

Halton Region Council Resolution – February 21, 2018

Moved by: Rob Burton

Seconded by: Allan Elgar

THAT Item No. 2 appearing in Planning and Public Works Committee Report No. 02-18, Report No. LPS20-18 - Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring, be amended as follows:

WHEREAS the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, complementing the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS the Province's Advisory Panel chaired by David Crombie recommended that the Greenbelt grow to address the protection of areas of critical hydrological significance, such as key headwaters; and

WHEREAS the Province's current study area for Greenbelt expansion has prematurely omitted areas under the most direct threat of development, known as the 'whitebelt' which is neither in the Greenbelt nor in the urban settlement area that contain such critical areas; and

WHEREAS a fulsome study of all potential Greenbelt expansion areas should be undertaken as part of this review in order to make the best, most consistent land use planning decisions across the Greater Golden Horseshoe;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Region of Halton commend the province for continued action toward growing the Greenbelt through the current consultation process; and

THAT the province be strongly urged to extend the study area for Greenbelt expansion to include the whitebelt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and

THAT that the province expeditiously grow the Greenbelt by incorporating appropriate whitebelt lands within the inner ring to protect our limited freshwater and natural heritage features; and

THAT this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of

Municipal Affairs, all Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, the Ontario Greenbelt Association, Ontario Nature, Earth Roots, Eco Spark, and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM).