



TOWN OF  
**HALTON HILLS**  
MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday November 7, 2022**

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 2:45 p.m., with Mayor R. Bonnette in the Chair reconvened into Open Session at 3:52 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (EP-Electronic Participation) Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor J. Hurst, Councillor T. Brown, Councillor B. Lewis, Councillor W. Farrow-Reed (EP), Councillor M. Johnson (EP), Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor A. Lawlor

STAFF PRESENT (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present) C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Damaso, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services (E), J. Vandermeer, Acting Director of Finance & Town Treasurer (E), V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, Damian Szybalski, Commissioner of Business, Environment & Culture (E), J. Rehill, Commissioner & Fire Chief (E)

**\*Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

**1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor R. Bonnette called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**2. CLOSED MEETING/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS**

Resolution No. 2022-0163

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

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

2.1 MEMORANDUM NO. CORPSERV-2022-0005 dated October 25, 2022 regarding the security of the property of the municipality or local board. (Administration)

**CARRIED**

**3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Resolution No. 2022-0164

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano  
Seconded by: Councillor B. Lewis

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

**CARRIED**

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:52 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**

**1. Superintendent Dave Stewart, Commander of District 1 Halton Regional Police Services**

Superintendent Dave Stewart read a letter from Police Chief Steve Tanner presenting Mayor R. Bonnette with a Chief's Coin thanking him for his many years of service.

**2. Years of Service Awards**

C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, presented Council members with long standing service recognition awards from the province. The awards were presented to Councillor C. Somerville for 25 years, Councillor J. Fogal for 25 years, Councillor B. Inglis for 25 years and Councillor M. Johnson for 28 years. Mayor R. Bonnette was awarded with a lifetime achievement award.

**7. EMERGENCY BUSINESS MATTERS**

**1. Regional Official Plan**

Councillor A. Lawlor advised that the Ontario government finalized the Halton Regional Official Plan to 2051 on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Council will keep the public informed as the topic is further discussed with the Region.

**8. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

NIL

**9. PUBLIC MEETING(S)**

**9.1. 2023 Rates and Fees**

Greg MacNaughtan asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak to the 2023 Building Division Fees. There were no members of the public who spoke.

**a. REPORT NO. TPW-2022-0028**

Resolution No. 2022-0165

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano  
Seconded by: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT Report No. TPW-2022-0028 dated November 7, 2022 regarding 2023 Building Division Fees, be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1. Chris Law, Incident Management and Offensive Security Leader - MNP**

C. Law provided a presentation to Council regarding Cyber Security Incident.

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

Resolution No. 2022-0166

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown  
Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

10.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday September 26, 2022.

10.2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday September 26, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**12. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS**

Resolution No. 2022-0167

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

THAT the following Consent items from the Monday November 7th, 2022 Council meeting are hereby approved:

**1. Corporate Christmas Closures (2023-2026)**

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2022-0046 dated October 5, 2022 regarding Corporate Christmas Closures (2023-2026) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Town Hall be closed from 12 noon on Friday, December 22, 2023 through to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 inclusive;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Town Hall be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 through to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025 inclusive;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Town Hall be closed from 12 noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 through to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Town Hall be closed from 12 noon on Thursday, December 24, 2026 through to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2027;

AND FURTHER THAT staff have the option of using vacation time, banked overtime, or a leave of absence without pay to cover three (3) working days in 2023, three (3) working days in 2024, three (3) working days in 2025 and three (3) working days in 2026.

**CARRIED**

**13. GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Resolution No. 2022-0168

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown  
Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

**CARRIED**

**Mayor R. Bonnette assumed the role of Presiding Officer.**

**13.1 Delegations/Presentations regarding items in General Committee**

NIL

**13.2. Municipal Officers Reports to be Considered by General Committee**

**a. MEMORANDUM NO. BEC-2022-0003**

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0102

THAT Memorandum No. BEC-2022-0003 dated October 21, 2022 regarding Tourism Advisory Committee – Accomplishments and Update be received.

**CARRIED**

**b. MEMORANDUM NO. BEC-2022-0004**

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0103

THAT Memorandum No. BEC-2022-0004 dated October 20, 2022 regarding Economic Support and Recovery Task Force – Accomplishments and Update be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adjourn back into Council**

Recommendation No. GC-2022-0104

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

**CARRIED**

**14. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL**

Resolution No. 2022-0169

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday November 7, 2022 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Memorandum No. BEC-2022-0003 - GC-2022-0102

Memorandum No. BEC-2022-0004 - GC-2022-0103

**CARRIED**

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

NIL

**16. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/MOTIONS**

**1. Response to Bill 23**

Resolution No. 2022-0170

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

WHEREAS Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, if passed, will make substantial changes to multiple pieces of existing legislation and supporting regulations as part of Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan for 2022-2023;

AND WHEREAS there is a housing crisis in Ontario and delivering more housing, affordable for all income levels, is a priority for the Provincial Government shared by the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton has initial comments on the proposals in Bill 23, including;

- All three levels of government - Federal, Provincial and Municipal – must collaborate to solve the housing crisis. The municipal sector must be adequately consulted and involved in the decision-making processes that will establish the final legislation and regulations – there is no solution without all three levels of government working together;
- Crafting legislation that significantly affects municipal financing, infrastructure planning and funding, climate change strategies and staffing levels without meaningful consultation has the potential for unintended negative impacts to the municipalities and their ability to provide normal services
- Most municipalities in Ontario, including the Town of Halton Hills, do not have large development charge reserves and will require funding from the tax base or senior levels of government in order to provide the required development related infrastructure, based on the proposed changes to the Development Charges Act in Bill 23.
- The impact of proposals to delete and change the wording of numerous sections of long-standing legislation without having the time to evaluate and understand the consequences for the Town of Halton Hills and its residents is worrisome and runs contrary to several municipal goals. For example, Bill 23 proposes to limit the ability of municipalities to implement design standards under the Planning Act which would appear to limit the application of green development standards to improve energy efficiency and the climate change impact of new buildings. Introduction of Green Development Standards has reduced greenhouse gas emissions and lowered operating costs of hundreds of buildings in Halton Hills with no apparent impact on the speed at which homes have been built while clearly reducing the long-term cost of home ownership.
- There may be other strategies that could be implemented to help the Province achieve its affordable housing goals that have not been introduced in Bill 23 such as further refinements to zoning regulations. It would be an opportunity lost to not explore other options with the municipalities as part of the consultation process.

AND WHEREAS; the province and the federal government have initiated conversations on how all three levels of government can collaborate to solve the housing crisis;



AND WHEREAS; the current timing for input on these substantial changes in legislation and regulations is not adequate for the municipal sector to provide fulsome, effective, and constructive feedback or to identify the unintended consequences and serious implications that may arise from these changes that may ultimately frustrate the Provincial Government goal

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills requests that the Provincial Government extend the comment period for all 30- and 31-day postings for feedback on potential legislative, regulatory, policy and other changes, 66-day postings as some already are, to allow for full municipal participation;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 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, City of Burlington, Town of Oakville, Town of Milton, Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

**17. ADVANCE NOTICE OF MOTION**

NIL

**18. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE**

Resolution No. 2022-0171

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor B. Lewis

THAT the General Information Package dated November 7, 2022 be received.

**CARRIED**

**19. MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Resolution No. 2022-0172

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Reports from the Monday November 7th, 2022 Closed Session of Council are hereby adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT staff carry out any of Council's direction on these matters as set out in the Confidential minutes dated November 7th, 2022.

Memorandum No. CORPSERV-2022-0005

Confidential Verbal Update by Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer

**CARRIED**

**20. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

Resolution No. 2022-0173

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville  
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. 2022-0065**

A By-Law to amend By-law No. 2016-0048 for the appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Town's Parking By-laws, and other By-laws as designated by the Clerk & Director of Legislative Services.

**BY-LAW NO. 2022-0066**

A By-Law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 7th day of November, 2022 and to authorize its execution.

**CARRIED**

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2022-0174

Moved by: Councillor B. Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

**Recorded Vote:**

**In Favor:** Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor J. Hurst, Councillor A. Lawlor, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor T. Brown, Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor B. Lewis, Councillor M. Johnson

**CARRIED**

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Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

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Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK