income below the assisted income threshold typically require some form of government assistance to meet their housing needs, as the private sector in Halton typically does not provide many opportunities to buy or rent below the associated housing cost thresholds. Few housing opportunities exist in the open market to purchase below \$235,800 or rent below \$1,540.

The affordable (non-assisted) income threshold increased slightly to \$107,800 in 2020 from \$107,100 in 2019 (up by 0.7 per cent). Households with an income between the assisted and affordable Income thresholds have options to purchase a house priced below the affordable housing cost threshold of \$409,500 or rent with monthly costs below \$2,120.

The maximum affordable purchase price of \$409,500 is used as the index to measure the Regional Official Plan target that 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually are affordable or assisted.

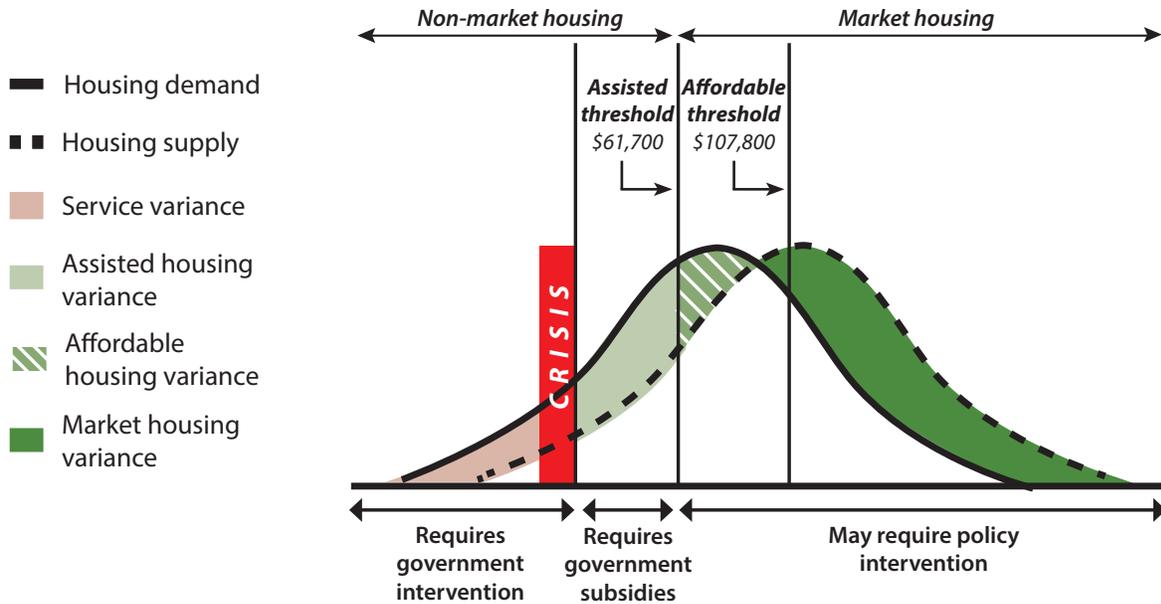
Assisted	All households (average - 2.8 people)	Small households (1 to 2 persons)	Large households (3+ persons)
Income threshold	\$61,700	\$57,500	\$65,500
Maximum purchase price	\$235,800	\$222,000	\$250,500
Maximum monthly rent	\$1,540	\$1,440	\$1,640

Affordable (non-assisted)	All households (average - 2.8 people)	Small households (1 to 2 persons)	Large households (3+ persons)
Income threshold	\$107,800	\$74,300	\$144,300
Maximum purchase price	\$409,500	\$283,700	\$546,000
Maximum monthly ownership cost	\$2,690	\$1,860	\$3,610
Maximum monthly rent *	\$2,120	\$1,650	\$2,630

* The mid-point between assisted and affordable monthly ownership costs, based on Halton's definition of Affordable Housing.

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Housing Supply and Demand Model



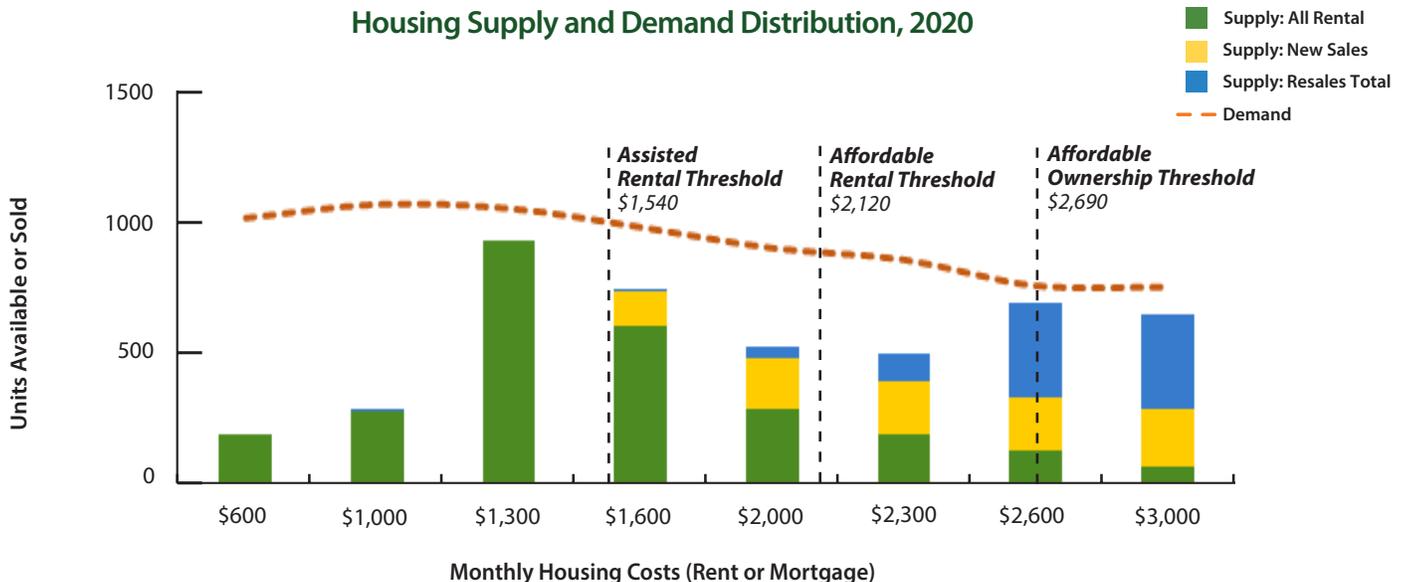
Based on analysis of household income profiles, housing cost thresholds, unit sales, re-sales and rental turnovers, the Housing Model generates a snapshot of supply-demand variances across the housing continuum.

The figure below provides a visualized analysis of the housing supply and demand. It shows the distribution of new sales, re-sales and rental turnovers by price point across the continuum (i.e., the actual housing supply) and compares it with the income distribution of Halton-based households (the modelled

housing demand). Differences between the two are used to quantify potential supply-demand variances by housing segment (typically indicating shortfalls in the assisted and affordable segments).

It should be noted that this diagram is a snapshot in time of the assisted and affordable housing gap, and is influenced by market trends, pace of economic growth and the health of the economy.

Housing Supply and Demand Distribution, 2020



Halton's Housing Model

Assisted and Affordable Shortfalls

The graph below provides a multi-year indication of the shortfall of assisted and affordable housing as a percentage of the total supply by year.

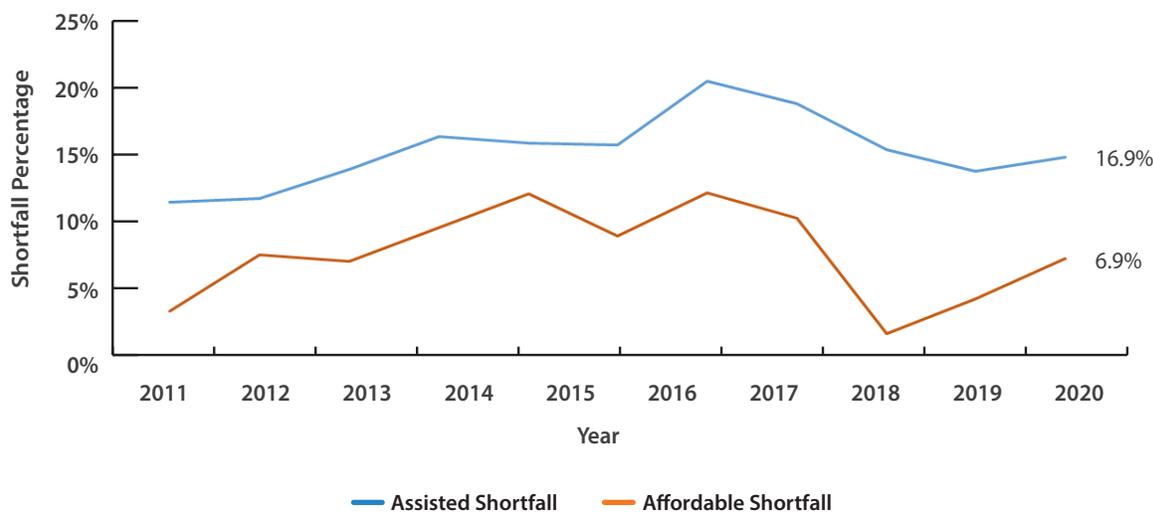
In 2020 there was an overall increase in housing completions (increase by 4.1 per cent from 2019) and increase in number of affordable new unit sales (increase by 290.0 per cent from 2019). Despite the increase in new affordable units, resale home prices outpaced household income and the overall shortfall of affordable units has trended upward from 6.1 per cent in 2019 to 6.9 per cent in 2020.

Although the assisted shortfall increased slightly by 3.0 per cent from 2019 to 16.9 per cent in 2020, ongoing Regional initiatives to increase the number of housing opportunities are significant. Investments from senior levels of government are providing an opportunity to curb the trend line of assisted shortfall.

Key factors influencing these trend lines:

- 2016 Census data indicated that household incomes were higher than previously assumed, resulting in a reduction in the gaps;
- resale home prices outpaced household income;
- growth management policy resulted in a steady increase of higher density housing completions and sales, generally improving affordability (as explained in more detail in the next sections of this report);
- associated with this, the supply of moderately affordable condominium rental housing has increased; and
- almost no new purpose built rental housing has been built in recent years.

Assisted and Affordable Shortfalls (Supply vs. Demand), 2011 - 2020

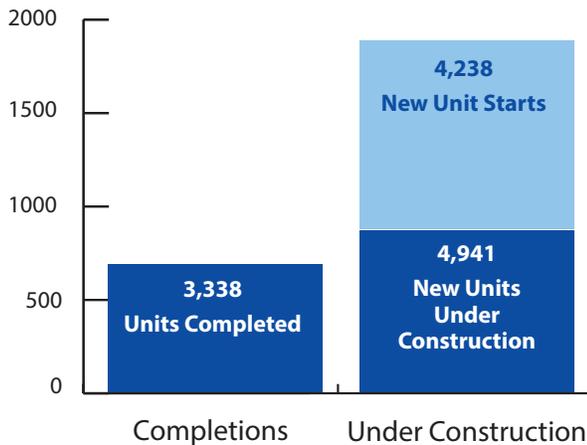


New Housing Development

New Housing Development

In 2020, there were a total of 3,338 new housing unit completions in Halton, an increase from 3,208 in 2019 (up by 4.1 per cent). There were 4,941 new housing units under construction, an increase from 4,079 in 2019 (up by 21.1 per cent) with an additional 4,238 new housing unit starts, an increase from 2,152 in 2019 (up by 96.9 per cent).

New Housing Development, 2020



Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2020

Regional Housing Mix Target

The Housing Mix Target in the Regional Official Plan calls for at least 50 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton to be in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings (higher density housings). Provision of higher density housing provides the best opportunity to encourage more affordable housing in Halton.

In 2020, townhouse and apartment units accounted for 70.3 per cent of housing completions in Halton. For the tenth consecutive year, the 50 per cent Housing Mix Target was achieved.

Regional Housing Mix Target, 2020



This section of the report provides an overview of the types of housing being supplied in the regional and local municipal housing markets. The State of Housing report reviews new housing completions, under construction, and starts on an annual basis.

2020 New Housing Highlights

	2019	2020	Change
Total new housing completions	3,208	3,338	4.1%
Total new housing under construction	4,079	4,941	21.1%
Total new housing starts	2,152	4,238	96.9%

New Housing Development

New Housing Completions

New Housing Completions by Type & Municipality, 2020

	Halton Region	%	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Apartment	1,415	42.4%	379	0	213	823
Townhouse	932	27.9%	76	8	348	500
Semi-detached	80	2.4%	0	0	78	2
Single	911	27.3%	55	23	260	573
Total units	3,338		510	31	899	1,898
Local Municipal Share			15.3%	0.9%	26.9%	56.9%

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, there were 3,338 new housing completions, a 4.1 per cent increase compared to 3,208 in 2019.
- Of the new housing completions, 70.3 per cent were higher density units (townhouse and apartments). The remaining 29.7 per cent were single and semi-detached units.
- Oakville had the highest share of new housing completions in Halton at 56.9 per cent, followed by Milton at 26.9 per cent. Burlington and Halton Hills had shares of 15.3 per cent and 0.9 per cent, respectively.

New Housing Under Construction

New Housing Under Construction by Type & Municipality, 2020

	Halton Region	%	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Apartment	2,787	56.4%	1,006	185	344	1,252
Townhouse	1,014	20.5%	130	26	444	414
Semi-detached	136	2.8%	62	16	56	2
Single	1,004	20.3%	90	126	155	633
Total units	4,941		1,288	353	999	2,301
Local Municipal Share			26.1%	7.1%	20.2%	46.6%

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, there were 4,941 housing under construction, a 21.1 per cent increase compared to 4,079 in 2019.
- Of the housing under construction, 76.9 per cent were higher density units (townhouse and apartments). The remaining 23.1 per cent were single and semi-detached units.
- Oakville had the highest share of housing under construction in Halton at 46.6 per cent, followed by Burlington at 26.1 per cent. Milton and Halton Hills had shares of 20.2 per cent and 7.1 per cent, respectively.

New Housing Starts

New Housing Starts by Type & Municipality, 2020

	Halton Region	%	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Apartment	1,902	44.9%	503	185	0	1,214
Townhouse	942	22.2%	56	15	313	558
Semi-detached	126	2.9%	62	16	46	2
Single	1,268	32.9%	60	115	222	871
Total units	4,238		912	331	581	2,645
Local Municipal Share			16.1%	7.8%	13.7%	62.4%

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, there were 4,238 new housing starts in Halton, a 96.9 per cent increase compared to 2,152 in 2019.
- Of the new housing starts in 2020, 67.1 per cent were higher density units (townhouses and apartments). The remaining 32.9 per cent were single and semi-detached units.
- Similar to trends observed in housing under construction, Oakville had the highest share of new housing starts in Halton at 62.4 per cent, followed by Burlington at 16.1 per cent. Milton and Halton Hills had shares of 13.7 per cent and 7.8 per cent, respectively.

New Housing Development

Five-Year Trends: New Housing Completions

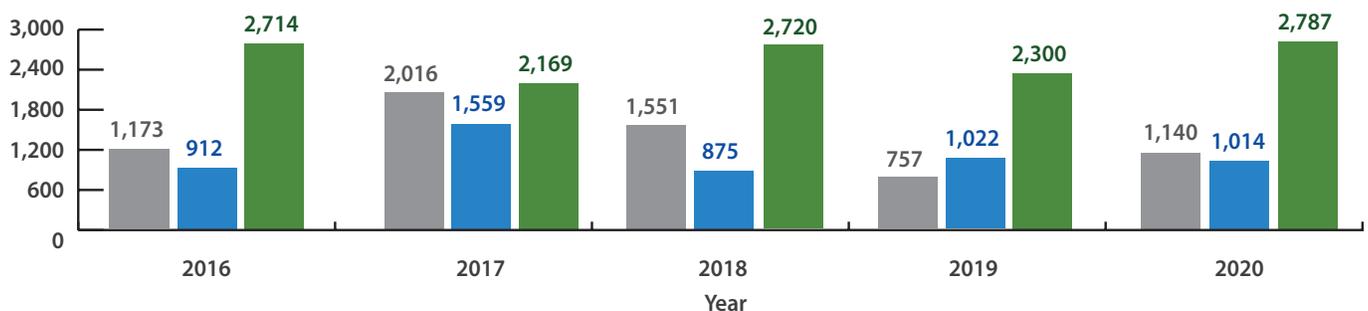


Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2016-2020

Key trends:

- Over the last five-year period, between 2016 and 2020, the annual average completion of single & semi-detached units were 1,343 units, townhouse unit completions were an average of 972 units per year, and apartment unit completions were 1,428 units per year.

Five-Year Trends: New Housing Under Construction

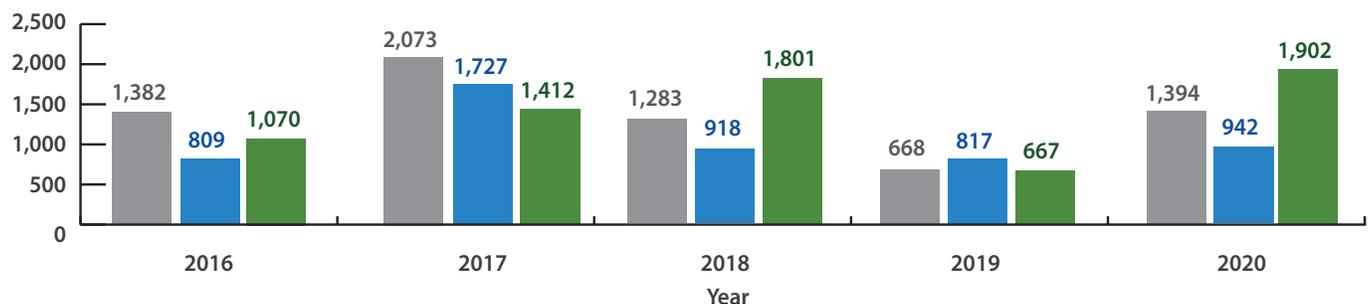


Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2016-2020

Key trends:

- Over the last five-year period, there were much more apartment units under construction at an average of 2,538 units per year compared to an average of 1,327 single & semi-detached units and an average of 1,076 townhouse units.

Five-Year Trends: New Housing Starts



Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey 2016-2020

Key trends:

- Over the last five-year period, new housing starts for single & semi-detached units and townhouse units have gradually declined, whereas new apartment unit starts have gradually increased to its all-time high of 1,902 unit starts in 2020.

New Housing Development

Housing Completions by Municipality

City of Burlington

Annual Housing Completions by Type, 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Apartment	188	515	264	779	379
Townhouse	22	13	0	11	76
Single & Semi	61	66	159	130	55
Total Units	271	594	423	920	510

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2016 - 2020

Town of Halton Hills

Annual Housing Completions by Type, 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Apartment	0	56	0	0	0
Townhouse	65	75	0	0	8
Single & Semi	226	77	160	164	23
Total Units	291	208	160	164	31

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2016 - 2020

Town of Milton

Annual Housing Completions by Type, 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Apartment	342	321	75	382	213
Townhouse	218	313	765	341	348
Single & Semi	496	536	601	709	338
Total Units	1,056	1,170	1,441	1,432	899

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2016 - 2020

Town of Oakville

Annual Housing Completions by Type, 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Apartment	873	1,074	847	9	823
Townhouse	413	671	797	224	500
Single & Semi	505	550	824	459	575
Total Units	1,791	2,295	2,468	692	1,898

Source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2016 - 2020

Key trends in Burlington

- In 2020, 89.2 per cent (455 units) of housing completions in Burlington were higher density units (townhouse and apartments).
- Total housing completions in Burlington decreased in by 44.6 per cent to 510 units in 2020 from 920 units in 2019.
- Between 2016 and 2020, Burlington accounted for 14.5 per cent of Halton's total housing completions (2,718 total units).

Key trends in Halton Hills

- In 2020, total housing completions in Halton Hills decreased to 31 units from 164 units in 2019, a decrease of 81.1 per cent.
- Since 2018, there has been no apartment unit completions in Halton Hills.
- Between 2016 and 2020, Halton Hills accounted for 4.6 per cent of Halton's total housing completions (854 total units).

Key trends in Milton

- In 2020, 76.3 per cent (686 units) of housing completions in Milton were higher density units (townhouse and apartments).
- Total housing completions in Milton decreased to 899 units in 2020 from 1,432 in 2019, a decrease of 3.7 per cent.
- Between 2016 and 2020, Milton accounted for 29.0 per cent of Halton's total housing completions (5,998 total units).

Key trends in Oakville

- In 2020, 56.6 per cent (1,075 units) of housing completions in Oakville were higher density units (townhouse and apartments).
- In 2020, total housing completions in Oakville picked up again to 1,898 units, an increase by 174.3 per cent.
- Between 2016 and 2020, Oakville accounted for 41.2 per cent of Halton's total housing completions (9,144 total units).

Housing Costs & Affordability

This section of the report provides an overview of the new and resale of housing units to assess how well the market is meeting the housing needs of Halton residents and those looking to live in the region.

2020 Housing Sales Highlights

	2019	2020	Change
New Sales	1,728	2,347	35.8%
Resale	9,996	10,565	5.7%
All Sales	11,724	12,912	10.1%
Affordable New Sales¹	150	585	290.0%
New Assisted Program Units²	35	25	-28.6%

¹ This data is based on the closing date, when ownership of the property is transferred to the buyer.

² New assisted program units are captured at the time of funding commitment.

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2019-2020

New Sales and Resales of Housing

In 2020, there were 12,912 new sales and resales of housing units in Halton. This represents a 10.1 per cent increase compared to 11,724 new sales and resales in 2019. The table below provides a summary of new sales and resales of housing units in 2020 by unit type.

New and Resales of Housing by Type, 2020

	New		Resale		Total
Apartment	863	36.8%	1,403	13.3%	2,266
Townhouse	932	39.7%	2,869	27.2%	3,801
Semi-detached	45	2.4%	604	5.7%	660
Single	496	21.1%	5,689	53.8%	6,185
All Sales	2,347	18.2%	10,565	81.8%	12,912
Average Sale Price	\$643,680		\$960,089		\$902,576

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2020

Regional Housing Affordability Target

Halton Region's **Housing Affordability Target** calls for at least 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton to be at or below the affordable threshold.

In 2020, 25.9 per cent (610 units) of new housing unit sales were under the Affordable Maximum Purchase Price of \$409,500 in 2020. The affordable new sales include 585 units from market sale and 25 units from the Region's assisted housing program.

Regional Housing Affordability Target Achievement, 2020

25.9% Achieved

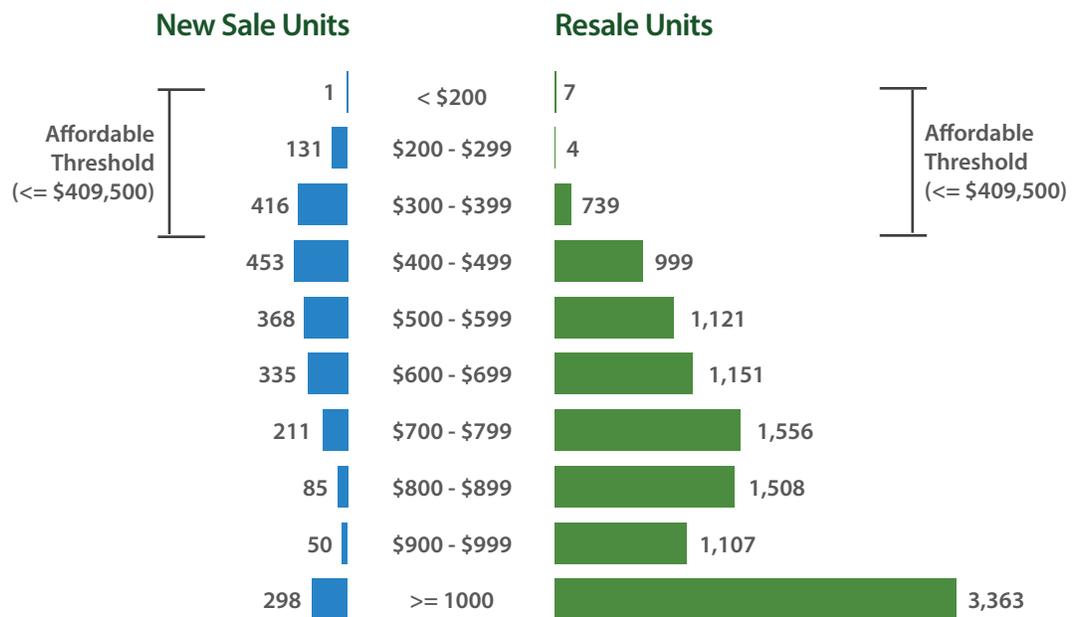


Housing Costs & Affordability

New Sales and Resales of Housing by Price Range

An adequate supply of new affordable housing units is an important element in Halton’s vision for sustainable growth, as set out in the Regional Official Plan. In 2020, there were 2,347 new units sold (an increase by 35.8 per cent from 1,728 in 2019) and 10,565 resales (an increase by 5.7 per cent from 9,996 in 2019). The graph below provides the distribution of the new and resale units by price ranges.

It should be noted that Halton Region and the Local Municipalities do not have the ability to influence market resale prices. Units that are captured as affordable new sales (based on the Halton Housing Model) may be resold beyond the affordable threshold in later years, as these transactions take place in the open market.



Source: Calculated from MPAC Sales Data, 2020

New Affordable Housing Sales in Halton by Type

	<= \$409,500 (Affordable Threshold)		> \$409,500	
	Units	%	Units	%
Apartment	513	87.7%	350	19.9%
Townhouse	72	12.3%	860	48.8%
Semi-detached	0	0.0%	56	3.2%
Single	0	0.0%	496	28.1%
All Units	585		1,762	
Average Price	\$337,481		\$745,341	

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2020

Key trends:

- All new affordable housing sales were comprised of townhouses and apartments, demonstrating the link between higher density housing and affordability.
- Of the 2,347 new units sold in 2020, 585 units were sold at or below the affordable threshold (\$409,500) accounting for 25.9 per cent of the new sales.
- The average price of new units sold at or below the affordable threshold was \$337,481.

Housing Costs & Affordability

New Affordable Housing Sales by Municipality

City of Burlington

	<= \$409,500 (Affordable Threshold)		> \$409,500	
	Units	%	Units	%
All Units	101	35.2%	186	64.8%
Average Price	\$352,533		\$745,129	

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, new sales in Burlington accounted for 12.0 per cent of total new sales in Halton.
- 35.2 per cent of the new sales in Burlington were at or below the affordable threshold with an average price of \$352,533.

Town of Halton Hills

	<= \$409,500 (Affordable Threshold)		> \$409,500	
	Units	%	Units	%
All Units	0	0%	29	100%
Average Price	-		\$876,930	

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, new sales in Halton Hills accounted for 1.2 per cent of total new sales in Halton.
- No new sales in Halton Hills were at or below the affordable threshold.

Town of Milton

	<= \$409,500 (Affordable Threshold)		> \$409,500	
	Units	%	Units	%
All Units	264	23.4%	863	76.6%
Average Price	\$324,094		\$633,287	

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, new sales in Milton accounted for 48.0 per cent of total new sales in Halton.
- 23.4 per cent of the new sales in Milton were at or below the affordable threshold with an average price of \$324,094.

Town of Oakville

	<= \$409,500 (Affordable Threshold)		> \$409,500	
	Units	%	Units	%
All Units	220	24.3%	684	75.7%
Average Price	\$343,519		\$934,833	

Source: Calculated from MPAC sales data, 2020

Key trends:

- In 2020, new sales in Oakville accounted for 38.5 per cent of total new sales in Halton.
- 24.3 per cent of the new sales in Oakville were at or below the affordable threshold with an average price of \$343,519.

Rental Housing

This section of the report provides an overview of the average rent, vacancy rates, and total number of rental units in Halton and the local municipalities.

2020 Rental Housing Highlights

	2019	2020	Change
Average Rent (private townhouse and apartment)	\$1,479	\$1,583	7.0%
Bachelor	\$1,074	\$1,164	8.4%
1 Bedroom	\$1,333	\$1,431	7.4%
2 Bedroom	\$1,517	\$1,636	7.8%
3+ Bedroom	\$1,697	\$1,746	2.9%
Total # of Units (private townhouse and apartment)	16,693	16,830	0.8%
Bachelor	311	310	-0.3%
1 Bedroom	4,945	4,969	0.5%
2 Bedroom	9,300	9,394	1.0%
3+ Bedroom	2,137	2,157	0.9%

Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2019-2020

Rental Unit Stock

Rental housing is an important form of affordable housing for many of Halton's residents.

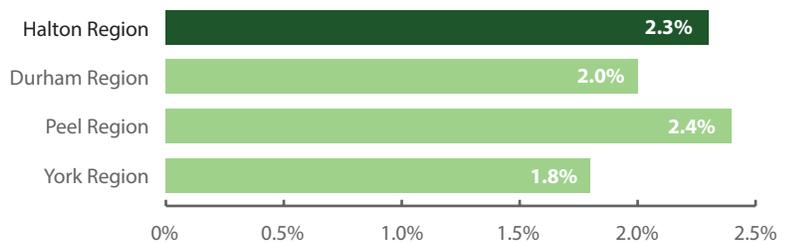
In 2020, there were a total of 16,830 private townhouse and apartment rental units in Halton. The number of rental units continue to remain stagnant with a slight increase from 16,693 units in 2019.

Rental Market Vacancy Rate

Vacancy rates are an important measure to assess the health of the rental market. According to Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC), a vacancy rate of at least three per cent (three for every one hundred units) is considered necessary for adequate competition and housing options.

Halton Region's overall vacancy rate for private townhouse and apartments was 2.3 per cent in 2020, up from 1.8 per cent in 2019. The low vacancy rate suggests people continue to experience challenges finding a suitable unit when searching for a rental housing in Halton.

Rental Market Vacancy Rates, 2020



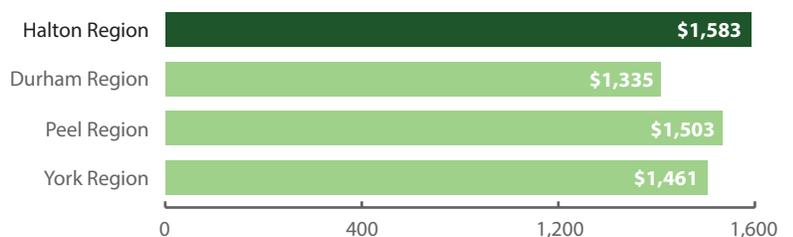
Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2020

Average Monthly Rent

Average monthly rent (AMR) is another means to measure the health of the rental market.

In 2020, the AMR of private townhouse and apartments increased to \$1,583 from \$1,479 in 2019, an increase by 7.0 per cent. When compared to other regional municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area, Halton's monthly rent continues to be the highest.

Average Monthly Rents (AMR), 2020



Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2020

Rental Housing

Vacancy Rates by Unit Size (Private Rowhouses & Apartments), 2016 - 2020

Vacancy Rates by Unit Size
(Private Townhouses & Apartments), 2016 - 2020

Unit Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Bachelor	1.4%	1.5%	2.8%	1.9%	4.4%
1 Bedroom	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	1.5%	2.0%
2 Bedroom	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%	2.2%	2.6%
3+ Bedroom	1.2%	0.7%	1.4%	1.1%	1.2%
Overall rate	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%	1.8%	2.3%

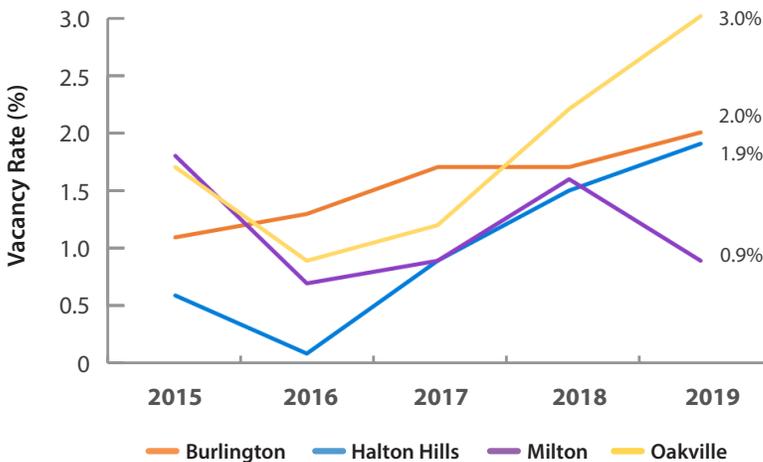
Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2016 to 2020

Key trends

- The overall vacancy rate increased to 2.3 per cent in 2020. Vacancy rates for all unit types increased since 2019. Three plus bedroom units had the lowest increase in vacancy rate from 1.1 per cent in 2019 to 1.2 per cent in 2020.
- In 2020, three plus bedroom units had the lowest vacancy rate at 1.2 per cent, followed by one bedroom units at 2.0 per cent. Bachelor units and two bedroom units had vacancy rates of 2.6 per cent and 4.4 per cent, respectively.

Vacancy Rates by Municipality (Private Townhouses & Apartments), 2016 - 2020

Vacancy Rates by Municipality
(Private Townhouses & Apartments), 2016 - 2020



Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2016 to 2020

Key trends

- In 2020, the vacancy rate in Milton was the lowest at 0.9 per cent, a decrease from 1.6 per cent in 2019.
- The vacancy rate in Halton Hills was 1.9 per cent, an increase from 1.5 per cent in 2019.
- Burlington's vacancy rate increased to 2.0 per cent in 2020 from 1.7 per cent in 2019.
- Oakville had the highest vacancy rate at 3.0 per cent in 2020, an increase from 2.2 per cent in 2019.

Rental Housing

Average Rent & Units by Unit Size, 2016 - 2020

The average rent of private townhouses and apartments for all unit sizes have steadily increased over the past five years. In 2020, the average rent for all unit types in Halton increased to \$1,583 from \$1,479 in 2019, an increase of 7.0 per cent.

By unit size, the average rent for bachelor units had the highest increase at 8.4 per cent from 2019. The average rent for 3+ bedroom units had relatively the lowest increase at 2.9 per cent from 2019.

Average Rents & Units by Unit Size (Private Townhouses & Apartments), 2016 - 2020

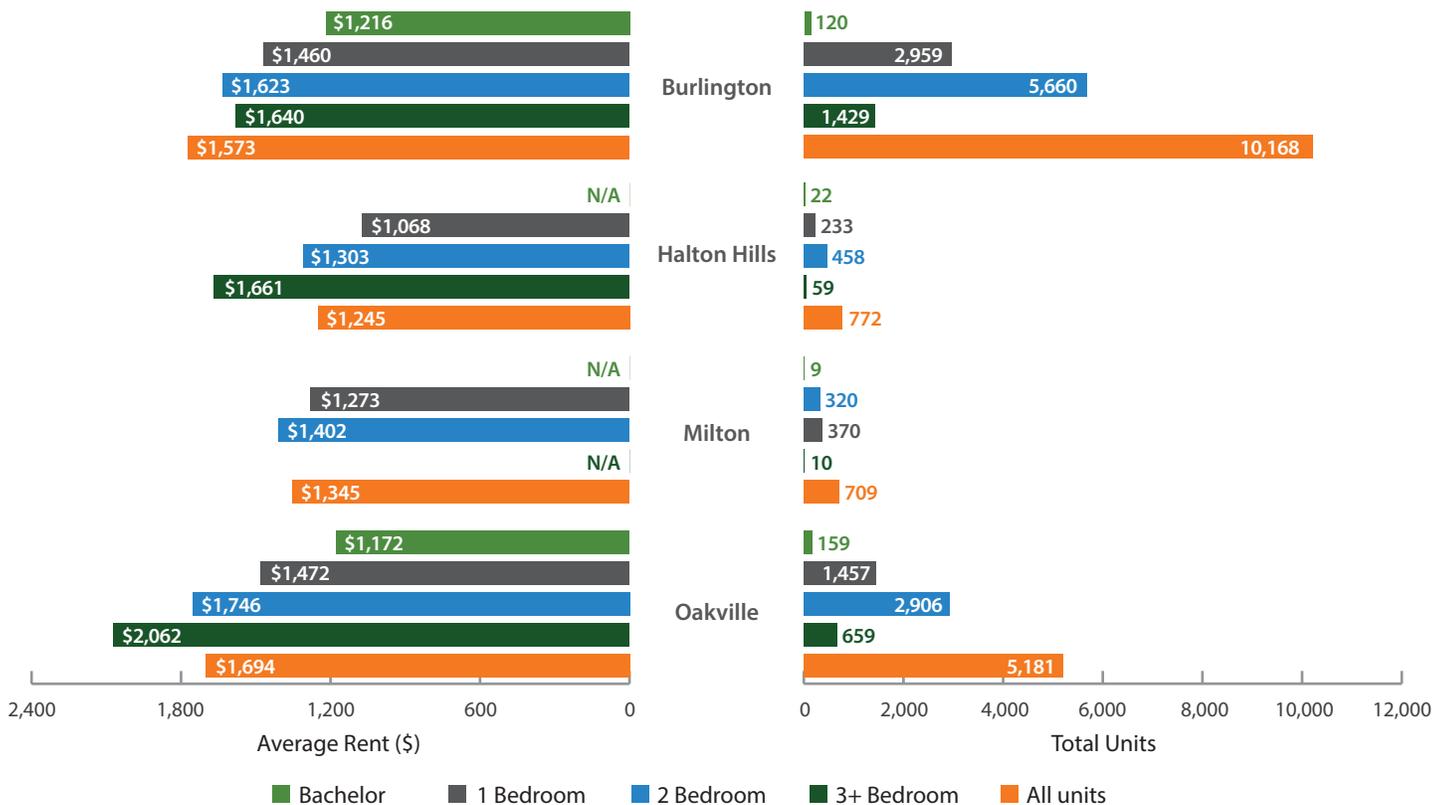
	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Average Rent	Total Units								
Bachelor	\$905	296	\$916	301	\$1,179	298	\$1,074	311	\$1,164	310
1 Bedroom	\$1,158	4,888	\$1,222	4,891	\$1,268	4,884	\$1,333	4,945	\$1,431	4,969
2 Bedroom	\$1,318	8,891	\$1,374	8,891	\$1,416	8,861	\$1,517	9,300	\$1,636	9,394
3 Bedroom+	\$1,515	2,202	\$1,612	2,209	\$1,585	2,217	\$1,697	2,137	\$1,746	2,157
Total	\$1,290	16,122	\$1,356	16,292	\$1,392	16,260	\$1,479	16,693	\$1,583	16,830

Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2016 to 2020

Average Rent & Units by Unit Size by Municipality, 2020

The graph below provides a summary of average rent & units by unit size and municipality.

Average Rent & Units by Unit Size (Private Townhouses & Apartments) by Municipality, 2020



Source: CMHC Rental Market Report, 2020

Assisted Housing

Assisted Housing in Halton

Halton Region plays a direct role in the assisted and special needs housing area, recognizing that people move back and forth across the housing continuum, depending on their personal circumstances.

Assisted housing plays an important role in helping low and moderate income individuals and families obtain housing that is stable and secure. Assisted housing mostly relates to rental accommodation operated by non-profit and co-operative housing providers (community housing). The assistance may come in the form of capital programs, operating subsidy to housing providers and rental subsidy to eligible households.

Community Housing Administered by Halton

Halton Region administers 3,902 community housing units. Most of these units are governed under social housing legislation (3,600 or 92 per cent). The 3,902 units are located in 58 housing communities, owned and operated by 25 non-profit co-operative and private sector housing providers, including Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC).

Halton Region provides rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance to 3,110 households living in these communities. RGI recipients are placed from the Halton Access to Community Housing (HATCH) waitlist.

Community Housing Financially Supported by Halton

With the modernization of the community housing sector in Ontario, and new provincial legislation recently introduced via the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020*, we will begin to see community housing providers meeting their mortgage obligations. Halton Region will continue to enter into bi-lateral agreements with these providers to sustain the stock of existing government assisted housing and create additional housing options for Halton residents.

Preserving and modernizing the existing stock of community housing is one of the three long-range policy objectives of Halton's Comprehensive Housing Strategy. As community housing providers reach the end of their legislated obligations, Halton has an interest in ensuring that assisted housing stock remains available to those Halton residents in need and will formalize new partnership arrangements. Progress has already been made. Halton has been successful in negotiating a renewed relationship with three Halton community housing providers who reached the end of their legislated obligations. Seventy-nine assisted housing units were retained in 2020 with a total of 89 assisted housing units retained to-date with Birch Housing, Knox Heritage Place Inc. and Domus Foundation.

This section focuses on the non-market side of the housing continuum where government-funded programs and services are needed to enhance affordability for Halton's residents.

2020 Assisted Housing Highlights

	2020
Total new assisted housing opportunities since 2014	913
Total community rental housing units	3,902
Total rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance	3,110
Halton Housing Help housing crisis resolutions	1,819
Special needs housing administered (Wheelchair accessible units)	232

Assisted Housing

New Assisted Housing Opportunities Since 2014

Halton Region's Comprehensive Housing Strategy Update - 2014-2024 (CHS) sets a 10-year target to create 550 to 900 new housing opportunities (new units and rent supplements / housing allowances). More than \$100 million in Regional multi-year funding is projected to enable the creation of 550 housing opportunities, with the understanding that the upper target of 900 can only be achieved or exceeded with additional funding from federal and provincial governments.

A five-year review and update of the CHS was approved by Regional Council in 2019. The updated strategy responds to recent Provincial policy changes under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* and recognizes Halton Regions' many achievements during the first five year period of the CHS. It also establishes new actions that the Region will advance over the next five-year period to meet the housing needs of our growing Halton population.

The CHS five-year review also reconfirmed Halton Region's target of creating between 550 to 900 new government assisted housing opportunities over the 10-year life of the strategy.

As reflected in the graph below, Halton Region has created a total of 913 new housing opportunities as of year-end 2020, including:

- 238 new bricks and mortar purpose built rental units;
- 675 additional rent supplements and portable housing allowances; and
- various emergency and transitional housing solutions.

Halton Region has been ambitious and opportunistic. This has culminated in the Region exceeding the 900 upper target of

the CHS in 2020, four years ahead of schedule. Going forward, the Region will continue to support the creation of additional assisted housing opportunities to ensure that Halton residents have access to housing options for all incomes and stages of life. The Region's commitment is unwavering.

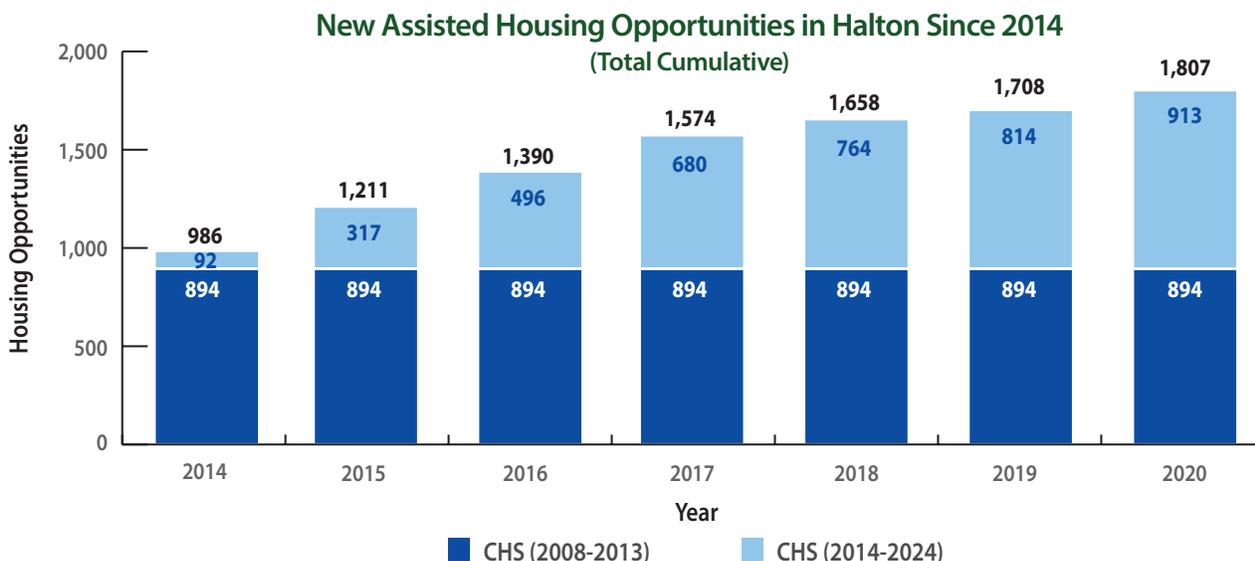
Looking retroactively to when Halton Region first created its CHS in 2008, Halton Region has created 1,807 new housing opportunities to date and includes:

- 526 new bricks and mortar purpose build rental units;
- over 1,050 rent supplements and portable housing allowances; and
- various emergency and transitional housing solutions.

The Region will continue to build upon this record to serve our community.

Halton Region utilizes the following delivery methods for the creation of new housing opportunities under the CHS:

- the creation of new innovative housing programs such as the Halton In-situ Program (HIP). HIP provides income tested portable housing allowance directly to qualified waitlist applicants.
- the creation of new rent supplements through Halton Region's Halton Rental Assistance Program (HRAP). HRAP provides funding to Halton landlords to make units available with deep subsidies for vulnerable Halton residents.
- capital investments made in partnership with the federal and provincial governments resulting in new unit acquisitions, property acquisition and third-party funding for new community housing development.



Assisted Housing

Portable Housing Benefits

Portable Housing Benefits provide an income tested housing allowance directly to qualified Halton applicants on the HATCH waitlist and are a permanent and portable housing solution.

In 2020, 290 Halton families were supported with Portable Housing Benefits.

Rent Supplement

Halton Region operates various rent supplement programs in partnership with private-sector landlords. Under these programs, eligible households are sourced from the HATCH waitlist and receive rental assistance.

In 2020, Halton Region acquired an additional 65 rent supplement housing opportunities. Taking into account reductions in time-limited provincial funding, the rent supplements total at the end of 2020 was 781, including 332 funded through the Halton Rental Assistance Program (HRAP). This program was created in 2012 and provides Halton Region with additional options to enhance the affordability of new housing initiatives.

Special Needs Housing

Special needs housing includes housing that is accessible for people living with physical disabilities and housing that is tied to the provision of personal supports (supportive housing).

In 2020, Halton Region administered 232 wheelchair accessible units (of which 214 can be accessed through the HATCH wait list).

It is estimated that more than 30,000 Halton residents are living with physical difficulties that could impact their housing needs (Canadian Survey on Disability, 2012).

While changes to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* have further enhanced barrier-free building design requirements in Ontario, there is a shortage of statistical data on the specific need for and production of accessible and adaptable housing units in the marketplace. This shortage can make it difficult for a municipality to know whether current policies and frameworks are sufficient to address the need.

Homelessness

The primary causes of homelessness and the need for emergency shelter relate to unaffordable rents, mental health and addiction issues, family breakdown and loss of employment. Halton Region operates and/or administers various support programs to proactively address these situations.

initiative	2020 Achievements
Emergency Shelter	627* single clients were served (225 hotel isolation beds provided in 2020), 133** families were served, an additional 95 were diverted from emergency shelter (Wesley Urban Ministries)
Housing Stability Fund	1,819 housing crisis situations were resolved through outreach and funding, including rental deposits, rental arrears, utility cost arrears, eviction prevention, moving/storage costs and provision of essential furniture/beds
Halton Housing Help	1,264 clients were assisted with finding affordable rental housing in the private marketplace and an additional 132 clients received intensive customized supports
Housing First	21 chronically homeless households were assisted with the provision of permanent housing with individualized support services
Housing with Related Supports	152 subsidized beds across Halton were made available by the Region, operated by housing providers who provide supports to residents at risk of homelessness

* In 2020, a new tracking platform was introduced to more accurately track inflow and outflow in the singles shelter system. Due to COVID-19, significantly less transient movement of single individuals from other Regions was observed due to lockdowns, lessening the total number of stays. There was, however, increased requests from Halton residents and significantly less movement out of the shelter system, resulting in longer shelter stays on the whole. In 2019, the average length of stay in the single shelter was 12 days. In 2020, the number tripled to an average stay of 40 days, placing significant pressure on the shelter system as a whole.

** An additional 59 families were assisted in 2020 with temporary isolation shelter due to COVID-19.

Affordable Rent by Unit Type

Affordable rent thresholds per unit-type for Regional housing programs and initiatives for 2021 are based on CMHC’s 2020 annual Rental Market Report. The appropriate CMHC market or sub-market boundary average market rent or median market rent figure for specific housing programs, initiatives and agreements will be determined by Halton’s Chief Planning Official or the Director of Housing Services for the programs for which they are responsible. Affordable rent thresholds may be established at alternate levels as required by Federal/Provincial funding programs or as deemed appropriate by Halton’s Chief Planning Official or the Director of Housing Services for the programs for which they are responsible.

Affordable rent thresholds per unit-type for 2022 will be based on CMHC’s 2021 Rental Market Report or will be determined by Halton’s Chief Planning Official or the Director of Housing Services for the programs for which they are responsible. Annual rent increases may be the lesser of the Provincial rent increase guideline or the corresponding figure for the specific agreement or program in the most recent State of Housing report.

City of Burlington

	100% AMR	100% MMR	90% AMR	90% MMR	80% AMR	80% MMR	70% AMR	70% MMR	60% AMR	60% MMR	50% AMR	50% MMR
Bachelor	1216.00	1220.00	1094.40	1098.00	972.80	976.00	851.20	854.00	729.60	732.00	608.00	610.00
1-Bedroom	1460.00	1460.00	1314.00	1314.00	1168.00	1168.00	1022.00	1022.00	876.00	876.00	730.00	730.00
2-Bedroom	1623.00	1590.00	1460.70	1431.00	1298.40	1272.00	1136.10	1113.00	973.80	954.00	811.50	795.00
3+-Bedroom	1640.00	1560.00	1476.00	1404.00	1312.00	1248.00	1148.00	1092.00	984.00	936.00	820.00	780.00

Town of Halton Hills

	100% AMR	100% MMR	90% AMR	90% MMR	80% AMR	80% MMR	70% AMR	70% MMR	60% AMR	60% MMR	50% AMR	50% MMR
Bachelor	835.00	750.00	751.50	675.00	668.00	600.00	601.20	540.00	501.00	450.00	417.50	375.00
1-Bedroom	1068.00	1068.00	961.20	961.20	854.40	854.40	747.60	747.60	640.80	640.80	534.00	534.00
2-Bedroom	1303.00	1249.00	1172.70	1124.10	1042.40	999.20	912.10	874.30	781.80	749.40	651.50	624.50
3+-Bedroom	1661.00	1800.00	1494.90	1620.00	1328.80	1440.00	1162.70	1260.00	996.60	1080.00	830.50	900.00

Town of Milton

	100% AMR	100% MMR	90% AMR	90% MMR	80% AMR	80% MMR	70% AMR	70% MMR	60% AMR	60% MMR	50% AMR	50% MMR
Bachelor	835.00	750.00	751.50	675.00	668.00	600.00	601.20	540.00	501.00	450.00	417.50	375.00
1-Bedroom	1273.00	1250.00	1145.70	1125.00	1018.40	1000.00	891.10	875.00	763.80	750.00	636.50	625.00
2-Bedroom	1402.00	1434.00	1261.80	1290.60	1121.60	1147.20	981.40	1003.80	841.20	860.40	701.00	717.00
3+-Bedroom	1625.00	1676.00	1462.50	1508.40	1300.00	1340.80	1170.00	1206.72	975.00	1005.60	812.50	838.00

Town of Halton Hills/Town of Milton

	100% AMR	100% MMR	90% AMR	90% MMR	80% AMR	80% MMR	70% AMR	70% MMR	60% AMR	60% MMR	50% AMR	50% MMR
Bachelor	835.00	750.00	751.50	675.00	668.00	600.00	601.20	540.00	501.00	450.00	417.50	375.00
1-Bedroom	1172.00	1150.00	1054.80	1035.00	937.60	920.00	843.84	828.00	703.20	690.00	586.00	575.00
2-Bedroom	1343.00	1323.00	1208.70	1190.70	1074.40	1058.40	966.96	952.56	805.80	793.80	671.50	661.50
3+-Bedroom	1625.00	1676.00	1462.50	1508.40	1300.00	1340.80	1170.00	1206.72	975.00	1005.60	812.50	838.00

Town of Oakville

	100% AMR	100% MMR	90% AMR	90% MMR	80% AMR	80% MMR	70% AMR	70% MMR	60% AMR	60% MMR	50% AMR	50% MMR
Bachelor	1172.00	1150.00	1054.80	1035.00	937.60	920.00	843.84	828.00	703.20	690.00	586.00	575.00
1-Bedroom	1472.00	1450.00	1324.80	1305.00	1177.60	1160.00	1059.84	1044.00	883.20	870.00	736.00	725.00
2-Bedroom	1746.00	1722.00	1571.40	1549.80	1396.80	1377.60	1257.12	1239.84	1047.60	1033.20	873.00	861.00
3+-Bedroom	2062.00	2100.00	1855.80	1890.00	1649.60	1680.00	1484.64	1512.00	1237.20	1260.00	1031.00	1050.00

Halton Region

	100% AMR	100% MMR	90% AMR	90% MMR	80% AMR	80% MMR	70% AMR	70% MMR	60% AMR	60% MMR	50% AMR	50% MMR
Bachelor	1164.00	*	1047.60	*	931.20	*	814.80	*	698.40	*	582.00	*
1-Bedroom	1431.00	*	1287.90	*	1144.80	*	1001.70	*	858.60	*	715.50	*
2-Bedroom	1636.00	*	1472.40	*	1308.80	*	1145.20	*	981.60	*	818.00	*
3+-Bedroom	1746.00	*	1571.40	*	1396.80	*	1222.20	*	1047.60	*	873.00	*

* Data not available at the time of publication

**VIA EMAIL**

June 21, 2021

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, June 16, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS57-21 - Provincial Consultation on Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline and Proposed Guideline to Address Odour Mixtures in Ontario

1. THAT Regional Council endorse Report No. LPS57-21 re: "Provincial Consultation on Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline and Proposed Guideline to Address Odour Mixtures in Ontario" as the basis to prepare a submission by the Province's July 3, 2021 Environmental Registry deadline.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS57-21 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament for their information.

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Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS57-21 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,



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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Bob Gray, Commissioner, Legislative and Planning Services and Corporate Counsel
Date:	June 16, 2021
Report No:	LPS57-21
Re:	Provincial Consultation on Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline and Proposed Guideline to Address Odour Mixtures in Ontario

RECOMMENDATION

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REPORT

Executive Summary

- On May 4, 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) posted proposals on the Environmental Registry of Ontario related to proposed guidelines for land use compatibility and odour (ERO Numbers [019-2785](#) and [019-2768](#)) entitled “Land Use Compatibility Guideline” and “Guideline to address Odour Mixtures in Ontario” (Attachment #1).
- The proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline is intended to assist municipalities in planning for sensitive land uses and major facilities. The Guideline is proposed to replace a number of the existing D-series environmental land use planning

guidelines that address land use compatibility when making land use planning decisions.

- The proposed Odour Guideline provides technical requirements and tools for the Ministry, planning authorities, proponents and/or owners and operators of sensitive land uses and major facilities. The Province has indicated that the guidance would help ensure there is less regulatory uncertainty for facilities, better coordination with land use planning decisions, and more effective remediation of issues caused by odour mixtures. This guideline will support and link to the separate Land Use Compatibility Guideline.
- The proposal is open for a 60-day public consultation period ending on July 3, 2021, which is prior to Regional Council's next meeting on July 14, 2021.
- In order to meet the Province's commenting deadline, staff recommend that Regional Council endorse this report as a basis for staff to prepare a more detailed submission to the Province in response to the proposals.

Background

Land use compatibility is an important component of the land use planning system in Ontario. As communities grow and evolve, changes in land use must remain compatible with existing and planned land uses. Major facilities and sensitive land uses need to be planned and developed to avoid adverse impacts on one another to ensure the continued viability of employment areas that contribute to economic prosperity and to ensure the continued enjoyment and functionality of sensitive land uses such as residential uses.

In the 1990s, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment released the D-Series environmental land use planning guidelines to guide and direct municipalities when they are assessing land use compatibility during the development of Official Plan policies and provisions in Zoning By-laws. The guidelines are also used for development applications that require the re-designation or rezoning of land uses where major facilities and sensitive land uses have the potential to adversely impact one another.

On May 4, 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks released a Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline and Proposed Guideline to Address Odour Mixtures in Ontario. The Province is also consulting on updates to the MECP environmental compliance policies (ERO Number 019-2972). However, these changes do not directly impact Regional policies and processes and are not summarized in this report.

The Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline provides guidance on a number of considerations including when a compatibility study would be required and specific guidance on assessing and preventing impacts from noise, dust, odour, and other potential adverse effects to sensitive land uses and major facilities. The proposed Guideline would apply when an approval under the *Planning Act* is required for a new or

expanding sensitive land use that is proposed near an existing or planned major facility, or when a new or expanding major facility is proposed near an existing or planned sensitive land use.

The proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline would replace the following guidelines from the D-series environmental land use planning guides:

- D-1 Land Use Compatibility
 - D-1-1 Land Use Compatibility: Procedure for Implementation
 - D-1-2 Land Use Compatibility: Specific Applications
 - D-1-3 Land Use Compatibility: Definitions
- D-2 Compatibility Between Sewage Treatment and Sensitive Land Use
- D-4 Land Use on or Near Landfills and Dumps
 - D-4-1 Assessing Methane Hazards from Landfill Sites
 - D-4-3 Registration or Certificates and Provisional Certificates
- D-6 Compatibility Between Industrial Facilities
 - D-6-1 Industrial Categorization Criteria
 - D-6-3 Separation Distances

It is noted that the 'D-3 Environmental Considerations for Gas or Oil Pipelines and Facilities' and 'D-5 Planning for Sewage and Water Services and its subsections' guidelines are not being replaced and that the 'D-4-2 Environmental Warnings/Restrictions' and 'D-6-4 MCCR Bulletin No. 91003 (Environmental Warnings/Restrictions on Property)' were previously replaced by the '2009-04 Environmental Warnings and Restrictions' document.

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 (PPS, 2005) directed that major facilities and sensitive land uses should be planned to prevent or mitigate adverse effects from odour, noise and other contaminants, minimize risk to public health and safety, and to ensure the long-term viability of major facilities. Since the PPS, 2005, the Province has strengthened its approach to land use compatibility with the PPS, 2020 establishing a decision-making hierarchy whereby planning authorities are required to plan for major facilities and sensitive land uses to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate any potential adverse effects between incompatible land uses. The PPS, 2020 also introduced criteria for assessing a proposal for sensitive land uses where avoidance of any potential adverse effects on major facilities is not possible. The criteria require that (1) there is a demonstrated need for the proposed use; (2) there are no reasonable alternative locations for the proposed use; (3) adverse effects to sensitive land uses and potential impacts to major facilities are minimized and mitigated.

Major facilities are defined in the PPS, 2020 as:

“facilities which may require separation from sensitive land uses, including but not limited to airports, manufacturing uses, transportation infrastructure and corridors, rail facilities, marine facilities, sewage treatment facilities, waste management systems, oil and gas pipelines, industries, energy generation facilities and transmission systems, and resource extraction activities.”

The decision-making hierarchy in the PPS, 2020 is reflected in the proposed guideline as well as requirements for a demonstration of need assessment and direction on incorporating land use compatibility considerations into planning tools including official plans and zoning by-laws. The proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline is applicable when approval under the *Planning Act* is required for a new or expanding sensitive land use that is proposed near an existing or planned major facility or a new or expanding major facility is proposed near an existing or planned sensitive land use.

In addition to the release of the proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline, the Ministry also released a proposed Odour Guideline. Section 5 of this guideline provides guidance on how to assess potential odour impacts from major facilities on sensitive land uses through the land use planning process. The Land Use Compatibility Guideline is intended to be read first before referencing the Odour Guideline.

The existing Regional Official Plan (ROP) has direction related to land use compatibility for area-specific plans (or secondary plans), employment areas, and protection of mineral aggregate operations from incompatible land uses. The ROP also has requirements for proponents of sensitive land uses near industrial, transportation, and utility sources to undertake studies in accordance with the Region's Land Use Compatibility and Air Quality Guidelines.

Through the ongoing Regional Official Plan Review (ROPR), staff will be updating the ROP to be consistent with and conform to the PPS, 2020 and Growth Plan, 2019 policies for land use compatibility. The proposed guideline provides helpful guidance to planning authorities on how to address land use compatibility in official plans and leverage the available planning tools under the *Planning Act*. They will be especially useful as the Region looks to address land use compatibility through the ROPR. Policies to achieve land use compatibility between major employment uses and sensitive land uses within or adjacent to Strategic Growth Areas are proposed in draft Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 48 (ROPA 48).

Discussion

Overview of Proposals

The proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline provides a summary of the Provincial policy approach to land use compatibility which is represented by a decision-making hierarchy to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate any potential adverse effects between incompatible land uses. The Guideline provides more direction to planning authorities on how to address land use compatibility in accordance with this framework. This includes:

- A shift from a three class to five class system for classification of major facilities;
- Increases to area of influence (AOI) and minimum separation distance (MSD) standards;

- Additional guidance on the requirements for compatibility studies;
- Requirement for a demonstration of need assessment for proposed sensitive land uses; and
- Additional direction on consideration of cumulative impact and transitional land uses.

The proposed Odour Guideline provides guidance on how to assess potential odour impacts from major facilities at sensitive land uses as part of a compatibility study required in the land use planning processes. It outlines steps to determine when an odour compatibility study is required and tools that can be used for the assessment.

Regional Submission

The 60-day commenting period has precluded a joint Halton Area Planning Partnership submission, however Regional staff have consulted with our Local Municipal partners to consider alignment of responses to the proposals.

Regional staff are generally supportive of most aspects of the proposed guidelines. In particular, the consolidation of the land use compatibility guidance into one comprehensive document provides a streamlined approach for planning authorities and proponents to identify and address land use compatibility requirements. The guideline is particularly relevant to Halton with respect to the guidance on planning for land use compatibility in areas of infill and intensification such as Major Transit Station Areas and with respect to the Region's employment area overlay.

Regional staff anticipate that comments on the proposal will focus on the proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline due to its focus on providing guidance to planning authorities on incorporating land use compatibility into land use planning decisions.

Based on Regional staff's initial review of the proposed guideline, a submission to the Province is proposed to address and provide comments on the following:

- **Classification of Facilities and Identified Area of Influence (AOI) / Minimum Separation Distance (MSD):** The proposed guideline allows for easier implementation of AOI and MSD standards through the introduction of a detailed methodology for classifying major facilities into a finer grain five class system as well as assigning certain types of major facilities specific AOIs and MSDs such as composting facilities, meat processing facilities, and wastewater facilities. In conjunction with the update to the classification of facilities, the Ministry is proposing to substantially increase AOI and MSD standards based on analysis of the Ministry's complaint data related to noise, dust, and odour over a ten-year period. In the existing D-series guidelines MSDs range from 20m to 300m whereas in the proposed guideline they range from 200m to 500m. Further, in the existing guidelines AOIs range from 70m to 1000m whereas in the proposed guideline they range from 500m to 2000m.

The substantial increase to AOI and MSD standards will have an impact on how the Region approaches projects for major facilities (e.g. wastewater treatment plants) as well as on the planning for infill and intensification in the Region especially with respect to the area-specific planning for major transit station areas and other strategic growth areas where mixed-use development is contemplated. Regional staff will continue to review these changes and provide any necessary comments related to addressing land use compatibility in infill and intensification contexts such as potentially requesting additional guidance from the Ministry on what minimization and mitigation approaches may be most appropriate in these contexts as well as any comments on addressing projects for major facilities.

- **Implementation of Land Use Compatibility in Planning Tools and Potential for Enhanced Provincial Support:** The proposed guideline provides specific direction on how land use compatibility can be addressed in planning tools such as official plans. Regional staff are generally supportive of the guidance in this regard. However, the Ministry does indicate that official plans should identify or designate areas with existing or planned major facilities and identify the associated AOIs and MSDs for these facilities on a land use schedule. Regional staff have concerns with this suggestion as the land use schedule would become stale-dated quite quickly as facilities change, expand, or move throughout the Region. Regional staff will provide comments that speak to providing more flexibility in this guidance such as considering changing the direction to refer to an appendix to an official plan that would be able to be updated more frequently without requiring an amendment and/or considering a centralized Provincial database for the classification of facilities.

The Ministry already provides a database for environmental compliance approvals (ECAs) however, improvements to the user friendliness of the database to identify when an ECA is no longer active and to identify the classification of a facility would assist municipalities across the Province in the assessment of compatibility studies. As the Ministry already undertakes tracking of ECAs the requirement for municipalities to do similar tracking through the classification of facilities on a schedule in official plans may introduce duplication of work. Regional comments may consider requesting more guidance from the Ministry to understand how the requirement for a schedule in official plans fits in with the existing Provincial tracking of ECAs to avoid and reduce redundancy.

- **Applicability to Federal and Federally-regulated Facilities:** The proposed guideline introduces a new Ontario approach to federal or federally-regulated facilities such as airports, rail facilities, marine facilities, and oil and gas pipelines that is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020. The PPS 2020 provides a two-way standard to address compatibility – i.e., on the one hand, new major facilities must be planned to ensure compatibility with existing or approved sensitive land uses and, on the other hand, new sensitive land uses must be planned to ensure compatibility with existing or approved major facilities. Without rationale, the Ministry guideline proposes to depart from the cabinet-approved

Provincial Policy Statement by including a novel one-way approach – that new sensitive land uses must be planned to ensure compatibility with existing or approved major federal facilities, but new major federal facilities need not be planned to ensure compatibility with existing or approved sensitive uses. There is no planning policy rationale for introducing this one-way approach and, nor is there any legal rationale for this change. In law, there is no blanket exemption of federal facilities from provincial or municipal law or standards.

Regional staff are of the opinion that these Ministry guidelines should not change the existing policy approved by cabinet in the PPS 2020. The siting of all new major facilities near sensitive land uses should be subject to this guideline. There should be zero tolerance for any “federally-regulated facility” claiming or receiving blanket exemption from the requirement to ensure compatibility through alternative designs, separation distances or mitigation. Therefore it is recommended in the strongest of terms that these guidelines should apply and will prove useful to ensure that new federally-regulated facilities adhere to Ontario’s existing two-way standards and approach to land use compatibility. This is incredibly important for achieving economic prosperity and ensuring protection of the people of Ontario against a range of impacts – including serious health impacts – due to incompatible land uses.

Conclusion

The comments contained in this report represent initial considerations on the Province’s proposed land use compatibility and odour guidelines. Regional planning staff are continuing to work with both internal stakeholders such as Public Works as well as our Local Municipal partners to consider alignment of responses to the proposals. Should Regional Council endorse this report, staff will generate a submission on the basis of this report on the proposals to be provided to the Province by the July 3, 2021 commenting deadline.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Curt Benson
Director, Planning Services and Chief
Planning Official



Bob Gray
Commissioner, Legislative and Planning
Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by



Jane MacCaskill
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments: None



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June 11, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Support for 988 a 3 digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline

Please be advised that on June 2, 2021, The Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands passed the following motion endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

Resolution 219-2021

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

Whereas the motion calls for the federal government to consolidate all existing suicide crisis numbers into one three-digit hotline; and

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

Whereas the Municipality of Hastings Highlands recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved as follows:

1. That the Municipality of Hastings Highlands endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.
2. That a letter demonstrating Hastings Highland's support be sent to Daryl Kramp MPP, Derek Sloan MP, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

cc:

-MP for Hastings–Lennox and Addington Derek Sloan Derek.Sloan@parl.gc.ca

-MPP for Hastings–Lennox and Addington Daryl Kramp daryl.kramp@pc.ola.org

-Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission – Ian Scott

-All Ontario Municipalities

Regards,

Suzanne Huschilt

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Huschilt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Municipal Clerk



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June 15, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-181-21

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

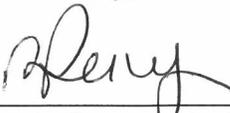
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Leamington recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Carried

Dated today, the 15th day of June, 2021.



 Brenda Percy, Clerk
 The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington

June 21, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: Support for 988 – 3 digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Adjala-Tosorontio, at its meeting held Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

RES-167-2021

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now there for be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

And that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, MP Terry Dowdall, Simcoe-Grey, MP Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey, Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO-Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Dianne Gould-Brown

Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO
Clerk



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June 22, 2021

File No. 21-94

SENT VIA EMAIL

Town of West Lincoln
318 Canborough Street
Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0

Attention: Ms. Joanne Scime, City Clerk

Re: June 15, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of June 15, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives and endorses the correspondence from the Township of West Lincoln dated May 26, 2021 regarding Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative.

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Township Council endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and

RE: June 22, 2021 – Welland City Council

June 22, 2021

THAT a letter demonstrating Township of West Lincoln Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honorable Dean Allison MP Niagara West, the Honourable Sam Oosterhoff MPP Niagara West, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio- Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario.

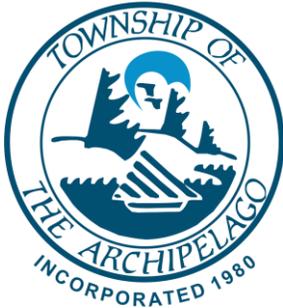
Yours truly,



Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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- c.c.: - The Honorable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, sent via email
- The Honorable Dean Allison, MP Niagara West, sent via e-mail
- The Honorable Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West, sent via e-mail
- Ian Scott, Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications, sent via e-mail
- All Ontario Municipalities, sent via e-mail



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June 18, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Mead
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

RE: Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka – Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National 3-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities and local First Nations.

Carried.



June 23, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
 Minister of Health
 Brooke Claxton Building, 16th Floor 0916A
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9
hcmminister.ministresc@canada.ca

Dear Minister Hajdu:

RE: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on June 22nd, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2021-06-12

“WHEREAS, the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;

AND WHEREAS, existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or to be placed on hold;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

AND THAT, a letter demonstrating Tay Valley Township’s support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, Scott Reid, MP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Randy Hillier, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications, and all municipalities in Ontario.”



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Mabo".

Amanda Mabo, Acting CAO/Clerk

cc: Scott Reid, MP - Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston
Randy Hiller, MPP - Lanark – Frontenac – Kingston
Ian Scott, Chairperson and CEO, Canadian Radio-Television and
Telecommunications Commission
All municipalities in Ontario

June 11, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Lyme Disease Awareness Month
Our Files: 35.31.99/35.23.12**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on May 31, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS May is Lyme Disease National Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines Strategic Plan includes improving livability for all; and

WHEREAS Niagara Region is a high-risk area for ticks and Lyme Disease, and cases continue to increase; and

WHEREAS Ontario health does not cover treatment and testing for all strains of Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a crippling disease if not diagnosed and treated appropriately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of St. Catharines call on the Ontario government to expand testing to all strains of Lyme Disease and improve the level of treatment and care for those diagnosed with this crippling disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, local MPPs, Niagara Health, Niagara Region Public Health, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be sent correspondence of Council's decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor bring this matter to the attention of the Niagara Region and request that the Region build an awareness campaign with on-line resources for families with Lyme Disease.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Ontario Minister of Health
Niagara Area MPPs
Niagara Health
Niagara Region Public Health
Niagara Region
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
Melissa Wenzler, Government Relations Advisor



The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
1 Cameron St. E., P.O. Box 10
Cannington, ON L0E 1E0
705-432-2355

June 24, 2021

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
Ministry of Transportation
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON
M7A 1Z8

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

Dear Honorable Madam:

Re: Township of Archipelago – Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised that the Committee of the Whole, at their meeting held on June 14, 2021, adopted a resolution endorsing the resolution adopted by the Township of The Archipelago, a copy of which is enclosed, with respect to the invasive species phragmites.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department, Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deena Hunt".

Deena Hunt
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

- cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
jeff.yurekco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Canada ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca
Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of the Archipelago
mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca
Carol Schofield, Clerk, Fort Erie cschofield@forterie.ca
Carrie Sykes, Clerk, Lake of Bays csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org
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 F 705-635-2132 Dwight, ON P0A 1H0

June 2, 2021

Date:	07/06/2021
Refer to:	Not Applicable
Meeting Date:	June 14, 2021
Action:	null
Notes:	COW -OP
Copies to:	pulled from CII

Via email: schofield@forterie.ca

Town of Fort Erie
Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
 1 Municipal Centre Drive
 Fort Erie, ON
 L2A 2S6

Dear Ms. Schofield:

**RE: Correspondence – Township of The Archipelago – Road Management
 Action on Invasive Phragmites**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(a)/06/01/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk for the Town of Fort Erie requesting support for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Communicate the Strategy on Mapping and Controlling Invasive Phragmites on Provincial Highways, dated April 27, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of The Archipelago requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting site) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region, and each highway in the region and work in collaboration with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive Phragmites.

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Res 18-7 Cow June 14 endorsed.



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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie, Township of The Archipelago, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, MPP Norm Miller, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
 Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
 CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to: Township of The Archipelago
 Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
 Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
 Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
 Hon. Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
 All Ontario Municipalities



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 27, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks jeff.yurekco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

Christopher Balasa, Manager, Maintenance Management Office Christopher.balasa@ontario.ca

Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP Norman Miller. Norm.miller@pc.olg.org

Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of The Archipelago mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca

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April 9, 2021

21-073

**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada’s worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.