



THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:**

**Title:** Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006

**Date:** December 11, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor J. Racinsky

**Seconded by:** Councillor C. Somerville

**Item No.**

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WHEREAS two local newspapers in Halton Hills have ceased to print being the Acton Tanner and the Independent Free Press;

AND WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”);

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills must now advertise in the Toronto Star at approximately three times the cost compared to the IFP in order to comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills does hereby support the Township of McKellar and request the Provincial Government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial acts and Regulations;

AND FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, all Halton municipalities, all Halton MPPs, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

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Mayor Ann Lawlor