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Halton Hills Public Library Board

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Zoom Videoconference

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Ted Brown, Lisa Caissie, Betsy Cosper, Larry Hawes, Matt Kindbom,
Keith Medenblik (Chair), Joanna Meler, James Schumacker, Tamara Smith, Marilyn Willis

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

Guests: Greg Young, Director, TCI Management Consultants
Jon Linton, Director, TCI Management Consultants

Regrets: Ann Lawlor

1.0 Declaration of Quorum

- K. Medenblik declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Kindbom

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded by L. Caissie

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CARRIED

3.0 Declaration of pecuniary interest

- None

4.0 Minutes

4.1 December 8, 2021

Moved by T. Brown

That the Minutes of December 8, 2021 be approved.

Seconded by T. Smith

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CARRIED

4.2 In Camera December 8, 2021

Moved by L. Caissie

That the In Camera Minutes of December 8, 2021 be approved.

Seconded by T. Smith

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CARRIED

5.0 Consent Agenda

Moved by B. Cosper

That Consent Agenda items for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 be approved:

- 5.1** 2022 Key Agenda Items-Revised (For information only)
- 5.2** Report No. LBD-2022-002 re: Staff Day 2021 (For information only)

Seconded by J. Schumacker

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CARRIED

6.0 Correspondence

- None

7.0 Delegations/Presentations

7.1 G. Young/J. Linton, TCI Management Consultants (with reference to Item 11.1)

- G. Young and J. Linton provided an update on the strategic planning work completed to date:
 - The first Board workshop was productive and provided insight into possible directions for future planning. Board members were encouraged to complete the online Board survey. The Board will be polled regarding the best date for their next workshop in February or early March.
 - Community focus group sessions have started and are providing a number of different perspectives for consideration. These sessions are being conducted virtually due to current COVID restrictions.
 - There was a high response to both the Community Survey and Staff Survey with the majority of respondents stating that they are generally satisfied with library services, and offered a number of ideas for the direction of next Strategic Plan.
 - The Branding Survey for community members is being developed and will be sent out in February.

8.0 Business Arising

8.1 Report No. LBD-2022-004 re: HHPL and Land Acknowledgement statements

- M. Southern discussed HHPL's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, noting efforts to date which include, but are not limited to, Land Acknowledgement statements being stated at larger library programs and events, and statements being posted in both branches and on the HHPL website. The Board was asked to consider the inclusion of a Land Acknowledgment statement as part of their regular meeting agenda, similar to Town Council.

Moved by M. Kindbom

That Report No. LBD-2022-004 dated January 13, 2022 regarding HHPL and Land Acknowledgement statements be received;

AND THAT the Board includes a Land Acknowledgement statement in the agenda;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to provide guidance and advise the Board of any changes to the Mississaugas of the Credit Land Acknowledgment Guidelines.

Seconded by J. Meler

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CARRIED

8.2 Report No. LBD-2022-006 re: Board By-laws Review (second reading)

- M. Southern presented By-law Articles 11 and 19 as revised per discussion at the December Board meeting. Article 11 will now refer to the Public Libraries Act electing the Board Chair at the beginning of the term and advise that the term be for two years. Article 19 was amended, noting that the order of business will be prescribed in advance.

Moved by J. Schumacker

That Report No. LBD-2022-006, dated January 13, 2022, regarding Amendments to Halton Hills Public Library Board By-Laws Article 11: Officers of the Board, and Article 19 re: Order of Proceedings be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the revised amendments to By-Law Article 11 and Article 19 as amended.

Seconded by L. Caissie

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CARRIED

9.0 Updates – including sub-committees

- 9.1** Advocacy Committee – No updates
- 9.2** Friends of the Library – No updates
- 9.3** Council Update – No updates
- 9.4** Community Connections Update – No updates

10.0 Financial Report

10.1 Month End Report (November 2021)

- M. Southern reported that it is expected that at year end, the Library will be approximately 8% under budget due to staffing gaps. These gaps are in the process of being filled. Unused funds will be transferred to the Library Reserve.
- The Month End Report was received for information.

11.0 New Business

11.1 Strategic Plan – TCI progress report (see Item 7.1)

11.2 Board Objectives Review: 2021 Board Objectives

- B. Cosper, M Willis, and M. Kindbom agreed to prepare a review of the Board's 2021 objectives and develop proposed objectives for 2022. Board members were encouraged to send suggestions for the objectives to B. Cosper.

11.3 Report No. LBD-2022-005 re: Board Legacy Report

- M. Southern suggested that, as this is the final year of the Board's term of office, the Board may wish to consider the preparation of a Board Legacy Report, as has been done in the past. This report would provide insight and information to the next Board and assist in recruitment.

Moved by B. Cosper

That Report No. LBD-2022-005 dated January 13, 2022, regarding the creation of a Legacy Report be received;

AND THAT the Board confirms its willingness to pursue the creation of this report.

Seconded by T. Smith

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CARRIED

- M. Southern will attend a Legacy Report training workshop offered by the Ontario Library Service and provide further information to Board members.

11.4 Report No. LBD-2022-003 re: Board Policy Review (Art Collections Policy, Community Displays, Photography and Video Policy) (First Review)

- B. King presented for consideration, proposed revisions to the Board's Art Collections Policy, Community Displays Policy, and Photography and Video Policy. The proposed changes reflect housekeeping fixes and minor edits to improve clarity.

Moved by M. Kindbom

That Report No. LBD-2022-003 dated January 13, 2022 regarding the Board Policy Review – Art Collection Management Policy, Community Displays Policy, and Photography and Video Policy be received;

AND THAT Report No. LBD-2022-003 dated January 13, 2022 regarding the Board Policy Review – Art Collection Management Policy, Community Displays Policy, and Photography and Video Policy be approved.

Seconded by J Schumacker

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CARRIED

11.5 Report No. LBD-2022-001 re: Chief Librarian's Report – January 2022

- M. Southern noted highlights from the Chief Librarian's Report – January 2022:
 - Current provincial COVID restrictions allow libraries to operate at 50% capacity. HHPL is currently not allowing food or beverages consumption in its spaces.
 - The first "Every Child Ready to Read" workshop will take place on January 27, Family Literacy Day. This parent workshop will focus on strategies to promote early literacy and provide information about community resources and library collections.
 - Programming for Family Day (February 21) is planned and will be dependent on restrictions.
 - The Georgetown Branch Creativity Centre is being refreshed with new computer workstations, audio cassette conversion, a Cricut die-cutting machine, and a t-shirt press.
 - The workplace allocation review in cooperation with the Town, is ongoing.
 - Over 15 staff and 2 Library Board members are planning to attend the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in February.

12.0 Health & Safety Report

- M. Southern reported that there have been no Health & Safety incidents reported since the December Board meeting. To date, staffing impacts related to COVID-19 have been minimal.

13.0 Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Videoconference

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by M. Willis

Seconded by L. Caissie

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The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Signed: _____
Keith Medenblik, Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____
Melanie Southern, Chief Librarian
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: February 9, 2022

DATED: February 9, 2022



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **January 12, 2022**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Todd Jenney (Chair), Jane Watson, Lloyd Hillier, Neal Panchuk, Thomas Hill

Staff Present: Ruth Conard, Planner
Niloo Hodjati, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment & Consent Official

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPLICATIONS HEARD

When an application is approved, the Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan,
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law,
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure, and
4. Be minor in nature.

a) **Minor Variance D13VAR21.039H – Gallant**

Location: 6692 Highway 7, Town of Halton Hills (Esquesing), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To reduce the interior side yard setback from the minimum 4.5 m to permit a (west) interior side yard setback of 0.6 m.
2. To increase the driveway width from the maximum 7 m to permit a driveway width of 11.79 m.

To accommodate a proposed attached garage.

Owner(s): Bradley & Kim Gallant, **Agent:** Matthews Design & Drafting, Doug Matthews / Bethany VanRavens

The Town Planner referenced a received letter of support, and noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The agent was present and spoke to the application.

It was MOVED by Jane Watson, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jamie Watt (Board Chair), Derek Smith (Vice Board Chair), Randy Kerman (Past Chair), Beverley King (Secretary), Cindy Robinson (Treasurer), Jane Fogal (Council Appointee), Suzanne Clarke, Ted Flanagan, Sandy Mackenzie, Ron Quinlan, Maureen Turner

Regrets:

Absent:

Guests:

Staff Attending: Yaw Ennin (BIA Manager), Nikki Jackson (Marketing and Communications Officer - Recorder)

Guests:

1. **Call to order – 9:00 A.M.** *By Beverley King – Meeting Chair*
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:**
No motion was presented.
3. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest**
None
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
Motion: To Approve the Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021
Deferred to next board meeting, February 8, 2022.
5. **Correspondence**
None
6. **Financial Statements – Cindy**
 - a) **Acceptance of financial statements**
Motion: To accept the December 2021 financial statements as presented
Motion Moved By: Cindy Robinson **Second: Ted Flanagan**
Motion passed
 - b) **KPMG/Town audit for February 2022**
Preparations are underway for the audit package. Audit will take place next month.
7. **Manager's Report – Yaw** ***Attached***
 - The Manager's Report was received.
 - Highlights include:
 - Holiday décor and lighting going to be taken down shortly.
 - Broken banner arm was fixed.

- Meeting with the Jan 11 to discuss impact of latest restrictions on businesses. Feedback was gathered from BIA members via email and feedback from Holiday Market.

ACTION: Yaw to gather formal feedback from BIA members and market vendors and present to the board. Surveys, email replies, committee feedback.

- Yaw has joined OBIAA's Customer Retention Management (CRM) Committee. This is software that is specifically applicable for BIAs. DGBIA currently utilizes OneDrive, Excel spreadsheets, etc. Derek offered his professional experience to assist.
- Discussed upcoming changes to businesses.

8. Business Arising

a) Summer Students for 2022

- Summer Jobs grant applications have been submitted for two positions: Special Events Co-Ordinator and Marketing Assistant. Canada Summer Jobs grant program changed the national and regional priorities.

b) Job descriptions

- Board would like to review part-time and casual job descriptions and postings as soon as possible. Discussed timing to post for at least one summer students (fully funded by BIA) in February for the coming Summer.

Action: for review. Job descriptions and job postings to be sent to the board next week (week of January 17th).

c) Engineering work for BIA lighting/beautification projects

- The BIA has not yet heard back from the Town.

Action: To put all the Town's lighting project details into the next board meeting's agenda under Business Arising.

9. Council Update – Councillor Jane Fogal

10. Committee Updates

a) Strategic Planning Committee – Jane

- Meeting scheduled for Thursday this week. Focus is to update the Strategic Plan document. Town's Economic Development team will be a guest for a small portion of the meeting.

b) Marketing Committee – Suzanne

- The report from Metroland will be presented to the Marketing Committee first and will then be presented to the board.

c) Farmers Market Committee – Yaw

- Find out Farmers Market vendors their thoughts and feedback from their Farmers Market experiences, raising the vendor fees, etc.

Action: Farmers Market Committee to provide feedback on the Farmers Market including fee schedule, holiday market, etc. including recommendation to Board on appropriate fee increase.

d) Events Committee –

- Review of BIA calendar for 2022.

Action: Yaw to gather feedback from members about BIA events with a survey.

Action: Yaw to create a thorough report which includes BIA members' feedback and recommendations for Holiday Market. Marketing Committee to review.

Action: Include on the BIA calendar the dates when we release applications for Farmers Market and Holiday Market.

Action: Post on the websites when we will be releasing the vendor application forms for Farmers Market and Holiday Market.

Action: Put together a proposal of how all the events will run. Each event must be addressed, and the board needs to review the proposals.

- Georgetown Movie Night has two potential dates in case Car Show does not go forward.
- Car Show is always the weekend before Labour Day long weekend, and on the Friday evening.
- Marketing for the car show needs to be done much earlier. E.g. Marketing needs to appear in car enthusiasts' and trade magazines.

Action: List the car show in trade magazines now. Yaw to consult with Jamie for list of appropriate publications.

- AGM runs in October. The budget needs to be approved in the October board meeting, before the AGM.

Action: Include AGM in BIA calendar.

Action: October 11, 2022, is the date to remind the BIA members of the upcoming AGM and to set them a copy of the board-approved budget.

Action: If the BIA is to present at Town Council, Yaw must send the Council Meeting links to the board members, so that they may attend as well.

11. New Business

a) Resignation

- Sandy Mackenzie announced his resignation from the BIA board. After many years being supportive and representative of Downtown Georgetown (founding member), DGBIA is very sad to see Sandy go. Board members expressed their thanks, appreciation and sadness and wish Sandy all the best for the future.

b) New BIA board members

Action: Consider how to recruit new board members, in preparation for AGM election in October. (A month of intake, recruitment and candidates.)

12. Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 8, 2021 @ 9:00 AM.

<u>ACTIONABLE ITEMS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>Board Minutes Ref Date</u>
Manager to contact local service clubs (and organizations like Cadets, Guides, Scouts, etc.) to ask if they can help out at events (e.g. manning barricades during car show, etc.) in return for a donation/payment to their organization.	On hold due to COVID Will resume when large	2021

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	events resume	
Request Silvercreek Commercial to purchase and install brackets for the hanging baskets onto the McGibbon. Come to some sort of agreement e.g. if you purchase three, we will assist and purchase another 3. Also request brackets for the front of the BIA office for hanging baskets.	Pending - target May 2021	2021
Find grants to assist the BIA with Beautification projects including lighting in Downtown, Directional Signage, Retaining wall and sidewalk on Back Street.	In progress	2021
The BIA Manager to find out the budget that the Town will provide to assist the BIA's beautification projects.	In progress	2021
Yaw to collect all the unpaid invoices from Town's Public Works. E.g. snow clearing.	In progress	2021
Strategic Planning Committee to create a formal plan from the current Strategic Plan's working document for Board approval at the February meeting that can then be shared with members and the Town.	In progress	2021
Yaw to draft a document that outlines the procedures for how to elect for an Executive Board position including timeframe, variances for new term elections vs mid-term elections.	In progress	2021
Staff to reformat the Strategic Plan formal document for easier printing capabilities.	Completed	2021
BIA to investigate about pop-up parkettes and other ways to encourage people to come and stay in the Downtown. Find out how to use grants to cover costs such as closing streets on Friday and Saturday evenings for restaurants and other businesses, staffing the barricades, etc. The area around Knox Church may be a good spot for a pop-up parkette. Councillor Jane Fogal offered to assist. Ideas and research will be discussed in the next marketing committee meeting.	In progress	2021
The BIA to create marketing brochures, literature of the Downtown (great place to work and build a business). Scout for high level players.	Pending	2021
Find out what Amico is planning to do in terms of beautification of the McGibbon, particularly on the Mill Street side.	Pending	2021
Yaw to forward details of the Town's focus groups (CIP updating) to the board members so they may join and participate.	Pending	2021
The Town will supply itemized quotes (summary of costs, key points) to the BIA board so that they can determine which lighting project will move forward. So far, of the \$20,000 budgeted (\$10,000 from the Town, \$10,000 from the BIA), approximately \$12,500 was spent on investigations/research done by the Town so far. This leaves \$7,000 to complete a project.	Completed.	2021
Yaw to investigate how to make Halloween 2022 a bigger event with activations, entertainment and activities and have BIA members participate with in-store promotions etc.	Pending	2021
Yaw to set up a review with the Strategic Planning Committee of how the BIA is doing according to its existing Strategic Plan. Also, research and find out if we need to hire a contractor for our next Strategic Plan, how much it will cost the BIA, what to budget for the contractor for Budget 2023. Yaw to find out what other BIAs are doing for their Strategic Plans, how much did they spend on contractors and professionals, etc.	Pending	2021

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Yaw to research what other Farmers Markets are charging their vendors and what they offer to their vendors. E.g. insurance. A Farmers Market Committee meeting will be called, and Yaw will present his research and data. Decisions will be made where the additional funding will go. E.g. marketing of the Farmers Market.	Completed.	2021
Strategic Planning Committee to go through the Main Street Re-imagined handbook methodically, and go onto the street to see the experiences through the visitor's eyes.	Completed.	2021
Strategic Planning Committee to review and update the Strategic Planning documents in January 2022. They are to be reformatted before the January meeting. After review and update, the documents need to be submitted to the Town.	Pending	2021
Create a Strategic Plan folder to consolidate and fill with resources that committee members can access and review.	Pending	2021
The BIA will notify and communicate with BIA members of what is going on for the Holiday Market dates.	Completed.	2021
Gather feedback from BIA members during and after Holiday Market. Did it help having the event drawn out over 4 dates or is it better having one main event? Estimate crowd attendance for each date. Survey how the event impacts the businesses within the BIA. What are the gains and losses? The test is road closure vs. no road closure. Find out the impacts on the day and after the Holiday Market dates, if businesses are seeing more traffic and sales.	Completed.	2021
A marketing report will be presented to the board in the January board meeting.	Pending.	2021
Reach out to other BIAs and OBIAA and find out how others accomplished their MoUs with their municipalities. What were their processes, documents, expectations and flexibilities?	Pending	Nov 2021
Find out the impact the Holiday Market had on the businesses in the Downtown. Survey the BIA members. Survey the vendors. Did they like the four dates? What were the strengths and weaknesses? Find out the vendor perspective. Do they like coming every week? Were they warm enough?	Pending	Dec 2021
Create parameters for inclement weather for events. When is an event cancelled? When you can't put up a tent? Staff have permission to end or cancel an event when conditions are deemed no longer safe to operate.	Pending	Dec 2021
Yaw will pull together all the details of the lighting project from beginning to end and create a summary document for the Board members and Town staff. Suzanne will help gather information.	Pending.	Dec 2021
Yaw to request engineering and design drawings from Town and to inform Board when received.	Completed.	Dec 2021
Yaw to consult with OBIAA and report back on the OBIAA and other BIAs' protocols for in-person meetings. (Masks, physical distancing, etc.) Seek out Valerie at the Town to find out the Town's own protocols. Yaw, continue to look at other options for hybrid meetings.	Completed.	Dec 2021
In order to run a hybrid meeting, a large microphone and a suitable camera is needed to sufficiently broadcast to those who attend virtually. BIA to purchase.	Pending	Dec 2021

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Yaw to send out Council dates and links to the BIA board members when the BIA is presenting to the Board. NOTE: If the BIA is to present at Town Council, Yaw must send the Council Meeting links to the board members, so that they may attend as well.	Completed – see note	Dec 2021
Yaw to set up next Strategic Committee meeting for January. Town to be invited as per their request. The Strategic Plan needs to go in the next board meeting package.	Completed	Dec 2021
Yaw to develop job description and job posting for all casual employees and bring back to Board for input and approval prior to posting.	Completed.	Dec 2021
Follow- up on the infrastructure issues with GFIs to ensure it is resolved before outlets are needed again. NOTE: BIA needs to investigate infrastructure maintenance since the GFIs became an issue because they do not have guards on the top ones. The Town is concerned as well.	Pending	Dec 2021
Yaw to gather feedback from BIA members and market vendors and present to the board. Surveys, email replies, committee feedback.	Completed.	Jan 2021
Job descriptions and job postings to be sent to the board next week (week of January 17 th).	Completed.	Jan 2021
To put all the Town's lighting project details into the next board meeting's agenda under Business Arising.	Pending	Jan 2021
Consider how to recruit new board members, in preparation for AGM election in October. (A month of intake, recruitment and candidates.)	Pending	
Farmers Market Committee to provide feedback on the Farmers Market including fee schedule, holiday market, etc. including recommendation to Board on appropriate fee increase.	Completed.	Jan 2021
Yaw to gather feedback from members about BIA events with a survey.	Completed.	Jan 2021
Yaw to create a thorough report which includes BIA members' feedback and recommendations for Holiday Market. Marketing Committee to review.	Completed.	Jan 2021
Post on the websites when we will be releasing the vendor application forms for Farmers Market and Holiday Market.	Completed.	Jan 2021
Put together a proposal of how all the events will run. Each event must be addressed, and the board would like to review the proposals.	Pending	Jan 2021
List the car show in trade magazines now. Consult Jamie for appropriate publications.	Pending	Jan 2021
Add AGM to events calendar: October 11, 2022, is the date to remind the BIA members of the upcoming AGM and to set them a copy of the board-approved budget.	Completed.	Jan 2021

Downtown Georgetown BIA Manager's Report January 2022

A. Beautification

a. Public Art

- Administrations contracted Quality Tree to take down some of the holiday-themed decorations in the downtown. The remaining decorations will stay up through the month of February.

B. Economic Development

a. Advocate for Impactful Investments

- The BIA has continued its partnership with the Town of Halton Hills, Acton BIA and Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce for the revamped “shop local” campaign. The campaign, which has included print and digital advertising as well as social media, will echo a unified messaging across platforms. Businesses will be encouraged and educated on the various way they can participate and take advantage of the various marketing opportunities.

b. Advocate for Economic Wellbeing

- The BIA Manager investigated the viability of a DGBIA program that either supplied or subsidized COVID-19 rapid testing kits for BIA members. The investigation included calls to the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce and Young's Pharmacy. It was concluded at the DGBIA Strategic Planning Committee that it would not be financially feasible for the BIA to develop such a program. BIA members will be directed to the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce who have an existing program that supplies free kits to all Halton Hills businesses based on availability.

c. Maintain good relationships with stakeholders (municipality, region & community groups)

- The BIA Manager has remained in constant communication with the Town of Halton Hills, providing feedback on business sentiments through the pandemic and provincial restrictions. There are scheduled meeting over the next number of weeks with the Mayor of Halton Hills, Town administration and community

stakeholder. The meetings, which are part of the efforts by the Town's Economic Support and Recovery Task Force will gather feedback from the business community and device support plans and programs.

C. Support Membership Success (support small Business Success)

a. Market & communicate the BIA's message to the members & community

- The website and bi-weekly e-newsletter continue to be a source of up-to-date news and information for the Downtown businesses and their patrons. Website and e-newsletter content have been handled by the BIA Manager since the resignation of the Marketing and Communications Officer.

b. Promote a prosperous mix of retail & service

- The DGBIA-Metroland marketing partnership, which included monthly print and digital advertisements, has been halted as it is currently under review. However, the 'Nice To Meet You' sector profiles in the IFP print newspaper have continued. The latest advertorial highlighted the downtown establishments that promote creativity through their products and services.

c. Advocate on behalf of businesses on all levels of government

- The BIA Manager has regularly participated in Ontario BIA Association (OBIAA) 'Best Practices Calls' where representatives from various levels of government have been present to discuss legislations and grants relating to small businesses. Recent discussions centered on in-person BIA Board meetings and general trends across BIAs.
- The BIA Manager recently signed up to be part of the OBIAA's Customer Relations Management (CRM) Committee. The Committee will be discussing the OBIAA's new CRM program for Business Improvement Areas and formulating the parameters of the program. Once finalized the program would help BIAs manage sensitive data and offer tools for effective communication with membership and the general public. Recent discussions have centered on responses to a request for proposal that was sent out about the program.

d. Offer events that directly support and promote the overall economic health of the BIA members

- The BIA Manager has begun communications with the Town of Halton Hills regarding this year's DGBIA events. The BIA is being guided through the Town's revised event application process. The first application being finalized is for the Georgetown Farmers Market which will run from June 4 to October 15. Applications will also be completed for the Downtown Movie Night, Classics Car Show, Masquerade, and Holiday Magic. The events will utilize spaces on Main Street, Mill Street, Church Street, and the Church Street Parking Lot. Consideration is also being given to the ongoing construction on the old McGibbon Hotel. Construction may affect access to Main Street and Mill Street during some events.

e. Establish relationships with business owners to ensure open dialogue and ongoing support.

- The BIA Manager has continued regular communication with business owners through emails and phone calls. The BIA Manager will conduct a round of phone calls and in-person visits with business owners to solicit feedback about recent provincial restrictions.

D. Community Building

a. Improve access to Downtown for all forms of transportation (i.e. Transit, cycling, walkability, trails)

- The BIA Manager has been in contact with Town about the clearing of snow on sidewalks. It was observed that Town staff were carrying out this duty too late into the day. Following conversations, the Town assured that following snowfalls it would reprioritize the downtown areas and clear the sidewalks of snow as well as salt the walkways early in the mornings.

February 14, 2022

Pat Daly, Director
Halton Catholic District School Board

David Boag, Associate Director
Halton District School Board

In fall 2021, prior to the development of the 2022-2023 school year calendar, municipal Clerks and Council in the Halton Region communicated with both school boards the shared benefits of the use of school space as voting locations in municipal council and school board elections. Schools provide accessible and community-based voting locations. Given the ongoing concerns of school boards, parents and teachers for student safety in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we recommended that October 24, 2022 be designated as a professional activity day for both school boards.

We understand that the 2022-2023 school year calendar has been developed by both boards, and that our request was not approved. While we respect your board's decision, we are disappointed by this outcome which did not involve further communication or consultation with the municipalities that run the elections for the school boards and its decision makers.

Despite the outcome, please note that Halton area municipalities still intend to use school space of both boards for the October 24, 2022 municipal election, and appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

As municipal staff involved in the administration of municipal council and school board elections, it is important that our organizations can work more collaboratively for the benefit of Halton residents. We are hopeful that we can continue to have positive dialogue and engagement around election matters, including about logistics, voter and school community safety.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Vicki Tytaneck
Town Clerk
Town of Oakville

Kevin Arjoon
City Clerk
City of Burlington

Meaghen Reid
Town Clerk
Town of Milton

Valerie Petryniak
Town Clerk
Town of Halton Hills

cc: Alana Del Greco, Manager – Policy & Government Relations, AMCTO
Rosie Di Pietro, Executive Assistant, Halton Catholic District School Board
Susan Thrasher, Office Supervisor, Halton District School Board

MULTI-MUNICIPAL WIND TURBINE WORKING GROUP

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February 4, 2022

Greetings Members of Council,

As Municipal Leaders, we are mandated by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended to provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction. The Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group (MMWTWG) collectively addresses concerns that are raised in relation to the various wind turbine projects across the province.

The list of concerns and implications is continually growing and many citizens are completely unaware of the effects, both short and long term that wind turbines pose. To provide some context to the complex matters that the MMWTWG continues to work to resolve, some principal issues are provided.

1. Public Safety

- Setbacks for tower collapse are insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement is not a strong enough protective measure. Ontario has seen collapses of GE Turbine at Raleigh and Vestas Turbine at Bow Lake. Public database details at least 95 collapses worldwide, including Enercon, Siemens, Nordex, and others. Bow Lake turbines were also permitted to restart by regulator without any public release of information of recent failure.
- Setbacks for blade failures are insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement is not a strong enough protective measure. Ontario has seen debris at 560 metres with 51-metre setback, with failures from GE, Vestas, Suzlon/Repower. Regulator did inadequate safety review of post commissioning installation of "power cone" at Skyway 8 and is permitting turbine restart without public investigation into impact of failure on tower integrity.
- Setbacks for ice throw are also insufficient, as the blade length plus 10 metre setback is less than the ice throw distance witnessed in Ontario.
- Fire hazard – Ontario has witnessed turbine fire and flaming debris on the ground at 200 metres, while setback was 50 metres. Ministry review failed to recommend industry standard protective barriers for fire suppression in spite of examples of fires in similar turbines.
- Landholder leases give no setback protection for vulnerable citizens (children and other family members of lease holder, employees, couriers, etc.)

2. Health Impacts

- Sleep deprivation – most common identified irritant.
- Stress – identified link from irritants to cardio vascular events.
- Unexplained cardiac events, diabetic events
- Cyclical noise (major irritant) not assessed by Ontario Compliance Protocol.
- Tonality (irritant at some projects) not adequately assessed by standards.
- Dominant, irritating, turbine noise signature dwarfs rural noise environment.
- Loss of enjoyment of property, contrary to Environmental Protection Act.

3. Municipal Finances

- Tax base – Assessment of multi-million-dollar turbines capped at under \$50k per MW, adversely impacts tax base. Similar to unpermitted “bonusing” by permitting low taxation. Impacts ability to build on adjoining properties.
- Community impact grants – associated “gag-clauses” deny transparency.
- Impact on roadways – large component delivery cause damages to roads.
- Upcoming impact on landfill – Component End of Life – blades not recyclable.
- Decommissioning costs – no guarantee of cost coverage at many sites.

4. Community Cohesiveness

- Rural neighbourhood – acrimony prevents neighbours working together, those profiting often not those who suffer impacts

5. Energy Supply Stability

- Mismatch to consumer demand, turbine output falls as consumer load increases in morning, but rises as consumer load falls in the evening
- Seasonal mismatch a big concern as turbine output poorest when consumer demand is highest in summer air conditioning season, and in winter heating season, yet turbine output is highest when consumer demand is lowest in spring and fall
- Requires construction of backup generation, that must price output highly as only operated intermittently.

6. Consumer Energy Cost

- First access to grid costs – force less costly generation off the grid. Ontario energy transitioned from least costly to most expensive in North America.
- Costs of required storage options will increase costs even further.
- Lowered electrical system reliability due to uncontrollable factors (weather).

7. Lack of response from responsible Ministry to complaints and professional input

- Inconsistent Ministry response to complaints from impacted citizens
- Lack of Ministry response to professional input – no disposition of items, just neglect.

8. Lack of Respect of Impacted Citizens

- Ministry failed to investigate the majority of complaints, took no action to correct, contrary to Renewable Energy Approvals regulations.

This Working Group shares municipal advice on by-laws, road use agreements, fire suppression requirements and other considerations that need to be considered before dealing with wind developers. We are striving to support municipalities and citizens and to become aware of issues and possible remedies regarding industrial wind turbines before it is too late to take proactive actions.

Our Working Group is currently comprised of municipalities from the Counties of Bruce, Grey, Huron and Niagara Region, but the issue of wind turbines is wider. By working together, can we share knowledge and provide a collective municipal response to protect our citizens. As a Working Group, it has given us the opportunity to invite participation at our meetings by Provincial MPPs and Ministry of the Environment Officials, and to hear technical and municipal planning presentations related to the subject.

The MMWTWG annual fee is set at the beginning of each year. This fee is used to cover the cost of a Recording Secretary, miscellaneous costs for preparation and circulation of materials as well as any fees related to space rentals for meetings. A small surplus is maintained for donation to a defence fund in case any municipal bylaw might be challenged by a developer. The yearly fee is paid to the "Municipality of Arran-Elderslie"; and sent directly to the Municipal Office c/o Clerk.

During 2021, the annual fees were waived as we navigated our way through the pandemic. We have resumed meeting in a "virtual" platform and anticipate this new format will continue in the future. This allows for participation across the province providing the convenience to join from wherever you are. The Working Group meets on the second Thursday of each month. Agendas and other materials are circulated to the Members by email as well as to the Clerk's of the Member Municipality's. Each member Municipality may appoint by resolution of Council, two (2) Working Group Members, one (1) Alternate Member and one (1) Citizen to provide additional expertise or information to the discussion. A copy of the Working Group Terms of Reference and Procedural Bylaw can be provided upon request.

Our annual fees are not due until June 1, 2022. At this time, we would like to extend this invitation to Members of your Council to participate in the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group meetings to better understand the work that we do and the matters we stand for.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

Please contact our Recording Secretary to obtain a copy of the agenda as well as the Zoom link for the meeting.

We look forward to your participation and support of this critical matter. Size in numbers provides a louder voice to be heard.

Warm Regards,
On behalf of the Chair, Tom Allwood

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Reid".

Julie Reid, Recording Secretary
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Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc.

February 3, 2022

PROPOSED REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, LOCAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS FOR:

LANDS GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF JAMES SNOW PARKWAY, SOUTH OF NO. 5 SIDEROAD, WEST OF ESQUESING LINE AND EAST OF THE CN RAILWAY

REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: RQ64A,
TOWN OF MILTON OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: LOPA-09/21,
TOWN OF MILTON ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS FILE NUMBERS: Z-26/21, Z-27/21,
TOWN OF MILTON DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS FILE NUMBERS: 24T-21007/M & 24T-21008/M

OWNER: QUARRE (TWO) INC.; HEARTLAND (TWO) LIMITED & ORLANDO CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

You are invited to attend a virtual Public Information Centre hosted by Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. (GSAI) on:

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022

Time: 6:30PM - 8:00PM (EDT)

To attend the virtual meeting (hosted via GOTO meeting) please use the following link and enter the Access Code below when prompted:

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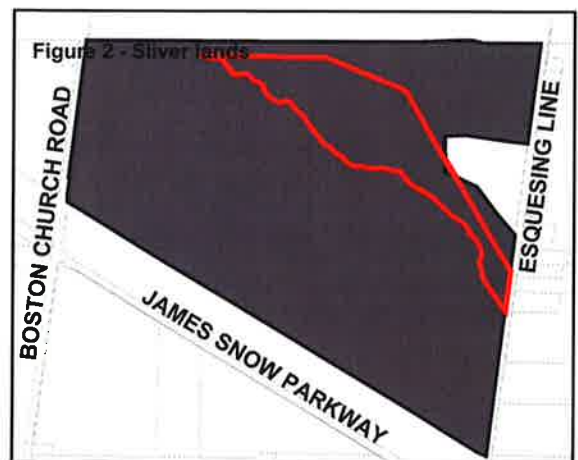
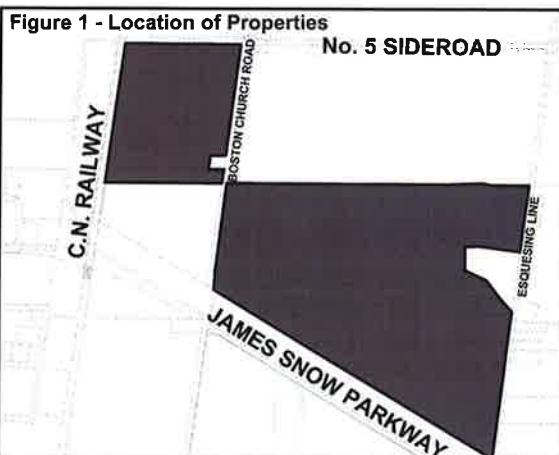
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Alternatively, you may call in by phone at: **+1-415-655-0001** and enter the Access Code **263 3445 2154** when prompted.

Should you wish, please email us to obtain a direct link to attend the Public Information Centre.

The purpose of the Public Information Centre session is to provide an informal opportunity for you to learn more about the planning applications and the review process, ask questions and to share your comments with the property owner and their project team. Regional and Town staff will be in attendance and listening to the presentation and questions, as well.

A brief presentation on the proposal will be provided at the beginning of the session followed by an opportunity for Q&A.



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January 25, 2022

Your Worship
Mayor Rick Bonnette
Town of Halton Hills

Dear Mayor Bonnette:

Thank you for your application to the third intake of **the Municipal Modernization Program** and for your commitment to delivering modern, efficient services that are financially sustainable.

Under the third-party review stream, I am pleased to inform you that the Ford government will provide funding of up to \$152,640 towards:

- Town of Halton Hills Customer Service Delivery Review and Modernization Strategy

All funding is for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a final report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings and efficiencies by January 31, 2023.

In 2019, the Ford government launched the MMP to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective. The impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak have made this work more important than ever. The projects approved for funding under the third intake of the Municipal Modernization Program will support municipalities' efforts to conduct service delivery reviews to find efficiencies or implement a range of projects, including developing online systems to improve the local process for approving residential and industrial developments to bring housing and employment-related development on stream faster, or setting up new shared services with neighbouring municipalities.

I understand how important this work will be to your community. To help you get started, an interim payment will be issued following execution of a transfer payment agreement. Ministry staff will forward instructions and a transfer payment agreement for each approved project in the coming days and will work with you to have it finalized. If you have questions, please contact your municipal advisor, or email municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Chris Mills, Acting CAO

Moya Jane Leighton, Manager of Accounting/Town Treasurer

Susan Silver, Senior Advisor Continuous Improvement

Murray Colquhoun, Director of Information Technology Services

The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington—Halton Hills



February 17, 2022

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Provincial Matters

MECP is consulting until March 13th on a Subwatershed Planning Guide to help municipalities and other planning authorities implement provincial policy direction for watershed and subwatershed planning. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Federal Matters

Infrastructure Canada is accepting applications for the Capital Projects stream of the [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#). The fund targets the development of transit solutions in rural communities, making \$250 million in federal funding available over five years to support the development of locally driven transit solutions that will help people living in rural communities. Deadline: April 7, 2022.

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LAS

The LAS [Canoe Procurement Group](#) is busy hosting bi-weekly events to connect with our members. Follow [this link](#) to see the full list of virtual events planned, and [click here](#) to see the archive of webinars we've hosted in the past. Use Canoe to save on products you use everyday and make your community an even greater place to live.

Every quarter you can be part of the risk management discussion. The first in the series is March 3 - "Back to Basics - a foundational discussion about municipal insurance, terms and trends." Learn more and register [here](#).

The 2022 risk landscape is changing faster than most organizations can keep up with, leaving executives and risk managers with the question: "How can I make my organization more resilient?" [Read more](#) from guest blogger ClearRisk.

Careers

Forestry By-Law Enforcement Officer - County of Simcoe. The Officer is responsible for responding to complaints, conducting inspections and investigations and enforcing the County Forest Recreation By-law and other County By-laws. [Apply online](#) by February 18, 2022.

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of South Frontenac. Reporting to the Mayor and Council, the CAO is responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the municipality's administrative and operational services. Apply to careers@waterhousesearch.ca by February 28, 2022.

Supervisor of Inspections/ Deputy Chief Building Official - Town of Georgina. Responsible for the management of the Building Division's Inspections Unit and supervision of inspections staff; administers and enforces the *Building Code Act*. [Apply online](#) by February 18, 2022.

Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Kincardine. The CAO will provide effective advice and support to Council through the development and implementation of policy, strategy and objectives. Apply via [email](#) by March 14, 2022.

Director, Procurement Services - City of Vaughan. The Director is accountable for the responsible management of all financial and human resources of the Department; develops and implements strategies, goals, policies and processes in all aspects of public procurement. [Apply online](#) by March 14, 2022.

Director, Financial Services & Deputy Treasurer - City of Vaughan. The Director establishes the strategic vision and direction to be taken while providing leadership, communication, expert guidance, and financial direction. [Apply online](#) by March 14, 2022.

Bureau Commander, Business Management Bureau - Ministry of the Solicitor General. Provides corporate strategic leadership and direction, while leading the Ontario Provincial Police business, finance, facilities, operational policy, research and program evaluation and resource planning, and asset management services. [Apply online](#) by March 1, 2022.

Commissioner, Community and Planning Services - The District Municipality of Muskoka. The CPS is responsible for the strategic leadership, management, and administration of the Community & Planning Services (CPS) department. [Apply online](#) by March 2, 2022.

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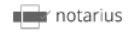
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February 15, 2022

AMO Policy Update - AMO's Call to End Homelessness, Upcoming AMO Housing Paper Release, and Off-Load Delay Strategy

AMO's Call to End Homelessness

There is a rising homelessness crisis that exists amidst a housing affordability crisis, and it is taking a devastating toll on individuals and communities. The government's significant investment through the Social Services Relief Fund has mitigated some of the worst impacts of COVID-19 on the homeless population. This has literally saved lives during the pandemic. The implementation of by-name lists and enumeration by service managers are also important measures.

Increasing housing affordability is the primary solution; however, there is a range of actions that can be taken by all orders of government to prevent and break the cycle of homelessness. AMO is inviting the provincial government to work together to build on the productive work to date with AMO, municipalities, and District Social Services Administration Boards.

The next step is to come together to co-design and implement a plan of action to end homelessness in Ontario. With time, this is an achievable goal and there is a moral and economic imperative to act now. It is in the interest of all Ontarians. A proposal to the province, with five recommended foundational steps and twenty-three actions, can now be found on AMO's [website](#).

AMO Housing Paper Upcoming Release

AMO is actively engaging with municipal associations and the provincial government on the housing crisis. Our white paper, **Blueprint for Action: An Integrated Approach to Address the Ontario Housing Crisis**, with recommendations will be available later this week. The paper acknowledges housing challenges in every part of Ontario. The province is anticipating its release, and it is expected that the paper can serve as a platform for integrated problem solving. The paper proposes clear actions for all orders of government and the development industry.

Managing Off-Load Delays

As ambulances face increasing offload times in hospitals, the Ministry of Health has now provided **guidance** should the expansion of consolidation (“batching”) of patients within the hospital be strategically needed to enable paramedic crews to return to service quickly. This practice has been used by various paramedic services across the province and this ministry direction is now providing a more consistent approach to “batching”.

Hospitals and paramedic services that are considering further expansion and formalization of the batching of patients may work towards establishing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the hospital(s) and paramedic service(s). This MOU is to include the assignment of liability and is to be done with appropriate municipal council/DSSAB approvals where the Single/Upper Tier Municipality/DSSAB employs and delivers paramedic services.

Additional information on Paramedic Guidance for Addressing 9-1-1 Patient Flow Issues in Hospitals due to COVID-19 Omicron Variant can be found in the Ministry’s memo.

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LAS

It may not feel like it, but spring is on the way! Join the Canoe Procurement Group webinar with vendors Exprolink/Madvac to learn about the street sweepers and litter collectors used to give our communities a 'spring cleaning'. February 23 at 11:00 AM EST, [register here](#).

We're pleased to welcome Traffic Logix to the Canoe Procurement Group, making it easier to source traffic calming products to keep your roads safe. Save time and money by buying through Canoe, [contact Tanner](#) for more information.

Register for our free Risk Management webinar series every quarter; be part of the discussion. The first one is March 3 - "[Back to Basics](#) - a foundational discussion about municipal insurance, terms and trends."

Municipal Wire*

Starting March 1, post your open RFPs to OMSSA's board and have it shared with human services professionals. Email jobs@omssa.com to post your opportunity. Subscribe today to receive open opportunities.

Careers

Assistant Director, Public Works - City of Victoria. The AD is responsible for the effective delivery of a full range of operational and capital programs to support City infrastructure needs for residents, visitors, business and other City departments. Apply online by March 2, 2022.

Senior FIPPA Officer - Ontario Securities Commission (OSC). The Officer will administer and supervise the operations of the freedom of information and privacy program. Apply online by February 11, 2022.

District Manager - Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. A strategic leadership opportunity to serve Ontarians through natural resource management excellence in the Parry Sound, Kemptville or Peterborough District. Apply online, only, quoting Job ID 174594, by February 17, 2022.

Director, Legal Services - Metrolinx. Seeking a Director, Legal Services who will assist with professional legal work and provide legal advice and opinions on a diverse range of corporate matters. Apply for this position submitting your resume online.

Intermediate/Senior Land Use Planner - Township of Augusta. The incumbent will provide planning services through the development of strong policy framework for land use decision making and development review services. Apply to smcdonald@augusta.ca by March 4, 2022.

Director, Fleet and Facilities - City of London. This newly created role focuses on expanding linkages between the Fleet and Facilities programs while establishing a clear point of accountability for both areas. Apply online by February 23, 2022.

Real Estate Negotiator/Acquisition Specialist - County of Simcoe. The Specialist is primarily responsible for providing support with real estate needs including research, site selection, negotiation and appraisal for acquisition, and disposal of real property and property rights. Apply online by February 23, 2022.

Accounting Supervisor (Capital Assets) - County of Simcoe. The Supervisor plays a key role in the financial reporting framework of the County's Tangible Capital Assets and the development and maintenance of the asset management plan. Apply online by February 16, 2022.

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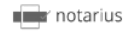
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Provincial Matters

Applications are now open for the 2022-23 Inclusive Community Grants program. Funding is available for local projects that will help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2022. Information and how to apply is found on the government [website](#).

MECP will be hosting webinars on the proposed [Subwatershed Planning Guide](#) on [February 16, 2022 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.](#) and [February 24, 2022 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.](#) Follow the link on each date to register.

MECP will be hosting 90-minute webinars on the proposed [Conservation Authorities Act Phase 2 Regulations](#) on February 4 (10:00 am), February 8 (2:00 pm), and February 10 (10:30 am). Register by emailing? ca.office@ontario.ca? with the subject line "CAA Phase 2?Webinars" and indicate your preferred session date.

To support implementation of the [O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management](#) (Excess Soil Regulation), a series of fact sheets are available now through the MECP's [Handling excess soil](#) webpage.

Eye on Events

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AMO and LAS are calling on municipalities and partners to showcase initiatives and innovation in addressing municipal energy and climate change at the seminal virtual *Municipal Energy Symposium*, March 31 - April 1. For more information and to submit your proposal, [click here](#). Deadline for proposals is **February 4**.

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LAS

We are pleased to welcome Geotab to the [Canoe Procurement Group](#)! Geotab offers vehicle monitoring and telematics solutions to keep your fleet operating as efficiently as possible. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more.

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) vendors Doosan and Bobcat provide a wide array of equipment from lawn care to loaders to forklifts. [Join our webinar](#) on February 9 at 11 am to learn how buying through Canoe makes it easier to keep your communities beautiful.

Have you ever wondered how your municipality can keep up and continue to engage citizens in an increasingly digital world? Our [guest blogger](#) shares some interesting facts and stats.

Sponsored Message from NWMO

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is federally mandated through the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act* (2002) and is responsible for the safe, long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. The NWMO plans to select a single site for a Deep Geological Repository in 2023 and will share updates through the AMO Watchfile.

Learn more about the [NWMO and Canada's plan](#). Stay tuned for more information about this national infrastructure project. If your municipality has questions or is interested in a project briefing, please contact [Norman Sandberg](#) or 416.303.2254.

Careers

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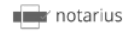
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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 09, 2022, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS15-22 - Statutory Public Meeting for a Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment (File No. RQ62A) - "Milton Education Village"

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS15-22 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, and Conservation Halton for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS15-22 for your information.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Milne", written over a light blue circular stamp.

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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:	February 9, 2022
Report No:	LPS15-22
Re:	Statutory Public Meeting for a Proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment (File No. RQ62A) - "Milton Education Village"

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS15-22 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, and Conservation Halton for their information.

REPORT

Executive Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide information to support a Statutory Public Meeting to be held on February 9, 2022 prior to the regular meeting of Regional Council regarding the Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) application filed by the Town of Milton related to the Milton Education Village (MEV).
- The purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to make submissions to Regional Council on the proposed MEV ROPA.
- The proposed MEV ROPA would permit, on a site-specific basis, uses related to and supportive of the MEV and the Wilfred Laurier University campus, including stormwater management infrastructure within the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside and the Region's Natural Heritage and Agricultural Systems.
- Following the Statutory Public Meeting Regional staff will continue to consult with the public and stakeholders, and review all comments received on the proposed MEV ROPA. A final recommendation report will be prepared for consideration by Regional Council based on Regional staff's consideration of comments received and a review of the MEV ROPA application.

Background

As outlined in Report No. LPS92-21 re: “Milton Education Village Regional Official Plan Amendment Application – Initiation Report (File No. RQ62A), planning initiatives related to the MEV have been underway for some time. Since the lands were added to the Urban Area through ROPA 38, the Town of Milton has advanced a Secondary Plan for the lands and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has issued a Minister’s Zoning Order to facilitate the development of core uses supporting the vision for the MEV as a complete community and mixed-use innovation district anchored by a post-secondary education campus.

This report provides a summary of the proposed MEV ROPA, identifies information that has been submitted in support of the application and where it can be accessed, outlines the public consultation on the proposed ROPA, and details the next steps in the process.

Discussion

Proposed ROPA

The proposed MEV ROPA relates to lands located adjacent to but outside of the MEV Secondary Plan and MZO areas. It applies to the lands directly west of the MEV located outside of the Urban Area that are designated as ‘Regional Natural Heritage System’ and ‘Agricultural Area’ on Map 1 of the Regional Official Plan. The lands are also within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan and are subject to its Natural System and Agricultural System, with portions designated as prime agricultural areas in Provincial mapping. The location of the subject lands is shown in Attachment #1 to this report.

The proposed MEV ROPA is provided as Attachment #2 to this report. This is a revised version provided by the Town in January 2022 in response to initial comments from Regional staff. It consists of a number of items proposing to amend various sections of the Regional Official Plan. Specifically the MEV ROPA proposes to permit a number of site-specific uses on lands adjacent to the MEV and the Wilfred Laurier University campus that are within the Region’s ‘Regional Natural Heritage System’ and ‘Agricultural Area’ land use designations, and within the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside. The proposed site-specific uses include:

- infrastructure and activities related to the use of renewable resources;
- utility facilities and green infrastructure, including stormwater management systems;
- greenhouses associated with agricultural operations or scientific study, education and research purposes; and
- buildings and structures that may provide temporary lodging and board to provide program and services for Indigenous placemaking and culture camps.

In addition, the proposed MEV ROPA identifies a number of policy tests and criteria that each use would be required to meet in order to be permitted. These policy tests and criteria generally relate to impacts to agriculture and natural heritage.

A number of supporting studies and materials have been provided by the Town of Milton and Wilfred Laurier University to support the MEV ROPA application. These documents have been posted to **halton.ca** and include the following:

- Planning Justification Report (November 2020)
- Draft Regional Official Plan Amendment (August 2020 and October 2021)
- Agricultural Impact Assessment (October 2021)
- Stormwater Management Report (October 2021)
- Milton Memo & ROPA Response Matrix (October 2021)
- Centre for Urban Watershed Research Explanatory Note (October 2021)

Public Consultation

Public consultation on the proposed ROPA includes:

- ***Notice of Complete Application***

Notice of the complete application was provided to the Town of Milton and other prescribed agencies and public bodies on December 23, 2020 and was published in the Milton Champion on December 31, 2020.

- ***Circulation of Application to Agencies & Public Bodies***

The proposed MEV ROPA application was circulated to prescribed agencies and public bodies on January 8, 2021. Additional circulations of supplemental studies provided to support the application were also undertaken in 2021.

- ***Statutory Public Meeting & Public Information Centre***

This report supports the February 9, 2022 Statutory Public Meeting. Notice of the Statutory Public Meeting was provided by way of an advertisement in the Milton Champion and to persons and public bodies prescribed by the *Planning Act*. An online Public Information Centre (PIC) will also be scheduled to provide the public with additional opportunity to review and provide feedback. Notice of the PIC will be provided on **halton.ca** and through advertisements in a local newspaper.

- ***Regional Webpage***

Information on the proposed ROPA and the materials filed in support of the application are available online at **halton.ca**.

At the time of writing, Halton Region has received no comments from members of the public, verbal or written, regarding the draft MEV ROPA attached to this report. Any comments received in response to the Notice of the February 9, 2022 Statutory Public Meeting will be included and addressed as part of the recommendation report to Regional Council.

Next Steps

Regional staff will report back to Regional Council with a recommendation report on the proposed ROPA. This recommendation report will be informed by the comments received and Regional staff's review of the application in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

The cost of reviewing the Regional Official Plan Amendment is funded from the Planning Services Operational Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Curt Benson
Director, Planning Services and Chief
Planning Official



Bob Gray
Commissioner, Legislative and Planning
Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by



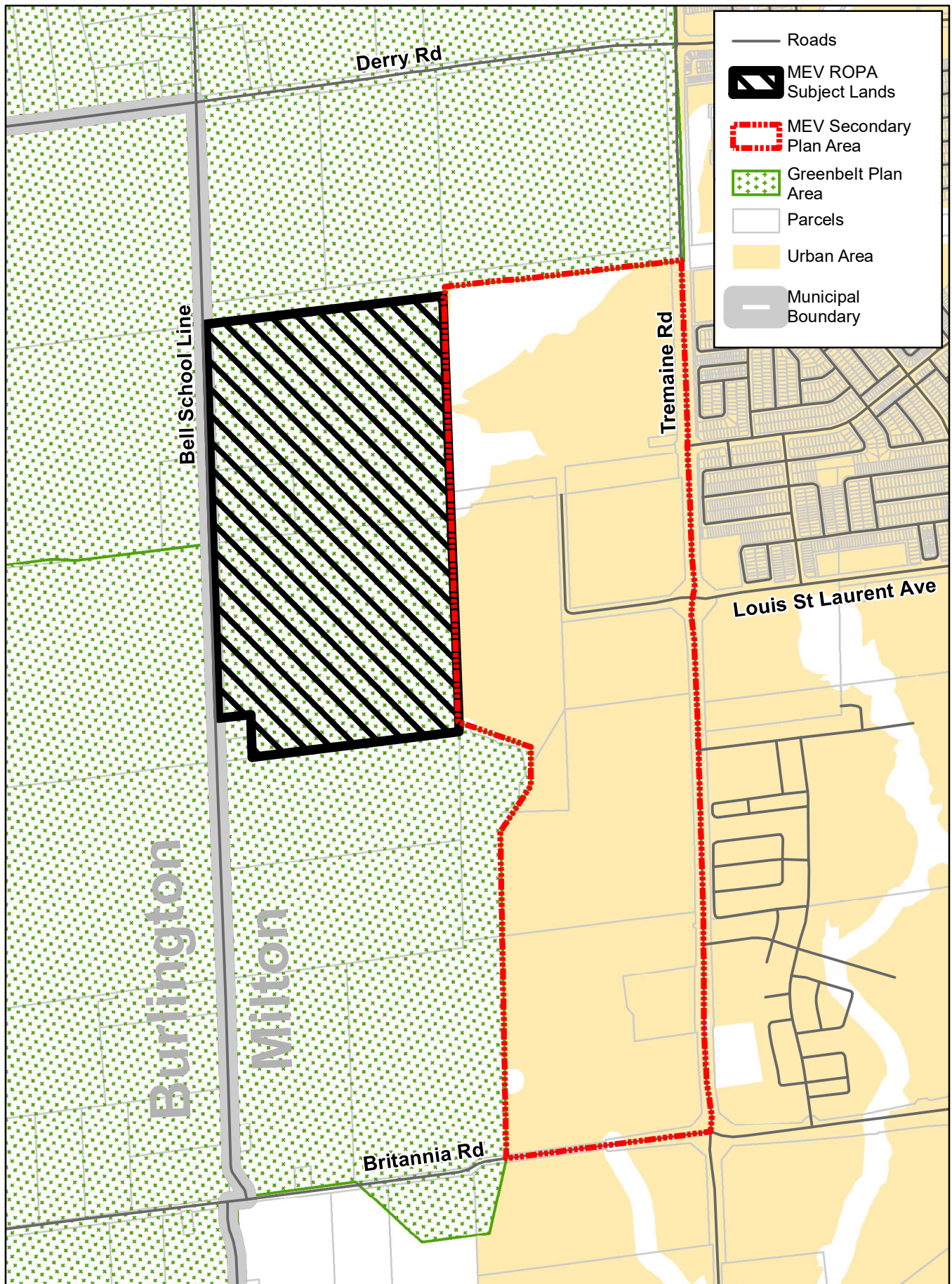
Jane MacCaskill
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions on the content of this report,
please contact:

Curt Benson

Tel. # 7181

Attachments: Attachment #1 – MEV Context Map
Attachment #2 – Proposed MEV ROPA (RQ62A) – January 2022 Version



DECLARATION

IN THE MATTER OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER xx

IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

I, _____, in my capacity as Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Halton, hereby declare that notice of adoption by Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton was given under Section 17(23) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13.

There were no appeals to ROPA xx within the time allowed for appeal. Under Section 17(27) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, Regional Official Plan Amendment Number xx came into force and effect on _____, being the day following the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Signed Date

Regional Clerk

Regional Municipality of Halton

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

Part A, The Preamble, does not constitute part of this Amendment.

Part B, The Amendment, consisting of 4 items, to add policies constituting Amendment No. xx to the Regional Plan, the Official Plan for Halton Planning Area, Regional Municipality of Halton. The title of Amendment No. xx is “Milton Education Village and associated Protected Countryside lands in the Greenbelt”.

Part C, The Appendices, does not constitute part of this Amendment.

PART A THE PREAMBLE

Purpose

The purpose of this Amendment is to facilitate development of the Milton Education Village (“MEV”) lands as a complete, mixed-use and integrated community and ‘innovation district’ anchored by a post-secondary education campus.

Location

The amendment applies to the MEV Protected Countryside lands in the Greenbelt, which are shown on Schedule “A” attached hereto as “The Amendment Area”.

The subject lands are located west of Tremaine Road (Regional Road 22), north of Britannia Road (Regional Road 6), south of the Union Gas pipeline corridor, which is approximately 600 m south of Derry Road (Regional Road 7), and are generally east of Bell School Line.

Basis

The Region of Halton Official Plan provides for Urban Areas that are planned to accommodate the distribution of population and employment in the Region and the four Local Municipalities. The MEV includes lands within the Region’s Urban Area. It is the proposed site for a new post-secondary education campus.

The Town of Milton recognizes the unique opportunity for the development of the MEV lands as a complete mixed-use community and ‘innovation district’ anchored by the post-secondary education campus. The ‘innovation district’ will provide economic opportunities for knowledge-based employment focussed on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM).

Approximately two thirds of the proposed post-secondary education campus are within lands designated Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan. These lands are designated as prime agricultural areas in the “Protected Countryside”. They also include some lands with the overlay “Natural Heritage System” designation.

In the Region of Halton Official Plan, the overarching goal of the Natural Heritage System is to increase the certainty that the biological diversity and ecological functions within Halton will be preserved and enhanced for future generations. The Region of Halton Official Plan states that the *objectives* for the Natural Heritage System including the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System are, among other things, to “provide opportunities for scientific study, education and appropriate recreation” and “to provide opportunities, where appropriate, for passive outdoor recreational activities”. Being at the intersection of the urban area and the natural environment, there is a clear opportunity to develop a “living lab” approach to on-site teaching and research, and supporting social, economic and cultural well-being of all communities. Essential utility facilities may be permitted in the Natural Heritage System, subject to policies in the Greenbelt Plan.

For the Agricultural System, the stated goals of the Regional Official Plan are to maintain a permanently secure, economically viable *agricultural industry* and to preserve the open-space character and landscape of *Halton’s* non-urbanized areas. Subject to the policies of the Greenbelt Plan and other applicable policies, regulations and guidance, the proposed ROPA promotes the best environmental stewardship and

use of these lands, while conserving and where possible restoring or enhancing protected features and their functions.

Green infrastructure, including but not limited to storm water management systems, and a broad range of activities related to the use of renewable resources may be permitted within lands designated Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan. Storm water management facilities including storm water management best practices within the Greenbelt lands adjacent to the MEV will serve the surrounding public and private urban areas such as the MEV, public roads, and the Mattamy National Cycling Centre lands. The function of the storm water management facilities within the Greenbelt lands adjacent to the MEV will serve the surrounding urban area, to provide opportunities for academic research, and support the recommended strategies of the Bronte Creek Watershed Plan. As such, the storm water management facilities will serve the public interest. By enabling consideration of educational programming and green infrastructure projects, including storm water management systems on these lands, subject to appropriate policy checks and balances, the ROPA will support and complement the optimal use of the MEV lands. Flexibility to consider innovative and creative storm water management systems in the Protected Countryside will also serve provincial, regional and local interests, including the efficient delivery of the post-secondary education campus.

PART B THE AMENDMENT

Introductory Statement

All of this part constitutes Amendment No. xx to the Regional Plan, the Official Plan for Halton Planning Area, Regional Municipality of Halton.

Details of the Amendment

The Regional Plan is amended as follows:

Item 1 Part III, Land Use Designations, Agricultural System and Agricultural Area, is amended to include a new subsection **100 (22) (x)**, which will state:

100 (22) (x) green infrastructure and activities related to the use of renewable resources, on lands legally described as [.....]

Green infrastructure may include natural and human-made elements that provide ecological and hydrological functions and processes, including but not limited to storm water management systems, storm water management best practices, such as storm water attenuation and re-use, water conservation and efficiency, and low impact development, and activities related to the installation of and access to such facilities.

Activities related to the use of renewable resources may include non-intensive activities related to cultural heritage, scientific study or education and research uses, greenhouses associated with agricultural operations or scientific study, education and research purposes and movable buildings and structures that may provide temporary lodging and board for the provision of programs and services of Indigenous place-making and culture camps.

Infrastructure and activities related to the use of renewable resources will only be permitted in *Prime Agricultural Areas* subject to the satisfactory completion of an Agricultural Impact Assessment demonstrating the following:

- i. there is an identified need to use additional land for the proposed use and it is demonstrated that there are no reasonable alternatives that avoid prime agricultural land; and
- ii. where adverse impacts on the agricultural system are unavoidable, measures will be required to minimize or mitigate the impacts as far as possible;
- iii. the proposed use complies with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;

Lot creation in the *Prime Agricultural Areas* will only be permitted for infrastructure, where the facility or corridor cannot be accommodated by using easements or rights-of-way. Severances that do not result in the creation of a new lot in the prime agricultural areas will only be permitted for easements, corrections of deeds, quit claims, and minor boundary adjustments.

Item 2 Part III, Land Use Designations, Regional Natural Heritage System, is amended to include a new subsection **117.1 (21)**, which will state:

117.1 (21) green infrastructure and activities related to the use of renewable resources, on lands legally described as [.....]

Green infrastructure may include natural and human-made elements that provide ecological and hydrological functions and processes, including but not limited to storm water management systems, storm water management best practices, such as storm water attenuation and re-use, water conservation and efficiency, and low impact development, and activities related to the installation of and access to such facilities.

Activities related to the use of renewable resources may include non-intensive activities related to cultural heritage, scientific study or education and research uses, greenhouses associated with agricultural operations or scientific study, education and research purposes and movable buildings and structures that may provide temporary lodging and board for the provision of programs and services of Indigenous place-making and culture camps.

Development or site alteration permitted by this subsection will be required to demonstrate the following:

- i. No negative impacts on *key features* or their ecological functions;
- ii. Maintenance or enhancement of connectivity along the system and between key feature and areas;
- iii. Avoidance of the removal of natural features not identified as key features and key hydrologic features and incorporation of such features into the planning and design of the proposed uses, wherever possible;
- iv. Restriction of the disturbed area to less than 25% of the total developable area of the property;
- v. No impervious areas;
- vi. Maintenance or restoration of a least 30% of the total developable area of the property to natural self-sustaining vegetation.

Notwithstanding 139.3.7(4), within 120 metres of a *key feature*, proposals for *development* and *site alteration* will be supported by a study that establishes a *vegetation protection zone* of at least 30 metres (measured from the outside boundary of the feature) and is of sufficient width to protect, and where possible restore or enhance, the feature and its ecological functions. The *vegetation protection zone* shall be established to achieve and be maintained as natural self-sustaining vegetation.

Storm water management systems are prohibited in key features of the natural heritage system and their associated vegetation protection zones.

Good environmental stewardship practices and the development of a connected system of publicly accessible open space and trails will be encouraged to support recreational enjoyment and study of the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System. Activity will be directed away from sensitive landscapes through clear demarcation of where public access will be permitted.

Item 3

Part III, Land Use Designations, is amended to include a new section **139.1**, Milton Education Village, which will state:

139.1 It is the policy of the Region to:

- (1) Require the Town of Milton to include policies in an area specific plan for the Milton Education Village with the objective of achieving a minimum target of 3,659 jobs by 2031.
- (2) Require the Town of Milton to include policies in an area specific plan for the Milton Education Village for the phasing of development and requirements to be met for each phase of development.

Item 4

Notwithstanding Section 139.3.7(3), new *agricultural uses*, and uses for scientific study or education and research are permitted.



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 44-22

Date: Feb 8, 2022

Moved By: DONNA BLUNT

Seconded By: DON SMITH

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding supporting the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

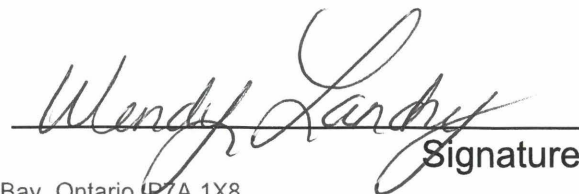
BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP's and MPP's, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Ontario Municipalities.

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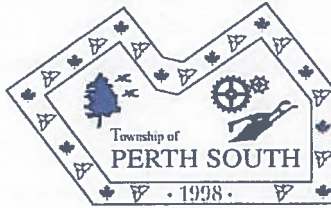
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Re: "Catch and Release" Justice

At the regular meeting of the Township of Perth South Council held on February 1, 2022 the following resolution was passed:

That Council accepts the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommendation that they support the City of Sarnia resolution regarding Catch and Release Justice with the inclusion of the recommendations provided by the Stratford Police Services in their report dated January 19, 2022.

I have attached the letter received from the City of Sarnia as well as the report from the Stratford Police Services for your information.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Regards,


Lizet Scott
Clerk

Cc: Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington
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RE: "Catch and Release" Justice

At its meeting held on December 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to "Catch and Release Justice":

That the City of Sarnia send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system. This resolution should also be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration; and

That the request also be referred to the Sarnia Police Services Board and be presented via AMO delegations for endorsement consideration.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Bob Bailey, MPP
Marylyn Gladu, MP
All Ontario Municipalities



CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

DATE: 19 January 2022
TO: Stratford Police Services Board
FROM: Deputy Chief Gerry Foster
RE: "Catch and Release Justice"

BACKGROUND

Council for the City of Sarnia has passed a resolution on December 13, 2021, requesting the Federal and Provincial governments consider making meaningful improvements to the release of offenders. The so-called "Catch and Release Justice" refers to the release of offenders by the courts whereby the offender is re-arrested by police for breaches of the release conditions.

The resolution indicates this approach has a negative impact on police workload, officer morale, and potentially law-abiding citizens.

Locally, council has asked that the matter be discussed at the Police Service Board level and that *"a review of 'catch and release justice' in the City of Stratford be referred to the Stratford Police Services Board to outline current challenges."*

Further, council is requesting a resolution with recommended changes be brought back to council for January 24, 2022.

ANALYSIS

On its surface "Catch and Release Justice" is a reference to the increase in offenders being released after being arrested. This term mostly refers to release by the courts although police officers (Officer in Charge) have release authorities similar to that of the court.

In response to the request of council, a review of charges laid for these instances was completed. Approximately 60 more charges were laid in 2021 in comparison to the average of charges from 2018 to 2020. In reviewing the data this increase would represent an approximate 43% increase

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in breach of release condition charges being laid by members of the service. I would caution that the data, while it does show an increase from 2018-2021, could also be indicative of the COVID pandemic whereby the courts (and police) were actively exploring opportunities to keep offenders out of custody, where possible. The result was that more offenders were released on conditions where re-offending in the community could have occurred. Likewise, the stressful nature of the pandemic should not be discounted as a contributing factor on this data.

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

- The Stratford Police Service has experienced an increase in repeat offenders being released into the community only to re-offend.
- The impact of the pandemic on the police, justice and corrections system has been challenging to navigate
- More and more offenders are being released into the community on judicial release conditions that are continually breached leading to more arrests, charges, and court appearances.
- The community is frustrated with the lack of accountability on offenders and feel that their safety is being jeopardized.
- Police officers are resorting to “Officer in Charge” releases when offenders should be going to the courts for judicial releases because of workload.
- The court dockets will most likely be cleared of low-level offences resulting in no accountability for offenders
- Victims are feeling re-victimized by the system and losing faith/trust in the system.

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For Council consideration:

That that City of Stratford endorse the Sarnia Catch and Release Justice resolution and add the following:

- The Federal and Provincial Governments recognize the linkage between mental health, addiction, homelessness, and crime.
- That all levels of government acknowledge that catch and release justice contributes to feelings of vulnerability within our communities and increases the cost of policing, social services, and health care in our communities.
- That all levels of government provide continued financial support to enhance funding in communities for Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Teams, Overdose Response Teams, Community Outreach Teams, Emergency Shelter facilities, Education and Awareness Programs, diversion programs, etc. under the umbrella of Community Safety and Well Being.
- That the Federal and Provincial Governments re-imagine a direct accountability framework specific to charges relating to failure to comply with release conditions.
- That consideration be given to provided holistic support to chronic re-offenders experiencing mental health, addiction, and homelessness issues with a multi-disciplinary team under one roof

Yours,

Gerry Foster
Deputy Chief of Police

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PROCLAMATION

HALTON DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION'S (HDSA)

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY (WDSD)

MARCH 21, 2022

WHEREAS: HDSA's World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) promotes awareness to represent the tripling of the 21st chromosome found in those individuals with Down syndrome through educational campaigns, activities and events held across the Halton community; and

WHEREAS: HDSA's World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) encourages everyone to share the joy of Down syndrome - to advocate and take action to improve the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness and understanding of Down syndrome will promote the increase of services and supports and ensure people with Down syndrome are afforded equitable opportunity to reach their full potential through all stages of life; and

WHEREAS: The Halton Down Syndrome Association actively supports and encourages meaningful participation of people with Down syndrome in all spaces in society, during World Down Syndrome Day and throughout the year

THEREFORE: I, Rick Bonnette, Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills am pleased to proclaim March 21, 2022
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Bonnette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "B".

Rick Bonnette
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 2022

WHEREAS, deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the loss of both sight and hearing. Individuals who are deafblind can live full, meaningful lives as independently as possible with the right supports in place, such as intervenor services; and

WHEREAS, National Deafblind Awareness Committee support community partners and individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services; and

WHEREAS, everyone is encouraged to help promote deafblindness by attending an awareness event and proclaiming June as National Deafblind Awareness Month in your community and checking out the calendar of events at www.deafblindnetworkontario.com that includes flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks in communities across Canada; and

WHEREAS, June should be designated as National Deafblind Awareness Month to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deafblind make in their communities with the support of intervenors who serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rick Bonnette, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as National Deafblind Awareness Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Bonnette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Rick Bonnette
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills