



THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:**

**Title:** Support for Halton Region

**Date:** October 10, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor C. Somerville

**Seconded by:** Councillor B. Inglis

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WHEREAS the Province has announced the dissolution of Peel Region and the review of other Regions including Halton by facilitators;

AND WHEREAS recently the use of facilitators has now possibly been replaced with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing writing to the Chair of the legislature's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy requesting that the committee take over the work originally proposed for facilitators;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has asked the committee to address among other things, whether changes to municipal governance structure would enhance local services and/or provide better value to taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS over the last 50 years since the creation of the Region of Halton, the City of Burlington, Towns of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills have always worked cooperatively on advancing the needs of all its constituents;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region and all of its member municipalities, agencies, boards and committees have continuously worked on efficiencies and have saved taxpayers millions of dollars through cooperative purchasing and clear definition of roles and responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region is the only Ontario Region to maintain a Triple A credit rating which lowers the cost of any municipal borrowing while also maintaining tax increases at less than the rate of inflation for many years;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region was the only Region to split the return of "GTA Pooling" dollars with the local municipalities to allow infrastructure spending with

them to increase;

AND WHEREAS a smaller municipality like Halton Hills would be severely financially burdened if assumption of Regional services were transferred to it;

AND WHEREAS all Halton municipal Councillors, whether serving regionally or locally welcome open and transparent dialogue on ways we can improve municipal services;

AND WHEREAS a governance review will be disruptive to implementing the full transition of planning services from the Region to the Local municipalities and slow progress on building houses faster.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the 2-tier Structure within the Region of Halton;

AND FURTHER THAT the CAO's of all the member municipalities, agencies, boards and committees continue to work collaboratively to look for efficiencies and cost savings, including looking at ways through the transition of planning services and approval processes to have houses built faster;

AND FURTHER THAT open, transparent public consultation with Halton Councils, and citizens of Halton be done prior to any changes to the Halton structure being done;

AND FURTHER THAT, Town Council requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing expedite the Proclamation of Bill 23 to implement the full transition of planning services from the Region to the Town, as a means to ensure effective governance, provide better value for Halton taxpayers and build houses faster;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Region of Halton, City of Burlington, Towns of Oakville and Milton for consideration and support;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Leaders of all the Ontario Parties, AMO, Chairs of the Regions of York, Durham, Simcoe, Niagara and Waterloo and Halton area MPP's for information.

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Mayor Ann Lawlor