

Appendix 3 to Report ADMIN-2018-0017  
***Letter to the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne***

March 5, 2018

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
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Town of Halton Hills  
Office of the Mayor  
**Rick Bonnette**

***Re: Protection of Municipally-Designated 'Whitebelt' Areas***

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Dear Premier Wynne:

I am writing to express my concern about a recent motion that was passed by Halton Regional Council concerning designation of lands within the Halton Hills boundary. As you can appreciate, upholding a municipality's rights to plan and develop for the purposes of managing growth in a responsible, sustainable and strategic manner that best meets the needs of its communities is a fundamental role of the local planning authority.

Further, please know that public engagement is a tenet of Halton Hills Council and to this end I have led a citizen task force that resulted in the creation of a Public Engagement Charter. This document was approved by Council and speaks to the municipality's commitment to engaging its citizens in a transparent and participatory manner with appropriate notification to residents and specific vested interest parties on issues as appropriate. I would ask that any consideration by your government of the motion passed by Halton Regional Council would allow such time for a proper and thorough consultation with our Halton Hills residents.

To be clear, the Town of Halton Hills (the Town) supports the potential greenbelt expansion study area as currently defined by the Province. The Town *does not* support the Regional resolution and the request to extend the study area for Greenbelt expansion to include the 'whitebelt' lands within the inner ring until the appropriate analysis and review is completed. Further, the Region's resolution pre-empt's its own Municipal Comprehensive Review which will include the growth management strategy up to 2041.



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Your consideration in denying the request for Greenbelt expansion into Halton Hills lands is appreciated and failing this direction, I respectfully request that the municipality be allowed the time to consult with its residents and that these findings be included in the Province's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Bonnette". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rick Bonnette, Mayor

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Minister of Municipal Affairs

Minister of Economic Development and Growth

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