



**THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

**Resolution No.:**

**Title:**                    **Need for a Long-term Truck Strategy**

**Date:**                    September 6, 2022

**Moved by:**            **Mayor R. Bonnette**

**Seconded by:**        **Councillor M. Albano**

**Item No. 15.1**

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WHEREAS over many years the Town of Halton Hills Council has been concerned about the increasing truck traffic through the downtown areas of the municipality, including the downtown areas of Acton, Georgetown and Norval;

AND WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that the truck traffic in these downtown areas has serious implications for the social fabric of the community due to the increasing traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and safety concerns that degrade the ability of residents to enjoy their downtown and the success of the business community;

AND WHEREAS it is now likely that aggregate truck traffic from the Hidden Quarry will result in an unacceptable number of trucks driving through downtown Acton;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Connecting Link for Highway 7 through Acton's downtown already has existing significant physical constraints and safety issues;

AND WHEREAS there is not a plan to address the increasing truck traffic on Provincial Highway 7 through Acton;

AND WHEREAS on September 28, 2017, a Private Member's Resolution tabled by Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington Halton Hills was passed unanimously by the

Ontario Legislature that requested that the Minister of Transportation partner with the Town of Halton Hills to develop a long-term transportation strategy for the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation subsequently responded on September 11, 2019 by indicating the position of the Ministry of Transportation was that a long-term transportation strategy for Highway 7 through the Town of Halton Hills was not a priority;

AND WHEREAS on February 11, 2020 the provincially appointed Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) permitted the Hidden Quarry to proceed despite strong objections from residents and area municipalities including the Town of Halton Hills, Guelph Eramosa Township, Town of Milton and Region of Halton, about the serious negative environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed quarry, including increased truck traffic through downtown Acton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills requests the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation to reconsider the Ministry's earlier position and prioritize a long-term transportation solution for truck traffic that is impacting the Town of Halton Hills, by placing it on the Southern Highways Program, the Ministry's five-year investment plan in highway construction for Southern Ontario; and in the short term, partner with the Town of Halton Hills by contributing financially in completing a feasibility study to investigate alternatives to address truck traffic in the long-term, including reviewing the need for an alternative to the connecting link through Acton (Acton by-pass);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Ted Arnott – Speaker of the Ontario Legislature and MPP Wellington Halton Hills, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party and MMP Guelph, Halton Region, Town of Milton, County of Wellington, Town of Erin, Township of Guelph/Eramosa, Peel Region and City of Brampton.

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Mayor Rick Bonnette