



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday March 21, 2022

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 21st day of March, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 1:30 p.m., with Mayor R. Bonnette in the Chair reconvened into Open Session at 3:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (EP-Electronic Participation)	Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal (EP), Councillor M. Albano (EP), Councillor J. Hurst (EP), Councillor T. Brown, Councillor B. Lewis (EP), Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, Councillor M. Johnson (EP), Councillor B. Inglis (EP), Councillor A. Lawlor
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STAFF PRESENT (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present)	C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks (E), J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works (E), L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services (E), J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services (E), M. Southern, Chief Librarian (E), M.J. Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer (E), V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services
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***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor R. Bonnette called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. CLOSED MEETING/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

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

Resolution No. 2022-0040

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

2.1 REPORT NO. ADMIN-2022-0009 dated March 21, 2022 regarding the security of the property of the municipality or local board. (HHCEC)

2.2 MEMORANDUM NO. PD-2022-0003 dated February 18, 2022 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (OLT)

CARRIED

Convened into Closed Session at 1:33 p.m.

Recessed at 2:26 p.m.

3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Resolution No. 2022-0041

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills reconvene this meeting in open session.

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:03 p.m.

4. NATIONAL ANTHEM

5. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor B. Lewis announced a thank you to the Halton Hills Fire Department for hosting the hockey game against Pro Hockey Heroes with proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society

Mayor R. Bonnette announced that at 11:30 a.m. on March 21, 2022 the State of Emergency was rescinded, almost two years to the day it was declared. The State of Emergency is officially lifted in Halton Hills following many other municipalities.

7. EMERGENCY BUSINESS MATTERS

NIL

8. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Inglis declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 2.1, Confidential Report No. ADMIN-2022-0009 as he is named in the report. He was not present and did not partake in discussion regarding this item.

9. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Don Rowntree, Resident of Halton Hills

D. Rowntree delegated to Council regarding Halton Region Resolution of February 16, 2022, regarding Modified Preferred Growth Concept.

(Refer to Item No. 17, General Information Package)

2. Melanie Frazer, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce

M. Frazer delegated to Council regarding Halton Region Resolution of February 16, 2022, regarding Modified Preferred Growth Concept.

(Refer to Item No. 17, General Information Package)

3. Robert McClure, Clurehaven Farms

R. McClure delegated to Council regarding Halton Region Resolution of February 16, 2022, regarding Modified Preferred Growth Concept.

(Refer to Item No. 17, General Information Package)

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

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

Resolution No. 2022-0042

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor M. Johnson

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

10.1 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Tuesday February 22, 2022.

10.2 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday February 28, 2022.

10.3 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday February 28, 2022.

CARRIED

11. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

Item No. 11.4 was moved to General Committee for discussion.

Resolution No. 2022-0043

Moved by: Councillor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor T. Brown

THAT the following Consent items from the Monday March 21, 2022 Council meeting are hereby approved:

1. Remuneration and Expenses Paid to members of Council and Others During the Year 2021

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2022-0004 dated March 21, 2022, regarding Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and Others during the Year 2021 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the attached Treasurer's statement on the remuneration and expenses paid to Members of Council, Local Boards and Committees in 2021 be received as information.

CARRIED

2. Dedication of Part of Cleve Court being Part 17, 20R-20543 Halton Hills Industrial Development (Triovest) File No. L04 TR

THAT Report No. PD-2022-0015 dated March 2, 2022, regarding the dedication of that part of Cleve Court shown as Part 15, 20R-20543 as part of the public highway system, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to bring forward a by-law to dedicate and name, but not assume, the lands described as Part Lot 1, Concession 5, shown as Part 17, Plan 20R-20543, as part of the public highway system known as Cleve Court.

CARRIED

3. Celebrating Earth Week 2022

THAT Memorandum No. ADMIN-2022-0006 dated March 21, 2022 regarding Celebrating Earth Week 2022 be received.

CARRIED

4. 2022 Annual Development Charges Indexing (Memorandum No. CORPSERV-2022-0001)

Moved to General Committee for discussion.

5. Annual Province Wide School Crossing Guard Day - March 23, 2022

THAT Memorandum No. TPW-2022-0001 dated March 7, 2022 regarding Annual Province Wide School Crossing Guard Day - March 23, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

6. Pay-On-Demand Development Bonds

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2022-0010 dated March 16, 2022, regarding Pay-On-Demand Development Bonds be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the below outlined pilot program approach to accepting pay-on-demand development bonds;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to create a Town of Halton Hills specific pay-on-demand development bond template and obtain a legal review of its content, the cost of which will be funded from the current 2022 operating budget;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to amend the language in all contractual documentation used under the pilot program to include pay-on-demand development bonds as an acceptable form of security;

AND FURTHER THAT staff bring a Development Agreement Surety Bond Policy to Council for approval at a later date that includes the parameters of the pilot program outlined within this report;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with a summary of any challenges experienced during the first twenty four months of the pilot program.

CARRIED

12. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2022-0044

Moved by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor C. Somerville assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

12.1 Public Meetings / Hearings

NIL

12.2 Delegations/Presentations regarding items in General Committee

a. Allison Nap, Economic Development & Tourism Officer - Town of Halton Hills

A. Nap provided a presentation to General Committee regarding Halton Hills Digital Main Street (DMS) Program – Program Overview and Results with Opening Remarks by Erin Kaiser, Manager of Economic Development and Innovation.

(Refer to Item No. 12.3.f, Memorandum No. ADMIN-2022-0005. Presentation on file in the Clerks office.)

12.3 Municipal Officers Reports to be Considered by General Committee

a. REPORT NO. ADMIN-2022-0013

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0023

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2022-0013, dated March 4, 2022, regarding the AI Fresco in the Hills - Temporary Outdoor Patio Program, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT, as part of the Town's ongoing Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan being implemented in response to COVID-19 impacts on the local business community, Town staff be directed to continue to implement the AI Fresco in the Hills temporary outdoor patio program for 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT Council delegate the authority to Town staff to implement the AI Fresco in the Hills temporary outdoor patio program including all processes, terms and agreements;

AND FURTHER THAT the AI Fresco in the Hills temporary outdoor patio program be sunset as of October 1, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT any requests for permanent outdoor patios and/or expansions to existing outdoor patios and/or seasonal patios on private property, beyond October 1, 2022, be subject to the Town's standard review process.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. PD-2022-0014

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0024

THAT Report No. PD-2022-0014, dated March 1, 2022, regarding the “Recommendation Report for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to permit business office and medical office uses at 94 Guelph Street (Georgetown)”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment to amend Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 94 Guelph Street (Georgetown), as generally shown on SCHEDULE 3 – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, be approved on the basis that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conforms or does not conflict with all applicable Provincial plans, conforms with the Region of Halton Official Plan and the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, and represents good planning for the reasons outlined in Report No. PD-2022-0014, dated March 1, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, no further notice is determined to be necessary.

CARRIED

c. REPORT NO. RP-2022-0006

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0025

THAT Report No. RP-2021-0022 regarding the Acton Arena Net Zero HVAC Update dated March 7, 2022, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the project budget for the Acton Arena Replacement of Lobby Air Conditioner (capital project 8211-06-2101) be increased by \$10,000 from \$39,000 to \$49,000 and that the required funding be financed by \$41,000 from the OTF – Community Building Grant and \$8,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve with \$31,000 being returned to the Capital Replacement Reserve, as set out in Report RP-2022-0006;

AND FURTHER THAT the Acton Arena Roof Top Unit (RTU) (capital project 8211-02-2203) in the amount of \$40,000 be brought forward from 2023 to 2022 and that the funding be financed by \$32,000 from the OTF – Community Building Grant and \$8,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT the Acton Arena Low Carbon Design Brief (LCDB) Make-up Air Unit (MUA) with HR (capital project 8211-02-2202) in the amount of \$240,000 be brought forward from 2023 to 2022 and that the funding be financed by \$192,000 from the OTF – Community Building Grant and \$48,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT the Acton Arena HVAC Replacement (capital project 8211-02-1706) in the amount of \$50,000 be brought forward from 2023 to 2022 and that the funding be financed by \$40,000 from the OTF – Community Building Grant and \$10,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

d. REPORT NO. RP-2022-0007

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0026

THAT Report No. RP-2022-0007 regarding Financial Relief for Hillsvie Active Living Centre Recovery Payments be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the 1st and 2nd quarter recovery payments for 2022 valued at \$24,712 in the Hillsvie Active Living Centres MOU be waived per the rationale outlined in Report RP-2022-0007;

AND FURTHER THAT the permanent reduction in revenue of \$24,712 resulting from the waived recovery payments for the Hillsvie Active Living Centres be funded from Safe Restart Agreement Funding if available or from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve if SRA funding is unavailable as outlined in Report RP-2022-0007;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to update the necessary documents to reflect the quarterly invoicing to the Hillsvie Active Living Centres outlined in Report 2022-0007;

AND FURTHER THAT the CAO, after consultation with the Commissioner of Recreation and Parks, be authorized to administer rate adjustments, if necessary for Q3 and Q4 outlined in Report RP-2022-0007 through delegated authority.

CARRIED

e. REPORT NO. TPW-2022-0012

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0027

THAT Report No. TPW-2022-0012, dated March 9, 2022 regarding the Lymantria Dispar Dispar Moth Response Plan be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Lymantria Dispar Dispar Moth Response Plan as described in this report be approved.

CARRIED

f. MEMORANDUM NO. ADMIN-2022-0005

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0028

THAT MEMORANDUM NO. ADMIN-2022-0005 dated March 3, 2022 regarding Halton Hills Digital Main Street (DMS) Program – Program Overview and Results be received.

CARRIED

11.4 MEMORANDUM NO. CORPSERV-2022-0001

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0029

THAT Memorandum No. CORPSERV-2022-0001 dated March 1, 2022 regarding 2022 Annual Development Charges Indexing be received.

CARRIED

4. Adjourn back into Council

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0030

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

13. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL

Resolution prepared to adopt the Recommendations of the General Committee

Resolution No. 2022-0045

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday March 21st, 2022 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. ADMIN-2022-0013 - GC-2022-0023

Report No. PD-2022-0014 - GC-2022-0024

Report No. RP-2022-0006 - GC-2022-0025

Report No. RP-2022-0007 - GC-2022-0026

Report No. TPW-2022-0012 - GC-2022-0027

Memorandum No. ADMIN-2022-0005 - GC-2022-0028

Memorandum No. CORPSERV-2022-0001 - GC-2022-0029 (Moved from Consent Items)

CARRIED

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

NIL

15. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/MOTIONS

1. Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) – Sign By-law Exemption

Resolution No. 2022-0046

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills waive the sign permit fee and give an exemption to the Sign By-law (By-law No. 2003-0065) to CASHh (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills) in order to have lawn signs erected for the last week of March 2022 until the first week of May 2022 for their annual Residential “Give Where you Live” campaign.

CARRIED

2. Fire Inspection Fee

Resolution No. 2022-0047

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

WHEREAS the Fire Services Department introduced a New Fire Inspection User fee for the 2022 Budget year for services relating to Request Inspections, Fire Safety Plans, Care Occupancy Inspections, Liquor License Inspections and Business Licence Inspections;

AND WHEREAS these inspections ensure businesses and owners are in compliance with the Ontario Fire code and are commonplace within the Ontario Fire Service;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting on November 15, 2021 Council approved the 2022 User Fees including the \$214 Fire Inspection fee;

AND WHEREAS on January 5th, 2022 the Ontario Government announced more Covid-19 restrictions where businesses in Ontario and Halton Hills were directed to drastically reduce indoor capacities and in some instances restrict indoor access giving further negative impacts to local businesses;

AND WHEREAS even as restrictions are currently being lifted in Ontario, Council recognizes that many businesses are still trying to get back on their feet;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to remove the Fire Inspection Fee related to Business Licensing from By-law 2021-0061 (2022 User Fee By-law) immediately;

AND FURTHER THAT staff bring the Fire Inspection fee as it relates to Business Licensing back to the 2023 User Fee By-law for further discussion.

CARRIED

3. Support Subsidizing Trucks on Highway 407

Resolution No. 2022-0048

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills continues to strongly oppose construction of the Hwy 413;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills recognizes the need to address traffic congestion on Hwy 401, especially for thousands of truckers;

AND WHEREAS the proposed 413 Hwy would not provide congestion relief for many years for a problem that needs a more immediate solution;

AND WHEREAS current high tolls act as a disincentive to the transfer of traffic to the underused 407 ETR from the 401 Hwy as well as from surrounding local and regional roads;

AND WHEREAS the Provincially appointed Expert Panel that studied the proposed hwy 413 recommended cancelling the highway 413 project in favour of other more practical and more timely interventions;

AND WHEREAS one of the Expert Panel's recommendations was to incentivize the use of the 407 ETR by truckers by subsidizing the tolls for truck traffic on designated lanes of the 407 ETR;

AND WHEREAS the current provincial government demonstrated its propensity to subsidize drivers through the following measures:

- A. The elimination of license renewal stickers and fees for 7.5 million vehicles as of March 13, 2022 at a loss of \$1.1 billion a year. The government will also issue refunds from March 2020 for a loss of an additional \$1.1 billion. Future renewals will be free with no stickers to show renewals have been completed or alert police to check for unpaid traffic fines, creating more loss of revenue. This amounts to a subsidy of more than \$1 Billion annually for vehicle owners that could

be restored and used to subsidize freight vehicles to encourage their use of the underutilized 407.

- B. A \$1 billion penalty to the 407 ETR operators was forgiven by the province for failure to reduce tolls during COVID, to meet 401 Hwy traffic reduction targets by attracting drivers. It is expected the same penalty will be forgiven for 2021. However, actually collecting the penalty would provide another \$1 billion to subsidize truckers using the 407;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Town of Halton Hills continue its strong opposition to the environmentally destructive 413 Hwy;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills strongly supports provincial subsidies that promote increased diversion of vehicular traffic (truck and passenger vehicles) from the 401 Hwy to the under-utilized 407 ETR;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills request the Province of Ontario work with 407 International Inc. to devise strategies to increase 407 ETR usage and enforce financial penalties established to encourage tolls that attract more drivers to use the 407 instead of the 401;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, The Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney, GTA MPPs and all GTA municipalities.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

16. ADVANCE NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

17. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2022-0049

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

THAT the General Information Package dated March 21, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

18. MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2022-0050

Moved by: Councillor M. Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Reports from the Monday March 21st, 2022 Closed Session of Council are hereby adopted as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT staff carry out any of Council's direction on these matters as set out in the Confidential minutes dated March 21, 2022.

Report No. ADMIN-2022-0009 (Deferred)

Memorandum No. PD-2022-0003

CARRIED

19. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2022-0051

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor T. Brown

THAT the following Bills are hereby passed by Council;

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

BY-LAW NO. 2022-0012

A By-Law to Amend Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended Part Lot 18, Concession 9 Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton municipally known as 94 Guelph Street (Georgetown).

BY-LAW NO. 2022-0013

A By-Law to dedicate (not assume for maintenance purposes) the lands described as Part Lot 1, Concession 5, shown as Part 17, Plan 20R-20543 as Cleve Court.

BY-LAW NO. 2022-0014

A By-Law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 21st day of March, 2022 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

20. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2022-0052

Moved by: Councillor B. Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor M. Johnson

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 5:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK