

# TOWN OF HALTON HILLS – GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## COUNCIL MEETING – March 6, 2023

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**DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING - Minutes**

**Tuesday January 24, 2023 6:30pm**

**Online (Zoom) and In-Person (BIA Office) Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

*Monica Parker-Galway (Profiles Hair Salon), Chairperson, called meeting to order at 6:48pm.*

**II. Attendance**

*Present: Monica Parker-Galway. Patricia Daleman. Chris Cambouris. SangWon Bak (Zoom), Nicole Walker, Mike Albano, Joba Debi, Zina Pallister (Zoom), Matthew Galliford.*

*Additional: Rob Smith (Black Creek Coffee). Jessica Markou, Licensed Paralegal (Mackenzie Chapman Hilliard). Julian Cruz (The Mexican Way Restaurant)*

**III. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

*- None*

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve December 5th, 2022 Minutes.**

*First: Mike Albano (Town Council Representative)*

*Second: SangWon Bak (Acton Discount Variety)*

*All in favour.*

*Motion Carried*

**V. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion: Adoption of January 24th, 2023, Meeting Agenda.**

*First: Patricia Daleman (Grant Thornton LLP)*

*Second: Joba Debi (The Clay Oven Restaurant)*

*All in favor.*

*Motion Carried*

## **VI. Coordinator's Report – Matthew Galliford**

- *Officially started as the new BIA Coordinator on January 16th, 2023.*
- *Please see BIA Coordinator's Report - Attached after formal minutes: ATTACHMENT 1*

## **VII. Monthly Task Calendar**

- *Monica Parker-Galway recommended that we end the use of the Monthly Task Calendar. Mike Albano agreed.*
- *Patricia Daleman would like to have some sort of communication remain in place, Matthew Galliford has offered to share all day planner and daily tasks openly and freely with all members of the Board of Directors. This has been considered acceptable.*
- *Chris Cambouris suggested using Microsoft 365 as an online sharing tool in the future.*

## **VIII. Beautification**

- *Christmas light decorations have been replaced with Banners early January by Halton Hills Electric.*  
*Mike Albano brought up that there have been complaints again this year about the Christmas light decorations. We should investigate what other options that we have to refurbish or replace the decorations.*
- *New A-Frames and Signs (HHBRTA Funded)*  
*The six new double-sided A-Frames and signs purchased from Titan Tek Biz were presented at the meeting. They are multi purpose heavy duty plastic solid frames that allow for standard sign boards to be switched out for various uses. The twelve new signs feature "BIA Special Event: logos in two different styles.*
- *Flowers and Watering Solutions*  
*SangWon Bak has offered to get pricing quotes for hanging baskets from his flower suppliers.*  
*Rob Smith questioned the costs of the flowers and watering labour. Are those costs justified? Is it good use of the Coordinator's time to be watering flowers? Should the BIA explore the financial and labour time versus other options?*  
*Mike Albano and Nicole Walker suggested looking into a sponsorship program for the flowers to offset costs. Perhaps charge \$150 sponsorship per year for each hanging basket and supply a sponsorship plaque. (note: 66 sponsored baskets at \$150.00 each would cover the expense of contracting out the watering job) SangWon Bak suggested that we take a poll of the BIA Businesses for input.*  
*Monica Parker-Galway did note that the watering of the hanging flower baskets IS part of the BIA Coordinator's job.*  
*We do need to figure out how to water the flowers this year and going forward. We need a watering vehicle to mount our water tank and pump to. Are we looking at buying a used vehicle and insurance? What are any other options?*

## IX. Events

- *Acton Solstice Festival – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 4pm-7pm – Monica gave a review and report of the successful event.*

*Rob Smith asked if there will be a Summer Solstice Festival or other similar events? Nicole Walker shared that we would need another Arts and Culture Grant to be able to host another event like this.*

*Chris Cambouris suggested that we look for other similar Grants available now or in the future through the Town of Halton Hills, Government or with The Department of Illumination (Company).*
- *OBIAA Conference April 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 London, Ontario*

*Matthew Galliford to attend. Monica Parker-Galway suggested that Chris Cambouris could also attend. Chris will have to check his April schedule and confirm in the future.*
- *OBIAA Training Session February 15, 2023 Georgetown, Ontario 10am – 1pm*

*Chris Cambouris and Nicole Walker are scheduled to attend this session. Monica Parker-Galway and Matthew Galliford have requested to join the session if there are any available registration spots left.*

## X. Other Business

- *The new BIA Coordinator started Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Matthew Galliford is the successful candidate who was offered and accepted the position. Here’s looking forward to a long and productive relationship together.*
- *Parkette Art Piece – The “I Love Acton” Heart Art Piece was removed from the parkette by Town of Halton Hills Public Works Staff on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> to comply with the safety concerns raised. The Art Piece has been placed in secure storage and all the current mounting hardware has been saved.*

*The Town of Halton Hills and the Acton BIA issued a joint statement regarding this on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023.*

*Attached after formal minutes: ATTACHMENT 2*
- *Parkette Ownership and Maintenance*

*Chris Cambouris has asked for clarification on the ownership and future maintenance and use of the parkette located at Main and Mill Streets. Who owns the parkette and who is responsible for the maintenance of it? What agreements do we have with the Town of Halton Hills?*

*Mike Albano has addressed that the Town of Halton Hills does own the parkette. As far as use and maintenance issues, those will be determined by the Memorandum of Understanding that is in the process of being settled and refined by the Town and local BIA’s. Date TBD.*

*The parkette garden retaining wall replacement is a concern as well but no action will be taken until the ownership and maintenance issues of the parkette are sorted out in the MOU. Once the MOU is established then we can proceed to investigate if the Town will contribute funds to the retaining wall replacement or if it is a Town task to complete.*

- Switch BIA bank account from BMO to Scotia Bank

*We will be switching banks after the Annual Audit by Grant Thornton takes place between February 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 and is satisfied.*

- BIA Office and Basement Volunteer Clean up Day – Date to be determined.
- The BIA Office door deadbolt is to be changed a.s.a.p. (new deadbolt purchased) and the C-Can has now had a lock and chain across the door. The keys are at the BIA Office upon request.
- Office Software Suite – We are transitioning to automatic payments for all the BIA Office software and subscriptions once we change banks and have a BIA credit card in place for payments. At that time the BIA will settle any owing funds with Alex Hilson for his cooperation in extending to cover these costs until we are set up on our own. Invoices for these expenses are being tracked at the office.

*As the Acton BIA is NOT a not-for-profit organization, we are looking into obtaining a bulk licensing through the Town of Halton Hills or a company like Softchoice who deals with Government and school boards for licensing.*

- Naloxone Kits: Incoming by-laws may require all businesses that serve alcohol to have Naloxone kits on the premises. Monica Parker-Galway is currently working to have a guest speaker and Saint Johns Ambulance conduct an information and training session in the near future before any by-laws are announced officially.  
Julian Cruz raised questions about liability to businesses and those who would administer an overdose kit on the premises of a business.

*Naloxone kits are free and can be obtained from pharmacies to private individuals, there is a cost for businesses.*

- Chain of Command for BIA Communications:  
*All communication of issues come to the attention of the BIA Office Coordinator first. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level then it is escalated to the BIA Chairperson; Monica Parker-Galway. The Chairperson will either look to resolve the issue or consult with the Vice-Chairperson; Chris Cambouris and or the Town Appointed Council Representative; Mike Albano to settle with a resolution and take any action required.*

- New Event Ideas: Taste of Acton food Event / Food Truck Festival  
*Mike Albano has been suggested that we work on creating an event to bring attention to the diverse restaurants of Acton as we look to rebrand Acton's identity from being a leather town. Monica Parker Galway asks that we arrange a meeting with the local restaurant owners to establish details of how to make such an event cost effective and sort out the details of how to make it work. Do we include local art / artisans and music as part of this type of event? Is this a one day street closure event or a month long prix fixe menu style like Summerlicious in Toronto?*
- Mike Albano briefly spoke about the Graffiti situation in Halton Hills. The Town is working on a solution. 4

## **XI. Treasurer's Report**

- *SangWon Bak had to log off Zoom before the report was presented.*
- *Patricia Daleman gave a brief overview of the financials. The annual audit is February 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2023.*
- *Patricia Daleman asks that Matthew Galliford is to coordinate with Cindy Robinson to satisfy any outstanding financial issues prior to the Annual Audit.*

## **XII. Chair's Concerns – Confidential with the Board Members in attendance.**

## **XIII. Motion to adjourn.**

*First: Mike Albano (Town Council Representative)*

*Second: Patricia Daleman (Grant Thornton LLP)*

*All in favour.*

*Motion Carried.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.*

Next Meeting:

- TBD

**Does Tuesday February 21, 2023 work for everyone?** Please let Matthew know at the office so we can set the schedule.

## ATTACHMENT 1

January 24, 2023

### BIA Coordinator's Report

1. Feet on the street – meeting businesses and gathering all the required information to update our website and database.
2. Monthly Promotions and Business / Community engagement – Let's rebuild the relationships.  
Can the BIA issue a \$25 BIA Bucks certificate once a month as the prize? \$300 annual total.
3. Summer student grant application update
4. Working on catching up on all BIA incoming communications (emails, phone calls, etc.)
5. Working with Cindy Robinson to provide any missing or unsubmitted financial information to catch up last quarter reports.
6. Looking into Grants for flowers / watering
7. OBIAA Membership renewed for 2023.
8. Request for information regarding the Memorandum of Understanding / Strategic Plan
9. Request for Signage for the exterior of the Office and potential for street sign directing public to the office.
10. Intention to create a Town Directory Map (like a shopping mall info map) for the website and social media.
11. Monthly Newsletters to the BIA Organization sharing information, upcoming events, offering promotion on our social media of any events or sales that local businesses are having etc.
12. Do we want to advertise in the spring edition of ESCARPMAENT VIEWS Magazine? Cost \$ TBD (\$350.00?)
13. Working with Maureen Beatty and Glodean Brown to complete any final information required for the Arts and Culture Grant
14. Investigate options of a watering vehicle and insurance for downtown flower watering.
15. Official BIA Response regarding the Graffiti and the Town initiative to deal with the problem.  
Both Halton Hills Today and the Independent & Free Press have called for a statement.

#### Going Forward:

1. I am meeting with Corey Long – Community Development Coordinator and Erin Kaiser - Manager of Economic Development & Innovation Business, Environment and Culture on Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 1pm and 2pm respectively at the Halton Hills Town Hall building.
16. Continue working with Maureen Beatty and Glodean Brown to complete any final information required for the Arts and Culture Grant until all is approved.
2. Update the Downtown Acton BIA Website and all related databases with new and verified information of all the membership businesses to bring us up to date.
3. Office organization and refresh of the space.
4. Start prep for upcoming monthly promotions, downtown flowers, Acton Street Market, Leathertown Festival

## Town of Halton Hills and Acton BIA Issue Joint Statement

HALTON HILLS, ON – The Town of Halton Hills and the Acton BIA are issuing a joint statement about the ‘I Love Acton’ art installation. Both parties recognize that the piece is a wonderful representation of community heart – and noted the generosity of Nancy Wilkes, owner of Acton Optical and her daughter Nicole Wilkes for sponsoring the beautiful addition to downtown Acton.

“Part of what makes our Town so special is how involved and passionate our community is,” said Mayor Ann Lawlor. “The Acton art sculpture is a great example. Yes, there have been a few problems however, this should not detract from what is still a lovely thought and what we believe will be, an outstanding piece of public art for all to enjoy.”

“The Acton BIA is very appreciative of the donation and recognizes that there has been some confusion about events,” said Monica Parker-Galway, Acton BIA Chair. “The BIA received a donation of artwork by well-known local artist Doris Treleaven. The ‘I Love Acton’ artwork was then installed in the Town parkette at Mill and Main which the BIA has been actively maintaining.”

Immediately following the installation, concerns were raised by the Town regarding the installation of the piece. The Town coordinated and collaborated with the Acton BIA throughout the process of assessing the safety of the sculpture prior to its removal. The BIA engaged a licensed engineer to assess the installation. The engineer noted safety concerns and recommended that the piece be removed until an appropriate new base and installation attachments can be installed. The Town further assisted the BIA by securing funding for the safety assessment and the design of a safe installation design. A Licensed Professional Engineer has prepared a plan for a safe reinstallation.

The artwork has been temporarily removed to allow for the construction of the required base and attachments. The BIA and Town look forward to continuing to work together alongside the artist to reinstall the art when possible, for the enjoyment of the area residents and visitors.

The vibrancy of downtown Acton remains a key Town priority. The municipality has worked closely with the BIA to advance numerous initiatives focused on beautification, business supports and tourism.

### About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.





February 23, 2023

### **In This Issue**

- AMO member resolution campaign on homelessness.
- AMO housing and homelessness webinar on February 28.
- 2023 PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Award - Call for submissions.
- Proposed updates to Normal Farm Practices Protection Board due April 3.
- Mobile Crisis Response Teams resources available.
- 2023-2024 Seniors Community Grant applications.
- New Community Transit Technology Guide available.
- OSUM Conference: Registration and accommodations are open.
- OSUM Conference: Exhibitor information.
- AMO Conference 2023: Exhibitor and sponsorship information.
- New dates available for AMO's Land Use Planning training.
- Strengthen your leadership: AMO's New Councillor Training.
- Save the date for AMO-LAS 2023 Energy Symposium: November 2 - 3.
- New dates available for AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials training.
- Webinar: Double rebates from WSIB for Municipal Health and Safety Programs.
- Operation Black Vote Canada survey for elected officials.
- Upcoming Canoe webinars: Ambulance remounts, electric fleets.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Blue1 Energy Equipment, Graco, Syn-Tech.
- Careers: MOE, York Region, Treasury Board, Greater Sudbury, and Hastings.

### **AMO Matters**

AMO encourages municipalities and DSSABs to consider passing a resolution ahead of the provincial budget (anticipated late March), calling on the province to end homelessness. A [resolution template](#) is available.

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### **Provincial Matters**

The Normal Farm Practices Protection Board is proposing updates to its Rules of Practice and Procedure. See the [ERO posting](#) for details.

New [resources](#) are available to help police and health partners collaborate with service providers in their communities to implement Mobile Crisis Response Teams and enhance crisis response across the province.

Apply between January 11 - March 6 for Seniors Community Grants to support the

delivery of programs and learning opportunities for seniors. Applications will be accepted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) site.

The Ministry of Transportaion has published a [Transit Technology Toolkit](#) for small and medium sized municipalities, indigenous communities, and transit systems. The kit helps communities to navigate new transit technologies. For more information, contact: [mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca](mailto:mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca).

### **Eye on Events**

*Springtime in Paris* is hosted by the County of Brant, April 26 - 28, inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event. [Register today](#) for the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and book your [accommodations](#) by March 25 to take advantage of conference rates.

Information on how vendors can participate in the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (OSUM) is now available. Please [click here](#) for the full package and application form.

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Following on the success of the 2022 AMO-LAS Energy Symposium, this in-person event will once again bring information and insight to all the energy issues on your mind. Information on the location of the Symposium, registration and how to submit a proposal to present is coming soon.

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AMO's Health and Safety Program Management partner, [4S Consulting](#), is hosting a webinar on March 7 at 8:30am ET on the double rebate offering from WSIB for municipal health and safety programs. Learn more on how to create sustainable health and safety programs. [Register today!](#)

### **LAS**

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) webinars make important information freely available to Ontario municipalities. Coming soon is a presentation on ambulance remounts, followed by a three-day series on fleet electrification. [Check out our Events page](#) to sign up.

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) continues to expand! We've added Blue1 Energy Equipment, Graco, and Syn-Tech to the Fuel Management Solutions category. Store and distribute your fuel and other fluids safely and efficiently. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Operation Black Vote Canada is encouraging all Black Canadians who have run for public office, including municipal councils across Ontario, to participate in their research survey. Please share or complete the [Google form](#). For more information, please visit [blackcanadianpolitics.ca](http://blackcanadianpolitics.ca) #RepresentationMatters.

### **Careers**

[Manager, Planning and Program Transformation Unit - Ministry of Education](#). Play a critical role in the effective delivery of programs to meet the government's objective of creating a continuity of high-quality early years experiences for children in Ontario. [Apply online](#) by March 1.

[Program Manager, Housing Stability and Homelessness - Regional of York](#). Responsible for managing and coordinating the development, implementation and monitoring of new and ongoing program initiatives. [Apply online](#) by February 27.

[ADM Economic, Environment, Justice and Intergovernmental Policy & ADM Health, Social and Education and Children's Policy - Treasury Board ETU \(Cabinet Office\)](#). Direct the development of strategic policy advice in partnership with various Ministries, the Premier's Office and the Secretary of the Cabinet. [Apply online](#) by February 27.

[Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Accountable for the core finance functions including Accounting, Financial Planning and Budgeting, Purchasing, Revenue Management, and Risk Management. Apply to [careers@waterhousesearch.net](mailto:careers@waterhousesearch.net) by March 16.

[Chief Administrative Officer - County of Hastings](#). Responsible for the management of all human, financial and physical resources of the County while providing strategic guidance and advice for the effective delivery of programs and services. Apply to [caorecruitment@hastingscounty.com](mailto:caorecruitment@hastingscounty.com) by March 19.

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February 16, 2023

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- Canoe vendor spotlight: Rosenbauer.
- Book your road/sidewalk survey today.
- Talking ambulances with the Canoe webinar series.
- Blog: Win your Excel Battle.
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A new intake for Rural Economic Development (RED) funding is open until February 23. For more information, click [here](#).

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### **LAS**

Rosenbauer has secured additional contracts with the [Canoe Procurement Group](#), this time in the Airport Runway and Emergency Equipment category. Save time and money purchasing Panther, Airwolf, ARFF, and custom chassis equipment to keep your airport safe. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

It may not feel like it, but spring will be here soon! If a road or sidewalk survey is on your to-do list this year the [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment](#) service can help. [Contact Tanner](#) for a free, no-obligation quote and find out how this program can help you optimize your assets.

Ambulances are critical to community safety but sourcing them can be a challenging and expensive activity. [Register for our webinar](#) to learn about ambulance procurement options, including refurbishment and remounting - part of the Canoe webinar series. Be sure to check out our [other upcoming webinars](#).

Excel is useful as a data analytic tool for municipal staff, but do you find staff is still struggling to perform basic functions? [Our blog focuses](#) on how to delete blank cells quicker and smarter.

## Careers

[Board Coordinator - ONE Investment](#). Provides legislative support to facilitate effective operations of ONE's Boards and Committees and prepares and distributes meeting notices, agendas, reports; takes and prepares minutes for both public and closed meetings. Deadline: 4:00 PM February 17. Email applications to: [careers@amo.on.ca](mailto:careers@amo.on.ca).

[Strategic Initiatives and Policy Specialist - City of Cambridge](#). Participates in the development and implementation of the corporate performance management framework; supports government relations and policy review. Deadline: February 24.

[Supervisor, Accounting \(Capital Assets\) - County of Simcoe](#). Responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements within their portfolio, including accounting, budgeting, forecasting. Deadline: February 27.

[Advisor, Special Projects, Public Works & Engineering - City of Brampton](#). The role is to ensure strategic priorities and values of the City are developed and supported. Deadline: February 27.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Thames Centre](#). the CAO is responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the Municipality's administrative and operational services. Deadline: 4:00 pm, March 1.

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February 9, 2023

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- One Call Administrative Penalty Regime webinar.
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- Do you countertop compost? Don't miss this webinar!
- Think spring training with LAS!
- electHER Now spring learning series: *Finding My Place, Balance & Confidence*.
- AdvantAge Ontario Long-Term Care webinar for councillors.
- Careers: ONE, Ottawa, Halton, Richmond Hill, Greater Sudbury, and Toronto.

### **AMO Matters**

On February 28, AMO will host a webinar on its policy around housing and homelessness. Open to municipal elected officials and staff. To register, please [click here](#).

AMO is soliciting applications to fill seven Caucus vacancies on the AMO Board of Directors; positions for elected officials and municipal employees are open. Application package can be found [here](#). Deadline: February 10, 2023.

### **Provincial Matters**

On February 13, Ontario One Call will host a webinar reviewing changes to the regulation and AMP system. [Register here](#).

Apply between January 11 - March 6 for Seniors Community Grants to support the delivery of programs and learning opportunities for seniors. Applications will be accepted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) site.

The Ministry of Transportaion has published a [Transit Technology Toolkit](#) for small and medium sized municipalities, indigenous communities, and transit systems. The kit

helps communities to navigate new transit technologies. For more information, contact: [mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca](mailto:mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca).

A new intake for Rural Economic Development (RED) funding is open until February 23. For more information, click [here](#).

The SDAF deadline has been extended from February 28, 2023 to November 1, 2023. Contact [municipal.programs@ontario.ca](mailto:municipal.programs@ontario.ca) with any questions.

The deadline for implementation of projects approved under Intake 3 of the MMP has been extended to December 1, 2023.

### **Eye on Events**

Registration is now open for *Springtime in Paris*, April 26 - 28, 2023. Brant County is hosting the first Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference since 2019 inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event.

Information on how vendors can participate in the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (OSUM) is now available. Please [click here](#) for the full package and application form.

Information on participating at AMO 2023 as an exhibitor and/or sponsor is now available. Full details are [here](#).

AMO's Foundations in Planning and Deeper Dive training prepares elected officials in understanding planning concepts and requirements as well making strategic decisions on the complex issues you will face over the coming term. Register [here](#) and [here](#).

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Following on the success of the 2022 AMO-LAS Energy Symposium, this in-person event will once again bring information and insight to all the energy issues on your mind. Information on the location of the Symposium, registration and how to submit a proposal to present is coming soon.

Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials training is an opportunity to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official. This virtual, interactive workshop, explores the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, why relationships may go wrong and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully using practical tips, tools and real-world examples. [Register here](#).

### **LAS**

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Here we grow again! New Canoe vendor [Cemen Tech](#) offers a range of concrete mixing and silo products for all your municipal construction needs. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Register now for our Countertop Composting webinar on February 15 - an interesting take on kitchen waste and just one of several in our spring webinar series. Check out our events page for this and other webinars coming soon.

Don't forget about spring training this year. LAS has a catalogue of workshops to meet your energy training needs. Contact Christian to learn more and schedule your custom workshop.

### **Municipal Wire\***

*Finding My Place, Balance & Confidence* is a 3 part online learning series from electHER Now: February 28, March 28 and April 25 (7 to 8:30pm). Eight panelists + one Senator discuss municipal life. Register here.

Registration is open for AdvantAge Ontario's free Long-Term Care orientation webinar for municipal councillors. The webinar will be February 15 from 12-1pm. A brief on municipalities and LTC is also available.

### **Careers**

Board Coordinator - ONE Investment. Provides legislative support to facilitate effective operations of ONE's Boards and Committees and prepares and distributes meeting notices, agendas, reports; takes and prepares minutes for both public and closed meetings. Deadline: 4:00 PM February 17. Email applications to: careers@amo.on.ca.

Director, Housing - City of Ottawa. Accountable for developing and maintaining strategic business and community partnerships to respond to the City's housing requirements. Apply online by March 2.

Senior Project Manager, Allocation - Region of Halton. Administers and develops programming that ensures the timely development and implementation of various strategies required to support approved growth. Apply online by February 17.

Municipal Integrity Commissioner - City of Richmond Hill. Responsible for administering the Council Code of Conduct and assists in maintaining ethical standards. Apply to stephen.huycke@richmondhill.ca by March 2.

Manager of Solid Waste Support Services - City of Greater Sudbury. Responsible for assisting the Director of Environmental Services in the preparation and execution of the Business Plan. Apply to hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca by March 3.

Budget and Operations Analyst - City of Toronto. Analyze PPO's budget information to support the preparation, review, analysis, forecasting, implementation and monitoring of budgets and financial reports. Apply online by February 28.

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VIA EMAIL

February 16, 2023

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, February 15, 2023, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: MO-02-23 – Make the Connection Research**

1. THAT Report No. MO-02-23 re: “Make the Connection Research” be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. MO-02-23 to the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. MO-02-23 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne  
Regional Clerk  
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Regional Municipality of Halton

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**The Regional Municipality of Halton**

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Hamidah Meghani, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
Date:	February 15, 2023
Report No:	MO-02-23
Re:	Make the Connection Research

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT Report No. MO-02-23 re: “Make the Connection Research” be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. MO-02-23 to the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville for their information.

**REPORT**

**Executive Summary**

- On July 13, 2022, Report No. MO-09-22 re: “Update on COVID-19 Public Health Recovery” included a recommendation that Public Health explore providing evidence-informed universal parenting education interventions that promote positive parenting and healthy child development.
- Evidence indicates that universal parent education and training promotes the parent-child relationship and healthy growth and development of infants/young children. However, there is limited evidence for a specific universal parent and education program that targets the transition to parenthood and the first two years that follow the birth of a child.
- A literature review and subsequent environmental scan of parent education and training programs was completed. It was determined that the online direct-to-parent *Make The Connection* (MTC) program, recently developed by the Psychology Foundation of Canada (PFC), had the potential to best meet the needs of the target population.

- MTC in-person parent education has already been evaluated with positive results. The PFC is undergoing evaluation of the online program in partnership with Queen's University. Halton Region Public Health will partner with MTC's evaluation research by recruiting participants to evaluate the efficacy of the online direct-to-parent MTC program.

## Background

A literature review conducted in the spring of 2022 concluded that parent education and training can provide caregivers with the knowledge, resources and supports to enhance child and family well-being. It can strengthen parental competencies that build healthy parent-child relationships and promote nurturing environments to help children thrive.<sup>2,3,4,6</sup>

Evidence from this literature review confirmed that parenting interventions offered during the prenatal period to the first three years of life may be effective in improving:

- early child cognitive, language, motor, socioemotional development and attachment, and reduced behavior problems.<sup>3,6</sup>
- parenting knowledge, parenting practices, and parent-child interactions.<sup>6</sup>

In 2017 Halton Public Health and parenting service providers in Halton undertook a review of parenting approaches used in the region and what the evidence had to say about effective group programs. The majority of programs targeted children over two years of age. Therefore as part of COVID-19 recovery, Public Health staff in the Early Years Program completed a literature review of universal parent education and training programs, targeting individuals transitioning to parenthood and those with children up to two years. Findings from this literature review did not specifically identify an effective universal parent education and training program to support individuals transitioning to parenthood and those with children up to two years of age.

The multiple differences of parenting programs targeting children under two years makes it a challenge to compare and contrast, limiting the ability to confirm that one parenting program was more effective than another. With a lack of available evidence supporting one universal parenting program over another, an environmental scan of parenting programs referenced in the articles generated from the literature review was conducted.

The environmental scan identified four parenting programs that integrated the majority of evidence-informed effective parenting components, including: the parent-child relationship, parental well-being, skill development, and reducing adversity. Each of the four programs were reviewed using additional factors, such as: community health issues, public health resources as well as existing programs available in the community. As such, it was determined that *Make The Connection* (MTC) program had the potential to best meet the needs of the target population in Halton out of the four programs, due to the strong focus on promoting positive parent-to-infant attachment and the option for a self-directed online option in addition to in-person programs, which is a gap in the community.

The purpose of this report is to share information on the MTC program and upcoming research to determine efficacy of the newly developed online direct-to-parent MTC program.

## **Discussion**

MTC is a universal parenting program informed by research, designed to help parents learn how to interact with their baby in ways that promote secure attachment, communication and brain development.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, MTC was available to parents in an in-person group format. A published study showed that the MTC program is effective in promoting positive parent-to-infant attachment and the authors recommended that public health officials consider including MTC in initiatives that target parenting skills.<sup>1</sup>

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PFC developed an online direct-to-parent MTC program. Online self-directed program modalities position Halton Region to be responsive to community health issues while still providing support to families. PFC has received grant funding to complete research to determine the efficacy of the online program. This will include pre/post evaluation of participants of the program, compared to those on a wait list for the program. Halton Region Public Health will be recruiting participants for this evaluation research. A research data sharing agreement will be entered into which staff will ensure, by having Legal Services review and approve the content, that appropriate privacy standards regarding the use of personal information or personal health information of individuals for formal research are met.

Participation in this evaluation research initiative provides several opportunities for Halton Region Public Health, including:

- offering free access to the program for up to 100 Halton families;
- providing an opportunity to trial the program prior to making a financial investment;
- obtaining local input into the program; and
- contributing to the limited body of evidence about effective universal parent education and training programs to support individuals transitioning to parenthood and those with children up to two years of age.

## **Next steps**

- Recruitment for the study will take place in 2023 and Halton Region Public Health will update council when results of the study are published.




FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Alfred  
Director, Healthy Families



Hamidah Meghani, MD  
Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health

Approved by



Jane MacCaskill  
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions on the content of this report,  
please contact:

Susan Alfred

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Attachments: None

## References

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-53**

Moved by: Marc Dupuis  
Seconded by: Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS Bill 23 was introduced the day after municipal elections, and;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) was not given an opportunity to present its concerns to the Standing Committee, and;

WHEREAS some municipalities will experience significant loss of revenues as a result of Bill 23, and;

WHEREAS Bill 23 eliminates the regional role in approval of official plans, creating uncertainty around the planning for regional services to support the growth aspirations of the local municipalities, and;

WHEREAS Bill 23 limits the role of Conservation Authorities, and;

WHEREAS AMO is not confident that Bill 23 will do anything to improve the affordability of housing;

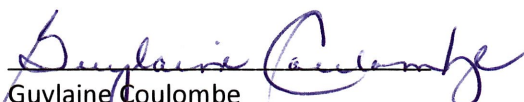
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. 2023-0007 made by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills urging the Provincial Government to repeal Bill 23 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Halton Hills and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

**- CARRIED -**

I, Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, do hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution 23-53, passed by the Council of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté at its meeting held the 21st day of February 2023.

DATED at Mattice, Ontario  
This 22nd day of February 2023

  
Guylaine Coulombe



# Municipality of Killarney

February 15, 2023

Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
*Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)*

## Re: Repeal Bill 23 – The Build More Homes Faster Act

Attached hereto is Resolution #23-044 that was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting held February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Council supports the resolution passed by the Town of Halton Hills at a meeting held on January 23, 2023 regarding Bill 23.

The Municipality of Killarney concurs with the Town of Halton Hills and urges the Provincial Government to repeal Bill 23 for all the reasons noted in their report dated December 7, 2022 (*attached*).

We look forward to your favorable reply regarding this request.

Sincerely,  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY**

(Mrs.) Angie Nuziale  
Administrative Assistant

*cc: Town of Halton Hills  
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Steve Clark  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario*

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**MOVED BY: Robert Campbell**  
**SECONDED BY: Nikola Grubic**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-044**

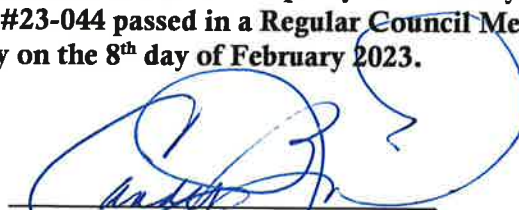
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**FURTHER THAT** the Municipality of Killarney concurs with the Town of Halton Hills and urges the Provincial Government to repeal Bill 23 for all the reasons noted in their report dated December 7, 2022;

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all those copied by Halton Hills.

Resolution Result	Recorded Vote		
	Council Members	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CARRIED</b>	<b>Mary Bradbury</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEFEATED</b>	<b>Robert Campbell</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TABLED</b>	<b>Dave Froats</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)</b>	<b>Nikola Grubic</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED</b>	<b>Michael Reider</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>Peggy Roque</b>		

**I, Candy K. Beauvais, Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #23-044 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.**

  
 Candy K. Beauvais  
 Clerk-Treasurer



January 26, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Repeal Bill 23 – The Build More Homes Faster Act**

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 23, 2023, adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Bill 23, the Build More Homes Faster Act was introduced on October 25th, the day after Municipal elections in Ontario at a time when councils were in a transition period and unable to respond to the legislation prior to passage of the legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) was not given an opportunity to present its concerns with Bill 23 to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy further eroding the municipal/provincial relationships;

AND WHEREAS the loss of revenue to the Town of Halton Hills as a result of Bill 23 is estimated at \$58 - \$87 million over 10 year which, without provincial compensation, will severely impact the provision of municipal services including transportation, parks and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the elimination of the Regional role in approval of official plans creates uncertainty around the planning for regional services to support the growth aspirations of the local municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the role of Conservation Authorities has been limited to natural hazards only, thereby precluding a broader role in providing expert advice and services to municipalities on natural heritage matters as part of the planning process;

AND WHEREAS AMO's evaluation concluded that there is no confidence that the measures in Bill 23 will do anything to improve the affordability of housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills urges the Provincial Government to repeal Bill 23;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Ted Arnott MPP, and AMO.

(Appendix A – Town of Halton Hills Report No. PD-2022-0050)

(Appendix B – List of references)



Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2023-0007.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at [valeriep@haltonhills.ca](mailto:valeriep@haltonhills.ca).

Sincerely,



Melissa Lawr  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Ted Arnott Speaker of the Ontario Legislature and MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills  
John Fraser, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and MPP, Ottawa South  
Peter Tabuns, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario and MPP, Toronto Danforth  
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party and MMP, Guelph  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:** 2023-0007

**Title:** Bill 23 – The Build More Homes Faster Act

**Date:** January 23, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor J. Fogal

**Seconded by:** Councillor C. Garneau

**Item No. 13.1**

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(Appendix A – Town of Halton Hills Report No. PD-2022-0050)  
(Appendix B – List of references)



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Mayor Ann Lawlor



## REPORT

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**TO:** Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

**DATE:** December 7, 2022

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2022-0050

**SUBJECT:** Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2022-0050 dated December 7, 2022 regarding Bill 23 – the More Homes Built Faster Act, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff continue to assess the implications of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act and provide further update reports to Council as may be appropriate;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to provide supplemental funding to offset the reductions in Development Charges and cash-in-lieu of parkland accruing to the Town as a result of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk forward a copy of Report PD-2022-0050 to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Minister of Finance; Halton Area MPPs; the Region of Halton; the City of Burlington; the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville for their information.

### KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* was introduced into the legislature on October 25, 2022.
- The goal of Bill 23 is the creation of an additional 1.5 million new homes in Ontario over the next ten years.

- There are 10 Schedules to Bill 23, (9 of which are applicable in Halton) proposing sweeping changes to various pieces of legislation including but not limited to, the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act*, *Conservation Authorities Act* and *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- The opportunity to provide public feedback was offered via postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), with comment deadlines ranging from 30 – 66 days. Comments were provided on a number of the postings in accordance with the established deadlines. Key concerns raised are highlighted in the report, with more detailed comments included as Appendix 2.
- Bill 23 received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. Most of the Bill is in force as of that date. This report provides an overview of Bill 23 in its final form.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the Ministry) has committed to a goal of 1.5 million new homes being constructed over the next 10 years, with the *More Homes, Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023* as the key driver behind the delivery of these housing units. The Housing Supply Action Plan (HSAP) suggests that the housing supply shortage can be addressed by "...reducing government fees and fixing development approval delays that slow housing construction and increase costs".

In order to achieve the Province's overarching objectives, Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* was introduced into the Ontario Legislature on October 25, 2022. Bill 23 consists of ten schedules that entail sweeping changes to the various pieces of legislation including but not limited to the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act*, *Ontario Land Tribunal Act*, *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act*. A series of postings on the Environmental Registry with varying commenting deadlines were also introduced at the same time.

Bill 23 is the third piece of legislation prepared by the Province over the last four years that entails significant changes to the land use planning system in Ontario. In 2019, Royal Assent was given to the *More Homes, More Choice Act* (Bill 108). In 2022, the *More Homes for Everyone Act* (Bill 109) received Royal Assent. Bill 109 was discussed in report PD-2022-0031 and is further considered via report PD-2022-0049, which is included on this Council agenda.

At the November 7, 2022, meeting, Council passed a resolution expressing a number of initial concerns with Bill 23. Among other matters, the resolution requested that the Province extend the commenting deadlines from 30 and 31-day postings to 66-day postings, which would mirror some of the ERO postings released on October 25, 2022. While the Province did extend some of the postings to 45-day postings, they did not provide the full 66-day review period Council had requested. A copy of the Council resolution is attached to this report as Appendix 3 for reference purposes.

Bill 23 received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. Most of the Bill is in force as of that date. The purpose of this report is to summarize Bill 23 in its final form. The report will also touch on some of the key concerns with Bill 23 that were identified by staff.

## Bill 23

As identified earlier in this report, Bill 23 was introduced and received First Reading on October 25, 2022. It moved to Second Reading on October 31, 2022 and was ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy at that time. After presentations to the Standing Committee, much discussion and debate, a slightly amended version of Bill 23 passed Third Reading and received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022.

There are ten key elements of the approved Bill 23 that this report will focus on. These include:

1. The role of Halton Region in the local planning approval process
2. The role of the Conservation Authorities
3. Three residential unit permissions
4. Required zoning by-law amendments regarding MTSA's
5. Public meetings for draft plan of subdivision applications
6. Changes to site plan control for up to ten units
7. Removal of 2-year prohibitions on amendments for specified applications
8. Restrictions on third-party appeals for minor variance and consent
9. Changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*
10. Parkland dedication calculation rate changes
11. Development Charge exemptions

### **1. The role of Halton Region in the local planning approval process**

One of the most significant changes as a result of Bill 23 is the pending removal of approval authority from the Region of Halton as it relates to local planning matters. Halton, along with a handful of other GGH upper-tier municipalities including Peel, Durham, York, Niagara, Waterloo and the County of Simcoe, will become "an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities". At a date yet to be determined, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing will take over the approval role for local Official Plans and amendments thereto including Secondary Plans.

Based on the foregoing, it is staff's understanding that local municipalities such as Halton Hills would inherit the applicable components of the Regional Official Plan within our jurisdiction. These components would be used as a basis to complete further updates to the Town's Official Plan. Municipalities await the release of regulations and applicable transition policies clarifying these various pieces, which are yet to be announced by the province.

### **2. The role of the Conservation Authorities**

As of January 1, 2023, Conservation Authorities will no longer be permitted to comment on any aspects of the planning approval process including development applications and supporting studies, other than those matters dealing with natural hazards and

flooding. They will also no longer be able to require certain components of the planning process (such as watershed planning; wetland evaluations; or elements related to ecology and biodiversity during Scoped Subwatershed Studies, SISs, EAs, etc.) to be completed to their satisfaction/approval.

In addition, a single regulation has been proposed for all 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario, rather than having separate regulations pertain to each Authority. This regulation has not yet been prepared or released for comment and the date upon which it would come into effect remains to be determined.

Another significant change as a result of Bill 23 is that any development that has been approved through an application under the *Planning Act* will no longer require a permit from the applicable Conservation Authority. These exemptions will be based on specific conditions or requirements, yet to be determined through regulation. The timeframe for when these exemptions will come into effect are also unknown. Staff would expect to see these draft regulations released for comment early in 2023.

### **3. Three residential unit permissions**

As of November 28, 2022, all Ontario municipalities are required to permit up to three residential units per lot within settlement areas, so long as that lot is serviced by municipal water and wastewater systems. The Province views this as a form of gentle intensification that will deliver a modest amount of supply relative to the overall 1.5 million new homes Provincial target. This permission allows for all three units to be contained within the main building (the principal home on the lot), or two units within the main building and one unit in an accessory building. Municipalities are not permitted to require a minimum size/area for these additional residential units, however, building permits are still required for each residential unit constructed. In addition, municipalities cannot require more than one parking space per residential unit.

In the Halton Hills context, through the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review, the Town will be required to update its existing zoning requirements (which currently require a minimum of 2 parking spaces for the principle dwelling and 1 parking space per additional residential unit), reducing the minimum number of parking spaces required to only 1 space per residential unit. The Official Plan and Zoning By-law will also require updating to ensure that up to three residential units are permitted on each serviced urban residential lot.

There are no appeal rights afforded as it relates to any required amendments to a municipal Official Plan or Zoning By-law as a result of these changes. In addition, any existing local requirements regarding the number of units permitted, the minimum size of units, or the minimum number of parking spaces per unit, are superseded by Bill 23.

### **4. Required zoning by-law amendments regarding MTSAs**

Under a new subsection (16(20)) of the *Planning Act*, Bill 23 requires that within one-year of approval of an Official Plan Amendment delineating a Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) and identifying the minimum number of residents and jobs per hectare that are planned to be accommodated within that area, municipalities must update their zoning

by-laws. These zoning by-law updates must include minimum heights and densities within the MTSA in keeping with the policies approved through the Official Plan Amendment.

With the recent approval of ROPA 49<sup>1</sup> by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and given both the Georgetown and Acton MTSA were not assigned minimum density targets through that approval, appropriate population and employment density targets for these MTSA must be established. The Town commenced the Georgetown GO Station Secondary Plan review in 2022. At this juncture, staff believe that is the appropriate process for assessing and assigning those prescribed minimum densities. It is our understanding that once the Secondary Plan with the minimum density targets is approved, the Town will have one year to update the zoning by-law mirroring those minimum density targets.

The Acton GO Station Secondary Plan is targeted for a comprehensive review in the coming years (currently scheduled for 2025), at which time those minimum density targets will also be considered and updated as appropriate.

## **5. Public meetings for draft plan of subdivision applications**

One of the changes from Bill 23 is that Statutory Public Meetings for draft plans of subdivision are no longer required under the *Planning Act*. This change came into effect upon Royal Assent on November 28, 2022.

The change does not preclude a municipality from continuing to hold a public meeting for subdivision applications. In our experience, subdivision applications are submitted in conjunction with zoning by-law amendments and in some cases official plan amendments both of which require public meetings. There is little if any efficiency to be gained by not including the plan of subdivision in the statutory public meeting. The public typically will be interested in the road layout, the lotting patterns and the location of blocks for schools, parks, recreational amenities and natural heritage all of which will be shown on the draft plan of subdivision. Given the importance of public consultation to the planning process, the Town will continue to hold public meetings for subdivision proposals that result in the creation of new lots.

## **6. Changes to site plan control for up to ten units**

Site plan control is a land use planning tool that municipalities utilize to evaluate site specific elements when development is proposed. As is described in the provincial site plan control guide, this control over detailed site-specific matters ensures that a development proposal is well designed, fits in with the surrounding uses and minimizes any negative impacts. Items typically considered through site plan control include

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<sup>1</sup> ROPA 49 was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on November 4, 2022. That approval requires that Halton Region update their Table 2 and 2a density targets to establish minimum population and employment targets within MTSA. However, Bill 23 identifies Halton Region as “an upper-tier without planning responsibilities”. As such, it is unclear as to whether the Georgetown and Acton MTSA densities will be established by the Town or Region. It is expected that the Bill 23 regulations and transition policies yet to be released will provide that clarification.



- lighting, drainage, access to and from the site (pedestrian and vehicular), waste and snow storage, landscaping, and architectural and urban design among others.

Where a municipality could apply site plan control for any type or scale of development as defined in a municipal site plan control by-law, Bill 23 has now created an exemption for residential developments for 10 units or less. As a result, the Town will be required to update its current site plan control by-law to clarify the application of the tool, removing the requirements where 10 or less residential units are proposed.

In addition, Bill 23 has also removed architectural details (i.e., matters of urban design) and landscape design aesthetics from the scope of site plan control. As per Section 41, subsection 4.1.1 of the *Planning Act*, site plan control can still apply to "...elements, facilities and works on the land if the appearance impacts matters of health, safety, accessibility, sustainable design or the protection of adjoining lands". This subsection provides the Town with the permissions necessary in order to continue to apply Green Development Standards (GDS) at the appropriate time during the development approval process.

#### **7. Removal of 2-year prohibitions on amendments for specified applications**

Previous amendments to the *Planning Act* prohibited applications for amendments to a new official plan and secondary plans for a two-year period following initial approval unless Council permission to file such applications was granted. Similarly, applications to further amend a new zoning by-law and a new site-specific zoning by-law amendment or to seek a minor variance to the same were also prohibited for a two-year period without Council permission. Bill 23 has revoked those changes completely, meaning applications to amend any of these approved planning documents are now permitted without any time restrictions.

#### **8. Restrictions on third-party appeals for minor variance and consent**

Bill 23 has restricted the appeal rights for minor variance and consent applications, only allowing the applicant, the municipality, certain prescribed public bodies and the Minister the opportunity to appeal decisions for these types of applications.

In addition, this new rule applies retroactively to October 25, 2022 (the date that Bill 23 was first introduced into the Legislature). This means that any existing third-party appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal on a minor variance or consent decision, where a hearing date has not yet been established, will be dismissed.

Third party appeal rights of Council decisions on official plan and zoning by-law amendments remain in place under *The Planning Act*.

#### **9. Changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act***

Sweeping amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) have been approved through Bill 23, however, as of the date of writing of this report, none of these changes are in force. At a date to be proclaimed by the Minister, these amendments will come into effect.

Bill 23 requires that all information currently included in a municipal Heritage Register must be made available online, and that all future properties must meet criteria established by regulation to be listed on the Heritage Register. It is worth noting that the Town already provides the majority of this information on our website and offers this information freely to the public.

Amendments to the OHA will allow owners to serve a notice of objection to a municipality for properties added to the Heritage Register at any time. The Town undertook a multi-phase approach with significant public consultation to build our Heritage Register. As the Town's process to build the Heritage Register was ahead of legislative requirements at the time, these amendments seem to negate the comprehensive and public approach undertaken by the Town.

Removals of listed properties from the Heritage Register are one of the key amendments resulting from Bill 23. Conditions have been specified that would necessitate the removal of a listed property from the Heritage Register, including a Notice of Intention to Designate being withdrawn, and a by-law being repealed or not being passed. These removals would not require consultation with the Town's municipal heritage committee. In addition, properties listed on the Heritage Register would be removed after two years if they have not been designated, and are not eligible for re-listing on the Register for five years after their removal.

Another change through Bill 23 is that municipalities are prohibited from designating a property unless it was already/previously listed on the Heritage Register, and any properties will be required to meet two or more criteria for designation, whereas properties are currently required to meet only one of the three criteria identified in Ontario Regulation 9/06 in order to be designated.

Additional amendments to the OHA will require future Heritage Conservation Districts (HCDs) to meet criteria for determining whether they are of heritage value or interest and will allow for amendments or repeals to Heritage Conservation District by-laws. HCDs are a planning tool that guide the conservation of an historic area or neighbourhood's cultural heritage value. The Town of Halton Hills has designated one Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the OHA. The Syndicate Housing Heritage Conservation District was designated by Council in 2005 and is located along Bower Street in Acton.

Finally, amendments to the OHA through Bill 23 will allow the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism to review, confirm, or revise determinations of cultural heritage value for provincially owned heritage properties, and would allow exemptions for those properties from Heritage Standards and Guidelines for proposals where other major priorities will be advanced.

#### **10. Parkland dedication calculation rate changes**

Amendments to the *Planning Act* alter previous legislation regarding alternative parkland dedication calculations. Under Bill 23, the rate has been reduced to 1 hectare/600 units if land is conveyed and 1 hectare/1,000 units for cash in lieu of parkland. The alternative rate is subject to a cap of 10% of the land for lands that are

five hectares (+/- 12 acres) or less and 15% of the land for lands greater than 5 hectares. Both changes came into effect on November 28, 2022, upon Bill 23 receiving Royal Assent.

Parkland dedication rates are also now calculated on the day that a zoning by-law amendment for a development proposal is passed, or the day that a related site plan application is filed, whichever is later. If neither a zoning by-law amendment nor site plan approval is/are required, parkland dedication is calculated on the day that the first building permit related to the development is issued.

In addition, beginning in 2023, municipalities will be required to spend or allocate at least 60% of their parkland reserve funds at the start of each calendar year.

Additional parkland dedication provisions not yet in force under Bill 23 include: the exemption of affordable and attainable units from parkland dedication and cash-in-lieu requirements; encumbered parkland; strata parks (parks built on top of structures, such as rooftops or parking garages); and privately owned publicly accessible open spaces ("POPS") such as small parkettes often found within condominium developments, will be eligible for parkland credits. Landowners will also be permitted to propose which areas of their land they wish to provide towards their parkland contributions. While municipalities will be able to refuse any such offer they deem to be unacceptable, landowners will have the right to appeal those refusals to the Ontario Land Tribunal. These amendments will come into force upon proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor.

As it relates to Town staff observations on the parkland dedication rate changes, broadly speaking, it is estimated that an overall 60-75% decrease in parkland dedication fees could be expected over the next 14 years. This is based on a very preliminary review and is dependent on the number of medium or high-density residential development applications received over that time period. Based on current estimates, this could represent a reduction of \$24 million to \$30 million dollars. It is important to note that a detailed financial analysis would be required in order to fully assess the potential financial ramifications of the reduced parkland contribution impacts from Bill 23. This review would be required in coordination with Finance staff and a review of the Long-Range Financial Plan and 10 Year Capital Forecast.

## **11. Development Charge (DC) exemptions**

Significant amendments were made to the *Development Charges Act* (DC Act) through Bill 23. Some of these changes have come into effect as of November 28, 2022, while other changes await release of updated regulations and/or proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor.

One of the amendments now in effect includes a five-year phasing in of DC rate increases for any DC By-laws passed on or after January 1, 2022. These reductions begin with a 20% reduced fee for year one, with the reduction decreasing by 5% for each year thereafter until the fifth year when the full new rate would apply. This means that the fee at year one would be 80% of the approved DC rate; 85% in year two, 90% for year three and 95% for year four, before the full 100% DC rate could be charged at year five. In addition, DCs are exempt for non-profit housing development and

inclusionary zoning residential units. Bill 23 also provides DC discount of 25% for purpose-built rental housing with 3 or more bedrooms; 20% for 2 bedrooms; and 15% for less than 2 bedrooms.

Additional changes in force as of Royal Assent which may have significant ramifications for the Town include the extension of DC by-law expiry dates from every five years to every ten years; growth related studies (including Secondary Plan Studies, Scoped Subwatershed Studies, Environmental Assessments etc.) and land cost (for services yet to be prescribed) are now excluded from recovery through DCs; interest rates on phased DCs must be capped at prime plus 1% for rental, and institutional developments; and municipalities are now required to spend or allocate at least 60% of their DC reserve funds at the beginning of each calendar year (beginning in 2023) on priority services, such as water, wastewater and roads.

Future regulations regarding “attainable housing units” and the DC exemptions tied to such developments have not yet been released. Additional DC exemptions are also being implemented at a future date for affordable residential units. The impacts of these changes are not yet fully understood given the associated regulations have not yet been released.

Similar to the financial ramifications identified above with respect to the parkland dedication rate changes, the DC Act changes could significantly impact the Town from a financial perspective. Depending on the scenarios related to the attainable, affordable, and non-profit housing forms, the projected DC loss is estimated in the range of \$34 million to \$57 million dollars over the next 10 years (or \$20 million to \$31 million dollars over 5 years). This represents a 12% to 20% reduction in DC revenue over 10 years, as compared to DC revenues projected under the Town’s DC by-law prior to Bill 23. Again, it is important to note that a detailed financial analysis would be required in order to fully assess the potential financial ramifications from Bill 23.

Based on the estimated impacts above, staff recommend requesting that the Province provide supplemental funding to offset the reductions in Development Charges and cash-in-lieu of parkland accruing to the Town as a result of Bill 23.

### Environmental Registry of Ontario Postings

On October 25, 2022, a series of postings were made on the Environmental Registry of Ontario website (the ERO). Some of these postings were directly tied to changes proposed through Bill 23 (such as amendments to the *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act*), whereas other postings not discussed within this report or its appendices were not directly tied to Bill 23 (such as the proposed changes to the Greenbelt Plan).

These postings were made available for comment, with deadlines ranging between 30 to 66 days. Appendix 1 to this report provides a table outlining the various Bill 23 related postings and their respective comment timeframes. It also identifies the status of Town staff review. Any staff level comments that have been submitted on the Bill 23 ERO postings as of finalization of this report are attached as Appendix 2.

Key comments submitted through the ERO postings highlight the Town's concerns regarding the sweeping amendments made by Bill 23. These concerns include the following:

- Bill 23 has significant financial implications for the Town. The loss in development charge and cash-in-lieu of parkland revenue is anticipated to be significant and will impact the Town's ability to fund necessary infrastructure improvements and public service facilities such as libraries, community centres and arenas that are an essential component of a complete community.
- Secondary Plans and related supporting studies are required to facilitate new development in greenfield and key intensification areas. The inability to fund such studies creates significant challenges for municipalities and may slow down the delivery of new housing supply.
- Limitations on undertaking urban design as part of the site plan process. Good urban design contributes to a sense of place and is an important consideration in developing complete communities and ensuring compatibility.
- The potential elimination of Green Development Standards plays a vital role in improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions<sup>2</sup>.
- Significant changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that on balance were not considered necessary considering the Town's measured approach to managing cultural heritage resources.
- The scoping of the role of Conservation Authorities to natural hazards only thereby precluding a broader role in providing advice on natural heritage matters. Staff recommended that the Conservation Authorities continue to play a role in environmental plan review subject to appropriate Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with municipalities.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This report has ramifications for many aspects of the Town's Strategic Plan such as:

- preserve, protect and enhance the Town's natural environment;
- to preserve, protect and promote our distinctive historical urban and rural character through the conservation and promotion of our built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes;
- to achieve sustainable growth to ensure that growth is managed so as to ensure a balanced, sustainable, well planned community infrastructure and services to meet the needs of residents and businesses; and,
- to provide responsive, effective municipal government and strong leadership in the effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

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<sup>2</sup> The final version of Bill 23 incorporates permissive language with respect to sustainable design which is considered to resolve this concern.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:**

At this time, the impacts to the Town's Climate Change portfolio and initiatives are not fully understood given the magnitude of the legislative changes approved through Bill 23. It is worth noting that from the time of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to Royal Assent, amendments were made to Bill 23 which reinstated the ability for municipalities to proceed with the application of Green Development Standards.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

Public Engagement for Bill 23 is coordinated by the province through the various ERO postings and to a certain extent, through submissions received by the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy. Where possible, at the implementation stages, the Town will ensure the public is provided an opportunity to be engaged and consulted on the required changes to local policies and procedures resulting from Bill 23.

### **INTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

The Recreation and Parks, Finance, Development Review and Planning Policy teams coordinated a review of the Bill 23 changes. Comments from this internal review are included within this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Estimated financial impacts associated with implementation of the DC and parkland contribution legislative changes have been identified in this report. It is estimated that an overall 60-75% decrease in parkland dedication fees could be expected over the next 14 years, which based on current estimates, could represent a reduction of \$24 million to \$30 million dollars over that timeframe. With respect to the DC reductions, depending on the scenarios related to the attainable, affordable, and non-profit housing forms, the projected DC loss is estimated in the range of \$34 million to \$57 million dollars over the next 10 years (or \$20 million to \$31 million dollars over 5 years). This represents a 12% to 20% reduction in DC revenue over a 10-year timeframe. A detailed financial analysis would be required in order to fully assess the potential financial ramifications from Bill 23. Based on the estimated financial impacts identified within this report, staff recommend that the Province provide supplemental funding to offset these anticipated funding losses as a result of Bill 23.

Reviewed and approved by,

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer

## Appendix B – List of References

- [Ontario Public Health Association Bill 23 Input to Province](#)
- [Canadian Environmental Law Association Written Submission to Standing Committee on Bill 23](#)
- [Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Unpacking Bill 23](#)
- [Ontario Nature Bill 23 What You Need to Know](#)
- [An Integrated Approach to Address The Ontario Housing Crisis \(amo.on.ca\)](#)







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February 10, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Municipal Petition in Opposition of Bill 3**


At the Council meeting held on January 31, 2023, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah passed the attached resolution # 45-23 supporting the Town of Cobourg (Resolution 406-22) and the Municipality of Greenstone (resolution 22-396) regarding Bill 3 and further opposing the changes that Bill 3 makes to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

The Municipality of Shuniah resolves to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and
2. THAT if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and
3. THAT the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. THAT if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

Yours truly,

  
Kerry Bellamy  
Clerk  
KB/jk

Cc:  
Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North  
Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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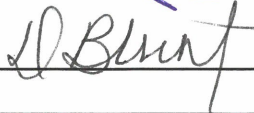
MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 45-23

Date: Jan 31, 2023

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

THAT Council support the resolution put forward by the Town of Cobourg and the Municipality of Greenstone;

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the COA, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will not take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and

2. THAT is the Ontario Government if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and

3. THAT the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and

4. THAT if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing;

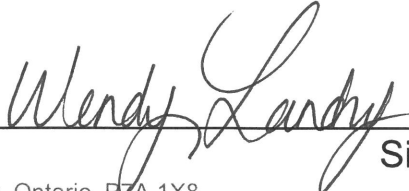
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

**Carried**

**Defeated**

**Amended**

**Deferred**

  
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Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8