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John Linhardt
Commissioner of Planning and Development
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON
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Dear Mr. Linhardt:

RE: Exemption status of proposed Official Plan Amendment to provide alternative notice policies

On December 21, 2023, Town of Halton Hills staff submitted a request to exempt a Local Official Plan Amendment (LOPA) from Regional approval. This request applies to the proposed LOPA to allow the Town to provide notices for public meetings via digital means rather than in a printed newspaper and provide policies to eliminate the requirement for public notices and meetings for minor amendments, for example, correcting grammatical errors and/or changes to numbering sections.

Regional Council, through Regional By-law No. 6-16, delegated the approval of OPAs to the Chief Planning Official. The protocol between the Town of Halton Hills and the Region of Halton in Regional By-law 18-99 provides for exemption of LOPAs from Regional approval, provided the criteria in Section 2 of the By-law are met.

I have reviewed the proposed LOPA against By-law No. 18-99 and advise that it is considered to be minor in nature and meets all the criteria for Regional exemption identified in Section 2 of the By-law. In my capacity as the Region's Chief Planning Official, I hereby **exempt** the Town's proposed LOPA to provide alternative notice policies from Regional approval.

I trust these comments are of assistance to you. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at extension 7181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Benson", written over a faint horizontal line.

Curt Benson, MCIP, RPP
Director, Strategic Initiatives and Government Relations and Chief Planning Official

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