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DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Wednesday March 20, 2024 – 7:00pm

Acton Town Hall Centre Office

Attendance: Monica Galway – Chairperson, Chris Cambouris – Vice-Chairperson, Councilor Michael Albano, Norman Paulsen – Acton Motors, Nicole Walker – Acton Optical, Matthew Galliford – DABIA Coordinator. Absent with regrets: Patricia Daleman – Grant Thornton LLP

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Call to Order – 7:07pm
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests - NONE
4. Adoption of February 2024 Minutes – 1st: Norm, 2nd: Chris, All in favor: Yes
5. Motion to Approve March 2024 Agenda – 1st: Mike, 2nd: Chris, All in favor: Yes
6. Coordinator's Report – Matthew Galliford – See document below.
 - Administrative update
 - Beautification / Graffiti update
 - Events and Festivals update
 - Leathertown Festival 2024: After discussion prompted by the Coordinator's Report (below), it has been decided to include more street engagements and not have a second music stage this year. The second music stage has a production cost of \$1500.00 to cover musicians and equipment. The DABIA Board would like to spend those funds on other family friendly entertainment.

*Monica put forth a motion: The DABIA Board of Directors have decided to exclude the second music stage at the 2024 Leathertown Festival in favor of other entertainment acts.

1st: Nicole, 2nd: Chris, All in favor: Yes – Motion carried.
- Complaints
7. Financial Report – Matthew Galliford – Deferred until ready to present. Matthew will advise.
8. Audit Report – Patricia Daleman – Deferred until ready to present. Patricia will advise.
9. New Business – Volunteer Day for graffiti clean-up with Halton Police, Saturday April 13th.
 - Linda DeMateo from Mane on Mill (13 Mill Street East) will be moving her business to Profile Hair & Skin Care Centre (56 Mill Street East) as a shared space. The property at 13 Mill Street East has black mold issues and requires remediation by the property owner. Linda has been in contact with Halton Region Health and the Town of Halton Hills departments regarding the issue.
 - Registered Psychotherapist Jessica Ricci MACP/RP/DCP will be opening her new office in Downtown Acton in May at 19 Mill Street East, the former Remax office.
 - The DABIA will be welcoming a Co-op Student from the Halton Catholic Secondary School Board on Tuesday April 2, 2024. Blake Galway will be working and learning as Assistant to the BIA Coordinator. Blake will be with the DABIA for approximately 6 to 7 weeks

performing administrative duties and the day-to-day tasks that arise as the season progresses.

10. Motion to Adjourn – 7:46pm 1st: Chris, 2nd: Nicole, All in favor: Yes

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday April 17, 2024 – 7:00pm

LOCATION: ACTON OPTICAL

(due to noise issues / conflict with evening Line Dancing Classes booked at the Town Hall Centre)

Shop, Eat & Play Local – It's Worth the Drive!

- End of Minutes -

*Following: March 2024 DABIA Board of Directors – Coordinator's Report

DABIA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday March 20, 2024 – 7:00pm
Acton Town Hall Centre

Coordinator's Report

Administrative update:

-OBIAA Conference on Monday April 22, 2024, has been booked for Chris Cambouris to attend for the day

-We were denied full financial support from the RED GRANT. We asked for 50% - 60% support on our application to install tourism and wayfinding signage at three entry points to downtown and to cover the expense for 20 new flower planters for the DABIA area. The estimated total costs over three years to be approximately \$40,000.00. The RED GRANT replied with an offer of 30% which would put us accountable for \$28,000.00 We will be withdrawing the application and pursuing another Grant that has just opened.

-Year end financials and the annual Audit are still in process. Patricia is waiting on the report. I have been working closely with the Auditor to meet all of the requests as they arise. We hopefully met all of the requests last Monday.

Beautification / Graffiti update:

-Holiday Lights came down Feb. 5th. We received a bill from Haton Hills Hydro for \$937.76. I have been in contact with Matthew Roj at Traffic Services at the Town. We had requested a meeting with Halton Hills Hydro for next week. Hydro responded to our request and Matthew Roj has requested all billing including this bill be forwarded to his department for payment.

-Flowers: I have been in contact with Julie Speck at Flower Shed to plan our flowers and floral maintenance for downtown this year. I shared with her our intended planting spaces and we are going to meet to discuss what is reasonable to meet our budget. Julie had some personal health issues to take care of last week and will be in touch to set a meeting with the BIA and Committee when she has recovered.

-The graffiti tagging that took over part of the Downtown area, has been an ongoing focus of efforts by the BIA office and Halton Regional Police. Officer Wentzell organized overnight stake-out and plain clothes officers patrols to the Downtown Acton area. Unfortunately the only security camera footage that was collected from local businesses was unusable and blurry at best. Police are still encouraging property owners to file police reports if they haven't done so already. Councillor Mike Albano and I met with Officer Wentzell and Officer DeDieu on Tuesday March 19th to discuss the next steps of the investigation and to plan a community graffiti clean up day for Saturday April 13th. Halton Police Officers as well as community volunteers will paint over and or remove graffiti from the affected buildings downtown. Alan Kells at Neutrino Tunnelling has offered the use of his Dry Ice Media Blaster for cleaning masonry that day. The Town has started cleaning municipal property that was tagged. I will continue to keep the Downtown Acton BIA businesses and Board informed weekly of the situation.

Events and Festivals update:

-Outdoor Market and Leathertown applications are available online. We have had a good response for the Market, an exceptional response for the Leathertown Festival with over \$4000.00 collected in vendors fees already. We have the professional SL750 stage booked, the music lineup is almost finalized and we have secured Brampton Batman and his Batmobile for a four hour appearance.

-70 Below Treats is offering sponsorship towards Batman and Mark Stanley, like in the past has offered to print the 16" x 20" ad posters for us at no charge. Sponsorship Fundraising has started for the Leathertown Festival.

-I have confirmed that Northern Heat Ribfest is not coming to Acton this year, the town of Lindsay took the spot. The organizers have requested to meet with the BIA for a tour of Acton as they are looking to add us to their roster for the 2025 season. They were very impressed by the tourism package that I had sent to spotlight why Acton is a great place for events to visit.

-Our ST. Patrick's Day Leprechaun's Gold hunt was very successful. We had 35 entries, 2 winners: Trenton Denbok and Helen Wrathall - \$25.00 BIA Bucks each.

- Sarah Brophy-Platts and her office have cancelled the Easter Egg Hunt event in March. The Downtown Acton BIA will be hosting our own contest.

Complaints:

-Other than the graffiti tagging, I am still monitoring and following up with the town Enforcement offices regarding the burned-out lot on Mill Street East. We do have a formal investigation filed with the enforcement department and I have been contacted as to the status of the lot remediation. This is going to be an ongoing issue that I have been checking in on regularly.

-End of report-



**HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday March 20, 2024 in the Esquesing Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

Members Present: Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, Councillor J. Racinsky, M. Rowe, R. Denny, A. Walker, T. Brown

Regrets: C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan

Staff Present: L. Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, L. Bateson, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

Others Present: R. McClure, H. Hoerig, B. Farmer, M. Robinson, K. Robinson, D. Douglas (present for Item No. Item 4.c)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest declared.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2024.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0013

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee receive the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2024.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Heritage Property Tax Refund Program Application Review (33 Applications)

L. Loney noted that all applications were in order and for that reason staff recommend that the properties provided by staff be approved by the Committee for the 2024 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0014

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee approve the 2024 Heritage Property Tax Refund Program Applications for the following addresses:

- 12428 Kirpatrick Lane
- 12438 Kirkpatrick Lane
- 14249 Tenth Line
- 15 Prince Street
- 16 George Street
- 17 McNabb Street
- 18 Queen Street
- 20 Queen Street
- 26 Queen Street
- 29 Edith Street
- 401 Draper Street
- 402 Draper Street
- 475 Guelph Street
- 504 Main Street
- 515 Main Street
- 533 Main Street
- 548 Main Street
- 586 Main Street
- 6 Prince Street
- 68 Bower Street
- 69 Bower Street

- 71 Bower Street
- 76 Bower Street
- 77 Bower Street
- 79 Bower Street
- 81 Bower Street
- 86 Main Street South
- 88 Bower Street
- 89 Bower Street
- 9722 Third Line
- 98 Church Street East
- 98 Confederation Street
- 9924 Winston Churchill Boulevard

CARRIED

4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 9094 Regional Road 25 (Chisholm House)

L. Loney stated that the property meets 5 of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a vernacular expression of the Italianate style with a mature tree-lined drive with a coniferous windrow. It has associative value to the Chisholm Family, Bob Rumball & the Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf. It has contextual value in its original location despite changing context. For all of these reasons staff support the designation of this property.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0015

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 9094 Regional Road 25 for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 499 Guelph Street (Norval Presbyterian Church)

L. Loney noted that this property was moved up for research and evaluation as per a Council direction. Staff sent correspondence to the address listed for the owners of the church according to Town records, which was the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Trustees of the Norval Presbyterian Church contacted staff and expressed disappointment that they were not notified personally. Staff confirmed persons to be contacted directly moving forward.

Present at the meeting representing the Trustees of the Norval Presbyterian Church were R. McClure, H. Hoerig, B. Farmer, M. Robinson, K. Robinson and D. Douglas.

L. Loney explained the legislative process which does not require notification until Council issues a Notice of Intent to Designate. However, L. Loney also noted that it is the Town's process to notify prior to the issuing of a Notice of Intent to Designate and to include property owners in the process.

R. McClure spoke on behalf of the Trustees expressing concerns about the notification process, increased insurance premiums as a result of designation and that designation may lower the property value. It was also noted that the cast iron fence that forms part of the potential designation may be difficult to repair. The committee and staff provided feedback on these issues.

L. Loney noted that the property meets 6 of the 9 criteria for designation and is a 19th century Gothic Revival Church. It has associative value as it is associated with the early Protestant/Presbyterian community, carpenter/builder/architect Walter McKay, Ewan MacDonald, and Lucy Maud Montgomery. Contextually this property is a significant landmark. For these reasons staff support the designation of this property.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0016

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 499 Guelph Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.d Farmstead Criteria Application

L. Loney provided some background information regarding strategy for dealing with heritage farmsteads. L. Loney explained that the intent is to assist staff and Heritage Halton Hills in reviewing historic farmsteads and rural properties with the expected outcome that there will be some Part IV designation of farmsteads, including either individual attributes or designation as a Cultural Heritage Landscapes. Step One: Farmstead Review to help identify historic farmstead features and additional criteria for consideration. Step Two: Cultural Heritage Landscape Evaluation to determine historical integrity, cultural heritage value (9/06 Evaluation), and community value.

L. Loney noted that with these criteria the next steps are to apply the strategy going forward to upcoming research and evaluation reports as part of Bill 23 Heritage Strategy. This will help to highlight potentially significant Cultural Heritage Landscapes and earmark for additional policy protection if warranted. Identification of attributes or Cultural Heritage Landscapes may at some point be considered as part of a development application and may require interpretation vs. conservation in some cases.

Once this has been completed then it will be time to develop an incentive program for redevelopments that retain non-designated farmhouses, and/or outbuildings with or without heritage status and develop a set of urban design guidelines for farmstead redevelopment.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0017

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend staff apply the Farmstead Criteria as presented for upcoming Research and Evaluation Reports concerning rural farmsteads.

CARRIED

4.e Request for Removal from Heritage Register - 9259 Fifth Line

L. Loney noted that the property does not meet the criteria for designation and only partially meets 1 of the 9 criteria prescribed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. There are no re-development applications at this time. The property is a red brick vernacular farmhouse with Gothic Revival influences, there have been many alterations over time impacting the integrity and legibility. There is structural, water and exterior brick damage. The engineer's assessment is that it is in fair condition with water ingress issues and structural repairs needed, significant remedial work on the exterior walls. The outbuildings do not have significant value. There is some historical value as the Hardy family were original patent holders and are associated with this property. The Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

provided indicates that this property is not a good candidate for designation and for all these reasons staff support removal of the property from the Heritage Registry.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0017

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that Council remove the property at 9259 Fifth Line from the Heritage Register.

CARRIED

4.f Properties for Additional Committee Input

L. Loney asked the committee to provide further input on some listed Properties.

The committee determined that additional research and evaluation on these properties is not required at this time.

Recommendation No. HHH-2024-0018

THAT Heritage Halton Hills Committee recommend that staff should NOT undertake additional research and evaluation for the following properties:

- 9343 Tenth Line (Menziess Farmstead)
- 7974 Sixth Line (T.J. Chisholm House)
- 10 Mill Pond Drive (David Cross House)
- 38 Mill Street East, Acton
- 16-18 & 20 Mill Street East, Acton
- 11 Albert Street, Georgetown
- 15 Queen Street, Georgetown
- 113 King St, Georgetown
- 25 King Street, Georgetown
- 82 King Street, Georgetown
- 19 Queen Street, Georgetown

CARRIED

4.g Ontario Heritage Conference

M. Rowe noted that the Ontario Heritage Conference will be taking place in Gravenhurst - June 13-15, 2024.

L. Loney asked if anyone is interested in attending the conference please contact L. Bateson to coordinate attendance.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES**

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **March 6, 2024**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Todd Jenney (Chair), Jane Watson, Lloyd Hillier, Keith Medenblik, Jason Smith

Staff Present: Josh Salisbury, Planner
Niloo Hodjati, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment & Consent Official

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPLICATIONS HEARD

The Chair's comments about the procedure were as follows:

- Town staff would speak.
- Owner or agent would be given an opportunity to speak.
- Any members of the public would be given an opportunity to speak (owner or agent would have an opportunity to respond, if needed).
- The Committee would then deliberate, ask any questions, and make a decision.
- A decision would be subject to a 20-day appeal period.

a) Minor Variance D13VAR24.004H – 22 Heather Court

Location: 22 Heather Court, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To increase the floor area of an accessory dwelling unit from the maximum 110 sq m to permit a floor area of 148 sq m.

To accommodate a proposed accessory dwelling unit (in an addition to the existing dwelling).

Owner(s): Monica Mastalerz, **Agent:** Alana + Kelly Design, Alana Nielsen

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The agent was present to speak to the application.

It was MOVED by Keith Medenblik, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

b) Minor Variance D13VAR24.005H – 9 Mountain Street

Location: 9 Mountain Street, Town of Halton Hills (Glen Williams), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To reduce the exterior side yard setback to an addition from the minimum 4.5 m to permit an exterior side yard setback of 2.55 m.
2. To reduce the exterior side yard setback to a covered deck from the minimum 4.5 m to permit an exterior side yard setback of 2.37 m.

To accommodate a proposed addition to the existing dwelling and a proposed deck.

Owner(s): Philip & Patricia Chiasson, **Agent:** Accurate Designs, Brett Lyver

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owners and agent were present to speak to the application.

It was MOVED by Lloyd Hillier, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.

3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

c) Minor Variance Minor Variance D13VAR24.006H – 77 McNally Street

Location: 77 McNally Street, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To reduce the exterior side yard setback to the stairs accessing the basement from the minimum 3 m to permit an exterior side yard setback of 2.55 m.

To accommodate proposed new exterior stairs accessing the basement.

Owner(s): Vincenzo Lomanto, **Agent:** Kruti Shah

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner and agent were present to speak to the application.

It was MOVED by Jason Smith, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Georgetown Branch
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Betsy Coper (Chair), Erica Daly, Christina da Rocha-Feeley, Councillor Alex Hilson, Councillor Bob Inglis, Matt Kindbom (Vice Chair), Jane Marshall, Keith Medenblik, Alice Strachan, Lisa Teggart

Staff Present: Clare Hanman, Beverley King, Jodie Mandarino, Lori Mazza Brenton (Recorder), Mary Querques

Regrets: Tamara Smith

1.0 Call to Order

B. Coper declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

K. Medenblik read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest

NIL

5.0 Minutes of Previous Library Board and Sub-Committees Meetings

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

5.1 Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 22, 2023

5.2 Confidential Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 22, 2023

5.3 Minutes of the Advocacy Committee meeting held on November 16, 2023

CARRIED

6.0 Consent Agenda

- General discussion on the distribution of confidential and regular documents, including the use of the Board portal and the possibility of switching to eScribe.
- The Board provided positive feedback regarding the quarter three metrics.

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

THAT the following Consent Items from the January 31, 2024 Library Board meeting are hereby approved as presented:

6.2 Report No. LBD-2023-063 re: 2023 Quarter 3 Metrics

6.3 Memorandum No. LBM-2024-001 re: Electronic Distribution of Confidential Library Board Documents

CARRIED

7.0 Correspondence

NIL

8.0 Presentation/Delegations

NIL

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Report No. LBD-2024-001 re: Policy Review – Occupational Health and Safety and Gift Acceptance – Second Review

- The Occupational Health and Safety policy was updated as directed by the Board at the November meeting to reference the physical and mental health components covered by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS)*
- The Gift Acceptance policy has been rescinded because all the information is captured in the Donations, Sponsorship, and Fundraising policy.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-001 dated January 25, 2024, regarding the Policy Review: Occupational Health and Safety and Gift Acceptance be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approves the revisions to the Occupational Health and Safety policy;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approves the elimination of the Gift Acceptance policy.

CARRIED

9.2 Report No. LBD-2024-002 re: 2022 Library Comparator Statistics

- B. King presented an updated version of the 2022 Library Comparator Statistics report, which now includes a five-year review as requested by the Board.
- HHPL ranks favourably compared to libraries with similar populations and per capita support.
- The results highlight the need for a library card campaign, which is on the Work Plan for 2024.
- Staff will review the comparator statistics charts to check for possible data sorting errors.

Moved By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-002 dated January 25, 2024, regarding the 2022 Library Comparator Statistics be received.

CARRIED

10.0 Updates – including Sub-committees

10.1 Advocacy Committee

- J. Marshall will join the Advocacy Committee. If other Board members are interested in joining, they can let L. Mazza Brenton know.
- The Committee last met in November where they discussed the networking event with Council and the benefits of the library messages. Staff are continuing to work on these messages by incorporating personalized stories.
- There was discussion around possible dates for the networking event and the timing for the invitation. The Board agreed on April 25 as a first choice and May 9 as a second choice.
- There is a potential conflict for April 25 due to a Bird Friendly Halton Hills event involving Councillor Garneau. B. King to contact Councillor Garneau to determine if the timing of the two events can be aligned.

10.2 Friends of the Library (FOL)

L. Teggart reported that:

- The Friends met on January 18, 2024.
- They are currently working on re-writing their by-laws for October 24, 2024.
- The Friends decided not to run an outdoor book sale on December 2. Previous winter book sales were not as profitable as summer sales, so they will likely discontinue them.
- The library requests were approved, and the Friends will be issuing a cheque for \$3,500 to HHPL.
- The Friends donated \$2,000 to the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation.

10.3 Council

Councillor A. Hilson reported that:

- A 50 Anniversary Grant for \$10,000 was awarded to the following four local organizations: the Acton Agriculture Society, the Friends of the Old Seedhouse Garden, the Glen Williams Community Association, and Trees for Halton Hills.
- At the last Council meeting, the Community Partnership Grant was discussed. This program opens February 5 and closes March 15.
- The Town's new [Strategic Plan](#) was passed. It was noted that there is some overlap between the Town's objectives and those of the Library Board.
- Council received an update on the densification plan for the area around the Georgetown GO station. These plans will change what old Georgetown looks like.
- Councillor Hilson attended the Ontario Library Association Super Conference last week along with other Board members and staff. HHPL won an award for the Short Story Dispenser.

Councillor B. Inglis reported that:

- The 50 Anniversary event on January 10 at the Library and Cultural Centre was well attended. All of Council was there. Local historian Mark Rowe gave an excellent lecture. There was a flag raising at Town Hall earlier that day to kick off a series of initiatives planned for 2024.
- Construction in Georgetown south will be ongoing for the next couple of years as that area is developed to be on water-based systems. There will be some construction constraints but not as many as experienced last summer.
- The Town and the developer for Vision Georgetown are expected to finalize their plans in Spring 2024.
- A family recently donated a substantial amount of land that will be used for a new healthcare facility. Council ratified the budget, adding 0.25 percent to go towards a healthcare levy which will help support a new hospital in Georgetown.

10.4 Community Connections

- J. Marshall started the Reading Buddies program. When asked, library staff provided a curated list of book recommendations based on her child's interests. Her sister-in-law and friend who are also Reading Buddies volunteers have also shared positive experiences with the program.
- L. Teggart shared positive feedback from high schoolers about the Exam Cram program. Students she spoke with liked the program and wondered why it's only offered during the first few days of the exam period and not the whole time. The length of the program has grown over each exam period; it will continue to be evaluated and possibly expanded further in the future.

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Month End Report – November 2023

As of November 2023:

- Total revenues are under budget by 40%. This is due mainly to the end of year receipt of the Public Library Operating grant from the Ministry.

- Salaries, wages, and benefits are under budget by 4%.
- Materials and supplies are under budget by 20%; however, not all expenditures have been posted for the period.
- The percentage remaining for November 2023 is 11.7%, indicating that the library is 3.4% under budget.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT the financial month end report for November 2023 be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Preliminary Year End Financial Report 2023

- Total revenues are within 6% of budget. This is mainly due to the receipt of the Pay Equity grant.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits are under budget by 2.8%.
- Materials and supplies are under budget by approximately 2%. Visa expenditures for 2023 have not yet been posted.
- The percentage remaining for December 2022 was 6.1%. In December 2023, the library is 2.5% under budget. This is mainly due to staffing gaps and the personnel budgeting approach.
- It was noted that department 3100 salaries appears overspent and that a journal entry is in process to reallocate a portion of department 3100 salaries to the correct account in department 3110.

Moved By: M. Kindbom

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT the preliminary year end financial report for 2023 be received.

CARRIED

12.0 New Business

12.1 Report No. LBD-2024-003 re: 2024 Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) Revisions

- The Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) is reviewed annually.
- In December 2023, the Town made the following changes to the PPM:
 - Updates to the Short-Term Disability policy
 - Removal of Schedule D: Job Evaluation and Schedule J: Guidelines for Use of Social Media & Digital Communication with information placed on The HILLS
 - Removal of Schedule F: Retirement and Service Recognition and Schedule I: Employee Purchase Program with information incorporated into Section 7 under Employee Benefits

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: K. Medenblik

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-003 dated January 25, 2024, regarding the 2024 Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) Revisions be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the Halton Hills Public Library's 2024 Personnel Policy Manual.

CARRIED

12.2 Report No. LBD-2024-004 re: Halton Hills Public Library Board 2023 Objectives

- B. King presented a status update report on the Library Board's 2023 objectives to help the Board determine their objectives for 2024.
- M. Kindbom will lead a subgroup consisting of Councillor A. Hilson, K. Medenblik, and A. Strachan to develop the 2024 objectives.
- It was suggested that the Board attach quantifying data to the objectives to make them more measurable.

Moved By: M. Kindbom

Seconded By: K. Medenblik

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-004 dated January 25, 2024, regarding the Halton Hills Public Library Board 2023 Objectives be received.

CARRIED

12.3 Report No. LBD-2024-005 re: Policy Review: Collections Management – First Review

- The following changes were made to the Collections Management policy:
 - Updated to improve clarity and reflect current practices
 - Incorporated updated references from the Canadian Library Association to Canadian Federation of Library Associations
 - Added references to various guidelines and policies
 - Added a section on the selection of digital resources
- C. da Rocha-Feeley requested that the Comments Version provided for policy reviews include track changes to make it clearer what was changed. Minor edits and formatting do not need to be tracked.

Moved By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-005 dated January 25, 2024, regarding the Policy Review: Collections Management Policy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to make any proposed changes and bring the revised policy back to the Board for a second review and approval.

CARRIED

12.4 Report No. LBD-2024-006 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – January 2024

- B. King and the CEO of Wellington County Library, R. Hine, met with the Hon. Ted Arnott today, January 31. They discussed the advocacy work that the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) has been doing for funding to support an Ontario Digital Public Library. The public sector has made a recommendation for \$15 million from the province. Hon. T. Arnott was very supportive.
- Staff attended the 2024 Ontario Library Association Super Conference where HHPL was the recipient of the 2023 Technology Advancing Libraries Awards for the Short Story Dispenser Project.
- Two new virtual exhibits were launched in Halton Hills Images: History of the Hills and History of Halton Hills Public Library.
- Programming is planned for Family Day, Black History month, and March Break.

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-006 dated January 25, 2024, regarding the Chief Librarian & CEO's Report – January 2024 be received.

CARRIED

13.0 In Camera

13.1 Confidential re: Personnel Matter

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT the meeting move In Camera to address the following matters:
Confidential Verbal Update regarding personnel matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT the meeting move Out of Camera.

CARRIED

Motion to approve In Camera items:

Moved By: E. Daly

Seconded By: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Report from the January 31, 2024, In Camera session are hereby adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT staff carry out any of the Board’s direction on these matters as set out in the confidential minutes dated January 31, 2024:
Confidential Verbal Update regarding personnel matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED

14.0 Health and Safety Report

Nothing to report.

15.0 Next Meeting

February 28, 2024 – Board Professional Development Workshop
7:00 p.m.
Georgetown Branch

16.0 Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis
Seconded By: M. Kindbom

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Signed: _____

Betsy Coper, Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____

Beverley King, Chief Librarian & CEO
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: March 27, 2024

DATED: March 27, 2024

**Attended: Rob Chlebowski (Secretary), Erin Burke, Suzanne Clarke, Cheryl Discenza, Sandy Mackenzie
Councillor Norris (Ward 3), Drew Pullman (Vice Chair), ~~Cindy Robinson~~, Derek Smith (Chair),**

Absent:

Regrets: Ansub Shafique (Treasurer)

Staff: Maureen Turner, BIA Manager

Guests:

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:08am by Derek Smith (Chair).
3. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, there was Quorum
4. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented
Moved by: Suzanne Clarke
Seconded by: Councillor Norris
Carried
5. Declaration of Interest – There was none
6. New Manager Introduction: Derek welcomed Maureen to the position of BIA Manager and reported that Maureen had started on January 3, 2024 and has begun to settle in to her role and the new office space.
7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2023

Motion to accept minutes of December 19, 2023, as presented.
Moved by: Erin Burke
Seconded by: Sandy Mackenzie
Carried
8. Correspondence – Amico sent an email notice of construction on Mill Street. It was decided that these notifications should be communicated to the membership by Maureen via email and social media.
9. Financial Report – N/A
 - a) Treasurer's Report for – N/A
10. Manager's Report – Maureen Turner, BIA Manager
Maureen highlighted the following from her reported:
 - Drew will be overseeing the removal of the holiday décor and coordinating with Quality Trees
 - Meeting with Ec. Dev had taken place and the MOU was discussed. Meetings will take place monthly, prior to the board meeting in order to update the board in a timely manner
 - Met Kay Matthews from the OBIAA. Maureen stated that she will attend the OBIAA weekly meetings whenever possible and plans to attend the OBIAA conference in April
 - Worked with Bethany to get set up on Hootsuite and Social Channels – A manager intro was posted to socials
 - Working on getting the newsletter up and running
 - She has started introducing herself to business owners and will continue to do so.

- Kay Matthews has sent information on governance training for the board and herself
- Application has been sent to Canada Summer Jobs for a summer student

11. Business Arising

- A) Town of Halton Hills MOU: Derek asked board members to review the MOU and schedule A by the end of the week and send comments to Maureen, by Friday. Maureen stated that she will resend the MOU plus the Schedule A out to board members.
- B) Bookkeeping contract. Maureen reported that she had 3 quotes for bookkeeping, but she did not have one from Grant Thornton. It was discussed that it may have been a verbal quote.

Action: Maureen, Derek and Ansub to discuss bookkeeping needs and contract.

12. Council Update – Councillor Ron Norris

- A) Ron reported that in he met with Economic Development and discussed option of reducing individual levy payments or the boundaries of the BIA. Ron was able to obtain a map showing the expansion of the BIA boundaries that took place in 2010. Ron sent everyone a copy of the map.
- B) The Board discussed Carpet Barn’s owner concern with the BIA levy and the request to leave the BIA. This property is currently the largest property in the BIA area and therefore the levy is representative of the property size. It was discussed that some of the objectives for the next two years include focusing on bringing events on to Mill Street where possible. It was also noted that once the completion of 42 Mill Street, the Go train corridor and the McGibbon, the pedestrian traffic on Mill Street will be very different. It was determined it was not in the best interest of the overall BIA to change boundaries or to support a request for a reduction of levy for one business. It was concluded that Derek and Drew will talk again with Jamie.

13. Committee updates: No committees have met recently

14. New Business:

- A) Mr. Penney’s memorial was discussed. Drew suggested a plaque to be hung on a bench or near Foodstuffs. Everyone agreed that would be a nice gesture. Something will also be included on social and in the newsletter. Drew is reaching out to the family for permission.
- B) Discussion took place about filling the position of Mr. Penney. It was noted that it would be good to find someone who could also do minor handyman fixes. Maureen to look at budget to see what we can afford and look on Onedrive to see if there is a job description already written. Maureen and Drew to work on job description and suggest a timeline for hiring. It was noted that it would be good to have flyers to give to Silvercreek and Heathers to see if they know any seniors who may be interested.
- C) 2025 Holiday decorations were discussed. Drew noted that our current decorations need replacing and it would be good to start looking now for replacements. Maureen to discuss with Matt from Acton BIA to see if he has any suggestions.
- D) Drew suggested we put together a “Downtown Go-To Help Guide” to distribute to businesses in case of emergencies. Maureen to ask at OBIAA meeting if anyone has a template.
- E) Drew suggested a Downtown Assets Recapitalization Committee be organized as a sub-committee to the Beautification Committee – it would be temporary to go through the area and see what need repairs etc

15. Date of Next Meeting: February 20, 2024

16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:30am

Moved by: Suzanne Clarke

Seconded by: Councillor Norris

Carried

Attended: Rob Chlebowski (Secretary), Erin Burke, Suzanne Clarke, Cheryl Discenza, Councillor Norris (Ward 3), Drew Pullman (Vice Chair), Ansub Shafique (Treasurer), Derek Smith (Chair),

Absent: Sandy Mackenzie

Regrets: Cindy Robinson

Staff: Bethany Hanman, Acting BIA Manager

Guests: Maureen Turner, incoming BIA Manager

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:10am by Drew Pullman (Vice -Chair).
3. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, there was Quorum
4. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda

Amendments to the agenda:

- i) MOU added to Business Arising
- j) Item 15 – amend next meeting date from December 19th, 2023 to January 16th, 2024

Motion: To approved the agenda as amended

Moved by: Suzanne Clarke

Seconded by: Cheryl Discenza

Carried

5. Declaration of Interest – There was none.
6. New Manager Introduction: Derek introduced Maureen Turner to the board. Derek congratulated Maureen on being selected for the position of DGBIA Manager. Derek reported that Maureen will officially start on January 2nd, 2024 and that Bethany will meet with Maureen on a weekly basis, until the start to the Famer's Market to help with the transition. Derek, on behalf of the board, thanked Bethany for her commitment and hard work as Acting BIA Manager and congratulated and wished her the best as she pursued her career in her chosen profession.
7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for November 21st, 2023
Motion to accept minutes of November 21st, 2023, as presented.
Moved by: Councillor Norris
Seconded by: Ansub Shafique
Carried
8. Correspondence – There was none
9. Financial Report –
 - a) Treasurer's Report for November 2023 – Ansub reported that there was no Treasurer's report as the contract with Grant Thornton had not been renewed. It was noted that 3 quotes had been received, but the decision to select was postponed until the new manager was hired. Ansub reported that all accounts payable and payroll were up-to-date.

ACTION:

The selection of the bookkeeper take place in early January, and an update be reported at the January board meeting. It was noted that the quotes are on the OneDrive.

- b) Summary of 2024 Budget Presentation to Council:
Ansub reported that this presentation had taken place in December. Councillor Norris commented that the budget was well received. Ansub noted that the Town starts planning for capital expenditure in March 2024 for the 2025 year.

10. Manager's Report – There was none.

11. Business Arising

- a) Holiday Market Update – Bethany reported that the event was a huge success, with 30 inside vendors and 40 outside. There was a variety among the vendors, giving shoppers plenty of selection. The ice-skating rink and the train were both well received with many participants. Vendors had positive feedback. Anticipated 4000-5000 visitors. The event did not have any major incidences and the minor incident of not being able to get in to the church early in the morning was managed. It was noted that pre-talk with BIA members prior to next year's Holiday Market, getting businesses on board.
- b) Important Dates: Bethany reported the Important dates for 2024 were distributed in the board package. It was noted that Farmer's Market Season is 20 weeks starting the first Saturday in June.

12. Council Update – Councillor Norris reported that the Town had completed the budget process. The blended rate will result in a 5.8% tax increase. Councillor Norris commented that the Mayor has a vision for Guelph Street between Mountainview and Norval and that she had shared this vision at the Mayor's Lunch. However, Councillor Norris noted that was nothing specific in this year's budget related to the Mountainview /Norval Corridor. Councillor Norris welcomed Maureen and noted that he looks forward to working with her and the Marketing Committee on the Coupon Sheet off discounts from participating BIA Members.

13. Committee updates:

- a) Marketing Committee - no meeting since the last board meeting
b) Farmer's Market Committee – no meeting since the last board meeting
c) Beautification – no meeting since the last board meeting.
Drew did note that additional winter decorations will need to be purchased for the 2024-25 Winter Season.

ACTION: Arrangements for lights to be taken down in January.

14. New Business -

- a) Events for BIA Members: Goal: to create community/network amongst eachother/learn. The following ideas were noted:
- Community Safety office – who do you call for different emergencies
 - Training/workshops partnering with the Library, Chamber, and others
 - Meet the new Manager Event in one of the businesses
 - Meet your neighbour – event to welcome/introduce new businesses – frequency to be determined

15. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

- a) Agenda items that had been deferred to next board meeting
- New board member application – Graham Baker
 - New Bookkeeper Selection

- MOU review and back to Town
- b) Agenda items for February Meeting
 - Strat planning - Capital Funding to take to Town by March for 2025

16. In Camera Session: An in camera session was called and 10:10am and adjourned at 10:15am

17. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:15am

Moved by: Drew Pullman

Seconded by: Suzanne Clarke

Motion passed

Carried

Attended: Rob Chlebowski (Secretary), Erin Burke, Suzanne Clarke, Sandy Mackenzie, Councillor Norris (Ward 3), Drew Pullman (Vice Chair), Derek Smith (Chair),

Absent: None

Regrets: Cheryl Discenza, Cindy Robinson, Ansub Shafique (Treasurer)

Staff: Bethany Hanman (Acting BIA Manager)

Guests: None

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:15am by Derek Smith (Chair).
2. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, there was Quorum
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda
Motion: To approved the agenda as presented
Moved by: Rob Chlebowski
Seconded by: Sandy Mackenzie
Carried
4. Declaration of Interest – None
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023
Motion to accept minutes of October 10, 2023, as presented.
Moved by: Derek Smith
Seconded by: Erin Burke
Carried
6. Correspondence – There was none
7. Financial Report – deferred to next meeting due to absence of Treasurer
 - a) Bookkeeper – Bethany reported that quotes for the bookkeeping services had been received, but has been put on hold. GrantThornton's, current provider of bookkeeping services, contract has expired.
Action: Rob to follow up with Ansub to confirm that the BIA would continue to receive bookkeeping services in the interim and to ensure that the Treasurer's reports will be produced.
8. Manager's Report – Bethany Hanman
The Manager's Report was distributed with the board package.

Bethany reported that the AGM was well attended with approximately 20 guests, not including board members.

Bethany had stayed on after the AGM to prepared for and be at the Holiday Market on December 2, 2023. The Board thanked Bethany for her hard work, commitment and willingness to take on this role, while a new manager was selected. The Board wished Bethany all the best in her future career.
9. Business Arising
 - a) New Hire of BIA Manager update:
Derek reported that there were three candidates, the interviews had taken place. It had been narrowed down to two candidates and that the executive was in the process of contacting references.

10. Council Update

- Councillor Norris reported that he continues to meet with Economic Development as part of his role as Director on the BIA Board. Councillor Norris reported that these meetings are insightful and continue to enhance his understanding of the collaboration and connection with the BIA. Councillor Norris also communicates regularly with Councillor Albano, who is the councillor representative on the Acton BIA Board.
- Councillor Norris reported the council is in the process of establishing the strategic plan for the term 2023 to 2026 which identifies key priorities and guides the direction of staff. The municipality retained Deloitte to lead a comprehensive process which included a community survey. The results of the survey were shared with Town Council for consideration as they developed the draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. More about the plan can be learned by visiting Let's Talk Halton Hills.

11. Committee updates:

- a) Marketing and Events – Erin reported that the next marketing committee meeting is in December and that the review of the marketing proposals have been put on hold until the new BIA Manager is hired.
- b) Holiday Market: Erin asked if social media packages could be sent out to members for distribution on their social media. Councillor Norris stated that he would also post on his social media platforms.
- c) Farmer's Market – Bethany reported that there are 90 Vendors for the Holiday Market, 60 outside and 30 inside the church. A musician will be playing and an ice rink will be set up on Wesleyan Street. The intersection on Main and Mill will be closed off. VisitHaltonHill is working closely with BIA and the Glen Williams holiday market (Dec 3) to promote destination Christmas shopping/markets for the area. This event is also being promoted on social media and HaltonHillsToday. Bethany reported that she will also be sharing info with ActonBIA. This has been a great collaboration.
- d) Beautification – Drew stated that the decoration had been set up. During the process it had been determined that some of the decorations had been vandalized the previous year with the wires and plugs been cut off. Quality Trees had stored these decorations and come back and repair what they can and install additional lights. This will be completed prior to the Holiday Market. Drew stated that additional holiday decoration will be required for the 2024 season.

12. New Business

- a) New Board Member Nominations – Bethany reported that an application had been received from Graham Baker Ontario Insurance Network. The Board determined that it will review once the new manager is in place.

13. Date of Next Meetings

- a) Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – Board Meeting
- b) Board Meeting Calendar for 2024 – Bethany reported that a calendar had been drafted, once finalized will be sent out to board members.

Action: To distribute 2024 Board and Committee Calendar to Board and Committee Members

14. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 10:30am.

Moved by: Erin Burke

Seconded by: Sandy Mackenzie

Motion passed

Carried

Attended: Rob Chlebowski (Secretary), Erin Burke, Suzanne Clarke, Cheryl Discenza, Sandy Mackenzie
Councillor Norris (Ward 3), Drew Pullman (Vice Chair), Cindy Robinson, Ansub Shafique (Treasurer), Derek
Smith (Chair),

Absent: None

Regrets: None

Staff: Bethany Hanman (Events Manager)

Guests: None

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:05am by Derek Smith (Chair).
2. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, there was Quorum
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda

Motion: To approved the agenda as presented

Moved by: Erin Burke

Seconded by: Rob Chlebowski

Carried

4. Declaration of Interest – Rob Chlebowski declared that he is married to Stephanie Simmons, owner of Local Colour Creative.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023

Motion to accept minutes of September 19, 2023, as presented.

Moved by: Suzanne Clarke

Seconded by: Rob Chlebowski

Carried

6. Correspondence – There was none

7. Financial Report - Ansub Shafique

- a) Treasurer's Report for July and August, 2023

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 19, 2023, as presented

Moved by: Ansub Shafique

Seconded by: Councillor Norris

Motion passed.

Carried

8. Manager's Report – Bethany Hanman

The Manager's Report was distributed with the board package. There were no questions nor comments.

9. Business Arising

- a) Metroland Marketing Contract 2023 – Bethany reported that she would be meeting with IFP to understand how the latest news of the discontinuing of prints will impact the BIA contract for the remainder of the year
- b) AGM – Bethany reported that Erin Kaiser had advised that Sarah Schicht, Tourism Officer will be attending the AGM and speaking on behalf of Economic Development. The board reviewed the details of the event.

- c) 2023 Holiday Market – Bethany reported that 70 vendors had registered the Holiday Market, 20-30 will be inside, and that the intersection of Mill and Main will be closed. Bethany reported that the Town of Halton Hills, under the “visit Halton Hills” is promoting the December 2 and 3 weekend as a destination weekend full of fun winter activities, including the BIA Holiday Market on December 2 and the Glen Williams Market on December 3.
 - d) Update on Meeting with Acton BIA Board – Derek reported that himself and Cindy had attended a meeting with the Chair and Treasurer of the Acton BIA. The conclusion of the meeting was that at this time it made sense to continue to work closely together.
10. Council Update – Councillor Norris reported that council recognized that the MOU and the finalizing of the Strategic Work Plan for 2024 -2025 are on hold until the new BIA Manager is hired. Councillor Norris reported that he communicates regularly with Councillor Albano, who sits on the Acton BIA board.
11. Committee updates:
- a) Marketing and Events – Erin Burke reported that herself and Rob had interviewed 3 social media companies and will be reviewing with the Marketing Committee at the December 13th meeting and will be bring forth a recommendation to the December Board meeting.
 - b) Farmer’s Market – Bethany had stated that the final meeting of the season had taken place and that she will be preparing a summary sheet of the year for the new BIA Manager.
 - c) Beautification – Drew stated that the Seasonal decoration will be put up the week of November 13-17, in time for the Santa Clause parade.
12. New Business
- a) BIA Manager Job Description – Rob reported that the draft Job Description/Job Posting had been distributed with board package. Board members were asked to forward any comments to Rob in order that the Job posting could be finalized and circulated and that the Job description could be finalized.
 - b) 2024 Marketing Proposals – this item was addressed under the Marketing and Events committee report.
13. Date of Next Meeting/s:
- a) AGM – Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00pm at Knox United Church
 - b) Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – Board Meeting
14. Adjournment
- Motion to Adjourn at 10:33am.**
Moved by: Councillor Norris
Seconded by: Cheryl Discenza
Motion passed
Carried



March, 28 2024

In This Issue

- 2024 is an AMO Board election year!
- Application for the PJ Marshall Awards is open.
- Conservation Authority regulations.
- Information to assist Municipalities in flood preparedness.
- Consultation on *Ontario Energy Board Act* changes.
- Consultation on Rural Economic Development Strategy.
- Nominations open for Lieutenant Governor's Award.
- Applications open: My Main Street Fund.
- Applications open: Rural Transit Solutions Fund.
- Consultation: 2025 National Construction Codes.
- Strategies for Navigating Conflict Relationships for Strong Council Outcomes.
- Land Use Planning - Foundations and Deeper Dive workshops.
- Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamophobia: Spring workshops.
- Councillor Training - Refresh and refine your leadership, May workshop.
- Advanced Councillor Training Series to revitalize your leadership.
- Municipal Codes of Conduct Workshop: Essential to Good Governance.
- Understanding Competing Human Rights - Upcoming workshop.
- OSUM 2024 - Join the OSUM Executive and colleagues in beautiful Orillia.
- Canoe spring webinar series starts soon.
- Upcoming webinar: Measurement and Verification for Energy Projects.
- Don't forget to vote for Elliot Lake on March 29 and 30 - Kraft Hockeyville!
- Ontario Bike Summit - April 3 - 5, 2024, Waterloo.
- Captive wildlife resolution.
- Leading local change through Canada's net-zero building codes.
- Call for delegates to SIESLR Conference.
- Invasive Species Action Fund.
- Recorded webinar on energy project siting.
- Future of Aging Summit: May 15-17.
- Careers: Guelph, Georgina, and Peel Regional Police.

AMO Matters

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario that implement new and innovative ways to make public services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View [full details here](#).

Provincial Matters

Regulatory changes under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to support streamlined, timely and consistent conservation authority permitting decisions and ensure permit decisions are focused on natural hazard considerations will [come into effect April 1](#).

As Ontario flood season arrives, MNRF has circulated a [fact sheet](#) with [roles and responsibilities](#) to assist municipalities in flood preparedness (French versions [1](#) & [2](#)). Information is also available [online](#).

The Ministry of Energy is considering [changes to the Ontario Energy Board Act](#) that would require broader consultation by the OEB (including with municipalities) and increase the leave to consult threshold.

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The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate someone](#) from your municipality by April 30.

Federal Matters

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario and the Canadian Urban Institute are offering [two streams of funding](#) for initiatives to support main streets in southern Ontario. Apply by March 31.

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their [website](#) for more information.

The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes is [consulting on proposed changes](#) for the 2025 national codes. Feedback collected will also serve as [consultation for Ontario's 2026/27 Building Code](#). Submissions due April 14.

Education Opportunities

AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials is an invaluable resource for AMO members and your councils. Learn how to move from conflict to collaboration in the [June 26 - 27 Navigating Conflict workshop](#). If you have completed this training already, take your skills to the next level at the [April 9 - 10 Advanced Strategies to Navigating Conflict workshop](#).

AMO's is offering two education opportunities focused on planning issues and strategies: [April 17 Foundations in Planning workshop](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal roles and responsibilities. Our [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning workshop](#) includes analysis of case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on local planning matters.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [April 24 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

The Councillor Training interactive workshop delves into the key areas of your responsibility as an elected official in a forum where you can ask questions that you can't always raise locally. Register for the [May 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

As AMO and municipalities await provincial direction, your Association has developed a course that helps and guides municipal leaders in the development, communication, adherence, and issues management of codes of conducts. [Register for the April 25 Code of Conduct workshop](#) today.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

Join your small urban colleagues May 1 - 3 for discussion, examination and advocacy on matters unique to your communities and to hear provincial leaders. [View the full program](#) and [register today](#).

LAS

The Canoe Procurement Group is hosting a [series of webinars](#) this spring. Join our colleagues at Canoe on **April 11 at 11am** as they discuss their experience helping governments prepare for natural disasters like floods and fires. [Register here](#) to attend.

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crucial role in energy projects. Join SaveONenergy with us on **April 18 at 2:30pm** to explore how to monitor and assess your project outcomes. [Register here](#) today.

Municipal Wire*

Elliot Lake was named as a Top 4 Finalist for Kraft Hockeyville, the only Ontario community to be in this year's contest and they are looking for all of Ontario's support for votes! On March 29 and 30, please visit [Kraft Hockeyville](#) and vote for Elliot Lake. There is no limit to how many votes you can cast so don't miss your chance to vote!

The [Ontario Bike Summit](#) (OBS) is Canada's largest cycling and active transportation conference. OBS brings together municipal and industry leaders, policy makers, and advocates from communities across the province to share their expertise and best practices, in an effort to make Ontario more bicycle friendly.

World Animal Protection is asking municipalities to support and adopt a [resolution to restrict the keeping of exotic wild animals](#) in Ontario.

Efficiency Canada's [Municipal Guides](#) contain everything you need to leverage the 2020 model codes to enhance building performance, drive decarbonization, and amplify local benefits in climate action initiatives.

Explore economic trends impacting Canada and the world at the [Summer Institute on Economic Security and Local Resilience](#) (SIESLR) conference on July 18-19, 2024 in Orillia. Register by June 1.

The Invasive Species Centre with support from Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry opens the [Invasive Species Action Fund](#) intake. The fund assists municipalities in combating priority species. Apply by April 11.

A [recording is available of a March 26 webinar](#) with representatives from IESO, MECP, MNRF, OMAFRA and MMAH to discuss how municipalities can address siting considerations for energy projects.

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Careers

[Program Manager of Zoning Services - City of Guelph](#). Closing date: April 14.

[Senior Development Planner - Town of Georgina](#). Closing date: April 10.

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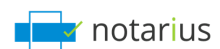
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Provincial Matters

Regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act to support streamlined, timely and consistent conservation authority permitting decisions and ensure permit decisions are focused on natural hazard considerations will [come into effect April 1](#).

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MCAA is [proposing a new regulation](#) that would prescribe entities that could contribute towards a Seniors Active Living Centre program's operational cost. The deadline for comments is March 22, 2024.

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CMHC developed housing data [Qs and As](#) for Ontario municipalities. to address questions following their

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The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario and the Canadian Urban Institute are offering [two streams of funding](#) for initiatives to support main streets in southern Ontario. Apply by March 31.

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their [website](#) for more information.

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LAS

The effect of Artificial Intelligence is being felt across industries and sectors. Our [latest blog](#) focuses on its impact on cybersecurity - especially as it pertains to government.

The LAS Energy Planning Tool is your 3-in-1 resource for all your energy reporting needs: 1) commodity database, 2) project tracking, and 3) CDM plan generation. Watch [this video](#) to see how it works, then contact ept@las.on.ca to get started.

Beat the summer rush and get your road and sidewalk inspections in the queue. The [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) provides accurate data resulting in better management decisions for your community. [Contact Tanner](#) for a free quote

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The Independent Energy Systems Operator (IESO) is hosting an [information session](#) with multiple provincial ministries on March 26 at 1:00 PM. The session will address project siting, land use planning approvals, and environmental assessments.

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Careers

[Tenant Services Coordinator - County of Simcoe](#). Closing date: March 28.

[Senior Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe](#). Closing date: March 29.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Muskoka Lakes](#). Closing date: April 12.

[Manager - Diversity and Inclusion - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing date: April 1.

[Manager of Tenant Services - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Closing date: April 4.

[Director of Ontario Works - County of Wellington](#). Closing date: April 5.

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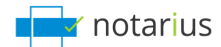
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- Understanding Competing Human Rights - Upcoming workshop.
- OSUM 2024 - Join the OSUM Executive and colleagues in beautiful Orillia.
- Canoe Spring Webinar Series is a week away.
- Upcoming webinar: Measurement and Verification for Energy.
- Blog: Now is the Perfect Time to Review Your Employee Group Benefits Plan.
- Service and Water Line Warranty Overview Webinar.
- Why the future of natural gas matters for Ontarians.
- Leading local change through Canada's net-zero building codes.
- Call for delegates to SIESLR Conference.
- Invasive Species Action Fund.
- Join thought leaders and changemakers at the Future of Aging Summit next May.
- Matrix Cares Affordable Housing Summit.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

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On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Optimus SBR sent a survey to municipalities on March 26. It closes April 23, 2024. Complete it to provide the province feedback on its asset management requirements and supports.

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AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

Join your small urban colleagues May 1 - 3 for discussion, examination and advocacy on matters unique to your communities and to hear provincial leaders. [View the full program](#) and [register today](#).

LAS

The Canoe Procurement Group [Spring Webinar Series](#) starts in one week. Join our colleagues at Canoe on April 11 at 11am as they discuss their experience helping governments prepare for natural disasters like floods and fires. [Register here to attend](#).

'You can't manage what you can't measure'. Measurement & Verification is the missing link that plays a crucial role in energy projects. Join SaveONenergy with us on April 18 at 2:30pm to explore how to monitor and assess your project outcomes. [Register here today](#).

Employee group benefits plans are an important part of any employee's compensation package, but when is the best time to review and renew your current plan? [Read more in our latest blog](#) by our Group Benefits Program partner.

Who is responsible for damaged sewer and water lines running from residential properties, and what options are available? Our Sewer and Waterline Warrantv Program webinar will cover this and more.

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Municipal Wire*

The OEB's decision has a direct impact on our ability to provide affordable and reliable energy to Ontario homes and businesses. Learn more here: [Natural Gas Matters](#) | [Enbridge Gas](#).

Efficiency Canada's [Municipal Guides](#) contain everything you need to leverage the 2020 model codes to enhance building performance, drive decarbonization, and amplify local benefits in climate action initiatives.

Explore economic trends impacting Canada and the world at the [Summer Institute on Economic Security and Local Resilience](#) (SIESLR) conference on July 18-19, 2024 in Orillia. Register by June 1.

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Join the [Affordable Housing Summit & Skilled Trades Fair](#) from May 23-26 with over 10,000 policymakers, prospective housing project owners and the off-site modular industry to accelerate actionable, affordable housing projects.

Careers

[Director of Finance & Operations - Walkerton Clean Water Agency](#). Closing date: Apr 19, 2024

[Senior Accounting Clerk - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: April 18, 2024

[Manager of Public Works - Town of Moosonee](#). Closing Date: May 3, 2024

[Associate Solicitor, Municipal Law - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: April 15, 2024.

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: CA-08-24 – 2023 Economic Review

1. THAT Report No. CA-08-24 re: “2023 Economic Review” be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-08-24 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Please find attached a copy of Report No. CA-08-24 for your information. If you have any questions please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Milne".

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Jane MacCaskill, Chief Administrative Officer
Date:	March 20, 2024
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Re:	2023 Economic Review

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REPORT

Executive Summary

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- The total value of all building permits in Halton was \$2.8 billion in 2023, down from \$3.0 billion in 2022. The total value of residential building permits in Halton was \$1.7 billion, a decrease of 25 per cent from the record high residential permit values set in 2022.
- The total value of non-residential building permits increased by 58 per cent to reach \$1.0 billion in 2023. Within the non-residential sector, the value of institutional permits increased 111 per cent in 2023, followed by industrial permit values which rose 81 per cent and commercial permit values which increased 33 per cent.

- Non-residential total floor area (TFA) approved for construction in 2023 totaled 3.1 million square feet, a decrease of 50 per cent from 2022, and below the annual average non-residential TFA growth of 3.5 million square feet over the last 10 years.
- Halton's average unemployment rate fell to 5.3 per cent in 2023 from a rate of 5.5 per cent in 2022. Similarly, Halton's labour force participation rate improved to 68.5 per cent in 2023, up from a rate of 67.4 per cent in 2022.

Background

Halton Region publishes an annual digital Economic Review which provides an overview of Halton's economy, labour market dynamics, business and real estate development activity and other key economic indicators over the past year. The 2023 Economic Review (see Attachment #1 under separate cover) will be available for download on Halton.ca following the March 20, 2024 Regional Council meeting.

Discussion

Building Permit Values

The total value of all building permits in Halton was \$2.8 billion in 2023, a decrease of seven per cent from \$3.0 billion in 2022 (measured in current dollars, i.e. unadjusted for inflation, Statistics Canada, Building Permits Survey). The \$2.8 billion mark reached in 2023 is the third-highest total building permit value recorded in Halton and puts it above the annual average total building permit value of \$2.2 billion over the last 10 years.

The total value of residential building permits in Halton was \$1.7 billion in 2023, a decrease of 25 per cent from the record high residential permit value in 2022, but still well above the annual average residential building permit value of \$1.5 billion over the last 10 years.

The total value of non-residential building permits in Halton increased by 58 per cent to reach \$1.0 billion in 2023, which is above the annual average non-residential building permit value of \$686 million over the last 10 years.

Within the non-residential sector, the value of institutional permits increased 111 per cent to reach \$298 million in 2023. Industrial permit value was \$192 million in 2023, an increase of 81 per cent from 2022 and commercial permit value was \$530 million, a 33 per cent increase from 2022.

Halton accounted for 9 per cent of the total building permit value of \$29.7 billion in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA) in 2023. On a per capita basis, Halton ranked highest of all the GTHA municipalities in total building permit value per capita and ranked

second highest with respect to both residential and non-residential building permit value per capita.

Halton Non-Residential Development Activity and Industrial, Office Market Performance

Over 3.1 million square feet of non-residential total floor area (TFA) was approved for construction in Halton in 2023, a 50 per cent decrease from the near-record level of non-residential TFA approved in 2022.

Industrial TFA approved for construction decreased to 2.4 million square feet in 2023. This follows two strong years of industrial development growth including a near-record 5.5 million square feet of industrial TFA approved in 2022, comprised of several large-scale logistic distribution centres.

Over 241,000 square feet of commercial TFA was approved for construction in 2023, comprised of 59,000 square feet of office TFA and 182,000 square feet of retail TFA. Overall, approved commercial TFA declined 27 per cent from 2022.

With new supply on the market, the industrial availability rate in Halton rose to 3.2 per cent in 2023, the first increase in several years, and slightly above the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) industrial availability rate of 1.5 per cent. Industrial rents in Halton continued to rise in 2023, with average net rents reaching \$16.87 per square foot, a 16 per cent increase from 2022, but still below the GTA average net rent of \$18.16 per square foot in 2023.

Halton's two primary office markets in Burlington and Oakville showed some positive signs in 2023. The average vacancy rate for Halton office space decreased to 21.1 per cent in 2023, a slight improvement from the 22.2 per cent Halton vacancy rate in 2022, but still above the GTA average office vacancy rate of 18.0 per cent. Meanwhile, there was a net increase of over 146,000 square feet of occupied office space in Halton in 2023 (measured as absorption), following two consecutive years of negative absorption, or reductions in occupied office space. Average office net rents in Halton remained stable at \$17.43 per square foot in 2023, down slightly from \$17.54 per square foot in 2022 and well below the GTA average net rent of \$27.17 per square foot.

Halton Labour Market

The Halton labour market saw some improvements in 2023, with the average unemployment rate falling from 5.5 per cent in 2022 to 5.3 per cent.

In comparison, the GTHA unemployment rate averaged 5.8 per cent in 2023, and provincial and national rates were 5.6 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively.

Meanwhile, the proportion of working-age Halton residents who are participating in the labour force averaged 68.5 per cent in 2023, up from 67.4 per cent in 2022. In comparison, the 2023 labour force participation rate in the GTHA averaged 65.8 per cent, 65.5 per cent provincially and 65.6 per cent nationally. Halton's labour force participation rate in 2023 matched its pre-pandemic average annual rate of 68.5 per cent in 2019.

2023 Halton Region Business Conditions Survey

Last fall, the Region administered the 2023 Halton Region Business Conditions Survey in partnership with the Halton Local Municipalities to gain insight into the current business and economic conditions faced by local businesses as they continue to manage the impacts of the pandemic. Over 300 Halton businesses participated in the survey. While cautiously optimistic about economic conditions over the next year, Halton business owners are concerned about inflation, rising wages and the cost of real estate. Over half of businesses surveyed are forecasting economic conditions to stabilize or improve in 2024.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial/program implications associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved by



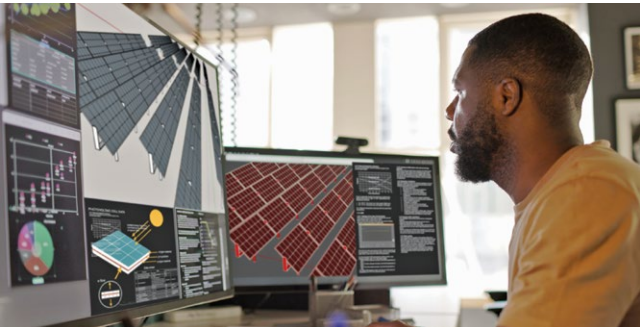
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Attachments: Attachment #1 – 2023 Halton Region Economic Review (Document Under Separate Cover)



2023

Halton Region Economic Review





Message from Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr

On behalf of Regional Council, I am pleased to share the 2023 Economic Review. In this report, you can find valuable information on labour market dynamics, business and development activity, and other key indicators about the regional economy.

Halton continues to be a great place to do business. In 2023, there were 3,300 jobs added to the local economy. Development also continued at a strong pace to accommodate Halton's growing community, with new residential, industrial and commercial spaces being approved for construction.

Here are some of the key economic highlights from 2023:

- Total building permit construction value reached its third-highest building permit value in Halton with \$2.8 billion approved for development.
- The amount of non-residential total floor area (TFA) with building permits issued was 3.1 million square feet, with 2.4 million square feet consisting of industrial development.
- Halton's unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent, down from 5.5 per cent in 2022.
- The labour force participation rate was 68.5 per cent, up from 67.4 per cent in 2022.

By ensuring our community is a place where businesses and people can succeed, we keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire. To learn more about doing business in Halton, visit the [Invest Halton page](#) on [halton.ca](https://www.halton.ca).

Sincerely,

Gary Carr,
Halton Regional Chair

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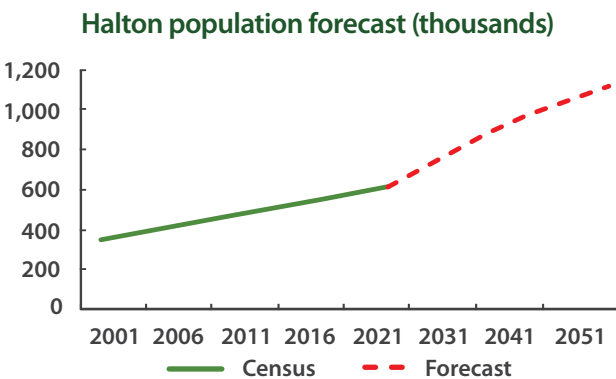
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An ideal location for business in Ontario's fast growing region

With a diverse economy, easy access to major markets, an expanding talent pool and a highly educated workforce, Halton is an ideal location for businesses and professionals in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA). Halton has four communities: Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. It is one of the most vibrant and desirable communities to live in Canada.



Source: Statistics Canada Census and Places to Grow Plan



	78% Post-secondary attainment ¹		243,500 Total jobs ³		\$33.1 B GDP ⁵
	40.2 Average age ¹		13,810 Number of employers ³		\$156 B Total Assessment ⁶
	\$156,800 Average household income ¹		14,142 acres Employment lands		969 km² Land area
	\$1.2 M Average house price ²		5.3% Unemployment rate ⁴		526 km² Green space
	226 Distinct ethnicities ¹		320,175 Resident labour force ¹		132 Languages spoken ¹

1 Statistics Canada, 2021 Census.

2 Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB), 2023 average.

3 Halton Region Employment Survey, 2023.

4 Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 2023 average.

5 Conference Board of Canada, 2023.

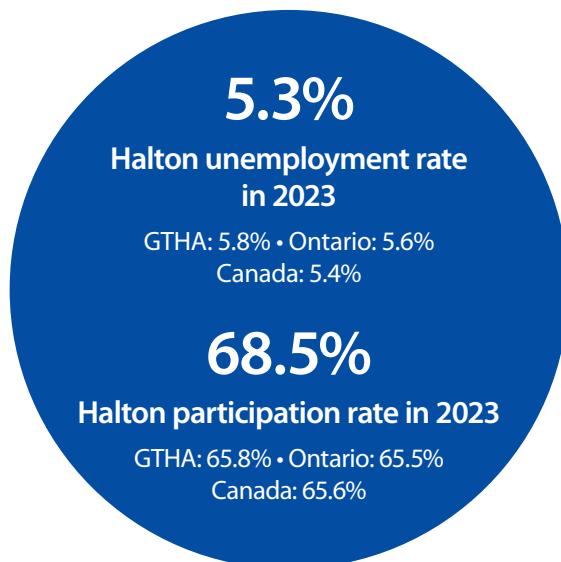
6 Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Financial Information Returns, 2022 total current value assessment (CVA).

Halton's economic highlights

Labour market

As the broader economy continues to grapple with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact on supply chains, interest rates and inflation, the labour market continued to show strength over the past year. In Halton, the resident labour force is predominantly professional services-based and highly skilled which continues to translate into relatively stable labour market fundamentals, despite economic disruptions. In 2023, Halton's unemployment rate averaged 5.3 per cent, down from 5.5 per cent in 2022 and slightly below the broader Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas (GTHA) and provincial rates. Halton's labour force participation rate also increased marginally in 2023, rising to an average of 68.5 per cent from 67.4 per cent in 2022. Another indication of recovery in Halton's labour market is an 8 per cent decrease in the number of residents collecting employment insurance, which fell from 4,063 people in 2022 to 3,747 in 2023.

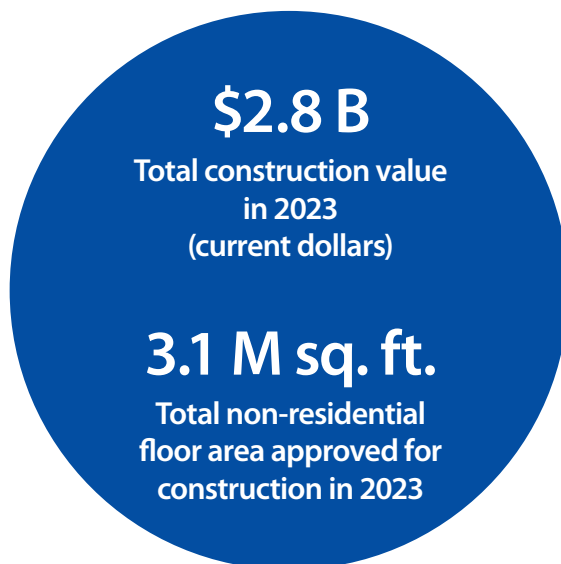
Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey and Employment Insurance Statistics



Building and development

Development across Halton continued at a strong pace in 2023, with total construction value approved for development reaching nearly \$2.8 billion. This represents the third-highest total building permit value recorded in Halton and exceeds the annual average total building permit value of \$2.2 billion over the past decade. Over 60 per cent of building permit construction value in Halton was attributed to residential development, which amounted to \$1.7 billion (current dollar value unadjusted for inflation). In terms of non-residential construction in Halton, the current dollar construction value reached over \$1.0 billion in 2023 with 3.1 million square feet of non-residential total floor area (TFA) approved for construction. Much of the non-residential TFA was attributed to significant industrial development in Halton's employment areas, which totaled 2.4 million square feet in 2023.

Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Survey and Halton Region



Business and jobs

Halton is home to a growing business community in a diverse range of industry sectors with clusters in engineering, automotive, technology, financial services, food processing, and logistics distribution. There were 13,810 employers across Halton in 2023, employing 243,500 workers. Market disruptions emerging from the pandemic, however, continue to have impacts on many in Halton's business community. Results from the 2023 Halton Region Business Conditions Survey show that affordability and inflationary pressures are top of mind for Halton business owners. Halton business owners also identified inflation, rising interest rates and debt and real estate costs as challenges for their business operations.

Source: Halton Region Employment Survey and Halton Business Conditions Survey



Halton's economic highlights

Halton Economic Indicators	2019	2022	2023	1-year change	5-year change
Population ¹	596,940	637,054	650,014	2.0%	8.9%
Population density (per square km) ²	616	657	671	2.1%	8.9%
Gross domestic product (GDP) ³	\$30.6 B	\$32.6 B	\$33.1 B	1.6%	8.4%
Unemployment rate ⁴	4.2%	5.5%	5.3%	-0.2 pp	1.1 pp
Participation rate ⁴	68.5%	67.4%	68.5%	1.1 pp	0.0 pp
Employment rate ⁴	65.7%	63.8%	64.9%	1.1 pp	-0.8 pp
El beneficiaries ⁵	3,299	4,063	3,747	-7.8%	13.6%
Ontario Works caseload ⁶	2,108	1,862	2,444	31.3%	15.9%
Number of Jobs ⁷	241,423	240,200	243,500	1.4%	0.9%
Jobs activity rate ^{1&7}	40.4%	37.7%	37.5%	-0.2pp	-2.9pp
Employers ⁷	13,650	13,820	13,810	-0.1%	1.2%
Business bankruptcy ⁸	25	43	42	-2.3%	68.0%
Total construction (current dollar value) ⁹	\$1.7 B	\$3.0 B	\$2.8 B	-6.9%	62.9%
Residential construction	\$991 M	\$2.3 B	\$1.7 B	-24.9%	75.7%
Non-residential construction	\$704 M	\$647 M	\$1.0 B	57.6%	44.9%
Ratio of residential / non-residential construction (current dollar value)	58/42	78/22	63/37	x	x
Residential building permits issued ¹⁰	3,910	4,413	4,733	7.3%	21.0%
Non-residential building permits issued ¹⁰	2,326	1,945	1,764	-9.3%	-24.2%
Non-residential total floor area (ft2) ¹¹	2.9 M	6.4 M	3.1 M	-50.4%	9.8%
Industrial total floor area (ft2)	1.8 M	5.5 M	2.4 M	57.2%	33.1%
Commercial total floor area (ft2)	448,476	329,015	241,716	-26.5%	-46.1%
Office total floor area (ft2)	176,846	45,166	59,360	31.4%	-66.4%
Retail total floor area (ft2)	271,630	283,849	182,356	-35.8%	-32.9%
Industrial availability rate ¹²	3.0%	1.5%	3.2%	1.7 pp	0.2 pp
Office vacancy rate ¹³	15.5%	22.2%	21.1%	-1.1 pp	5.6 pp

Sources:

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| 1 Halton Region Best Planning Estimates | 8 Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada |
| 2 Based on 969 km2 land area | 9 Statistics Canada, Building Permits Survey |
| 3 Conference Board of Canada | 10 Local Municipal Building Departments |
| 4 Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey | 11 Halton Region, Non-Residential DC database |
| 5 Statistics Canada, Employment Insurance Statistics | 12 CBRE. Rates in Halton |
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Industrial and commercial development and real estate activity

Halton's development and real estate market

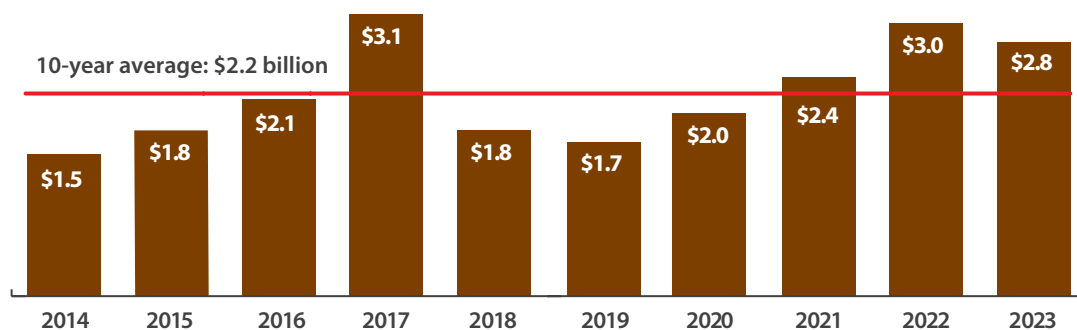
The pace of development across Halton moderated in 2023, as building permit construction value approved for development totaled \$2.8 billion, down from \$3.0 billion in 2022. The decline in 2023 was mainly driven by the decrease in residential development (25 per cent decrease from 2022), whereas industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) construction increased by 58 per cent in 2023. Within the ICI sector, institutional development rose 111 per cent in 2023, followed by industrial development (81 per cent growth) and commercial (33 per cent growth). Non-residential total floor area (TFA) issued in 2023 totaled 3.1 million square feet, representing a 50 per cent decrease over 2022, and below the 10-year average TFA in Halton of 3.5 million square feet per year.

Total construction

\$2.8 B Halton's total building permit **construction value** in 2023.

\$22.1 B Total building permit **construction value** in Halton over past 10 years.

Ten-year trends in total construction value* in Halton (billions)



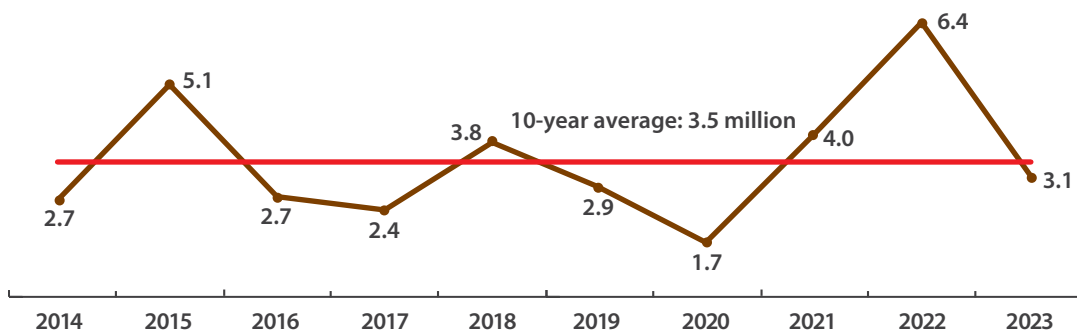
*current dollars, unadjusted for inflation
Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Survey

Total floor area

3.1 M sq. ft. Halton's non-residential **total floor area** built in 2023.

34.8 M sq. ft. Halton's non-residential **total floor area** built over past 10 years.

Ten-year trends in total non-residential floor area approved for construction in Halton (millions sq. ft.)

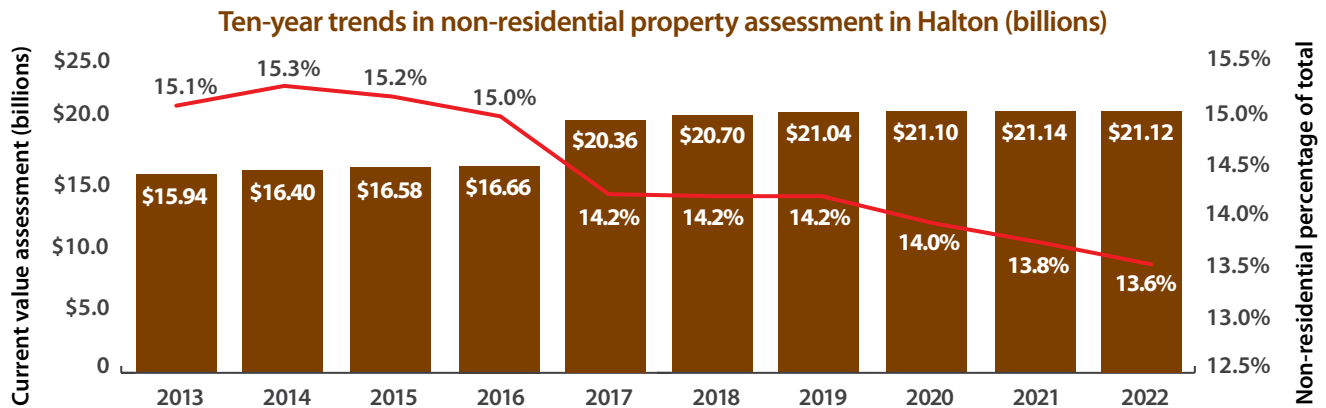


Source: Halton Region

Industrial and commercial development and real estate activity

Non-residential assessment

Halton Region non-residential assessment declined marginally in 2022 to \$21.12 billion from \$21.14 billion in 2021. Over the past ten years, however, non-residential assessment has grown 33 per cent. Non-residential assessment accounted for 13.6 per cent of total current value assessment in Halton in 2022.



*MPAC Assessment Update in 2016, reflected in 2017 figures. Source: Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Financial Information Returns

Notable developments

James Snow Business Park – Four new multi-tenant industrial buildings by Oxford Properties as part of Phase 1 in a multi-phase development within the James Snow Business Park in Milton (\$199.8 million).

Sixteen Mile Sports Complex – Construction of a new sports complex, community centre, park and library branch in Oakville (\$130 million).

Better Life Maple Villa – Five-storey 256-bed long-term care facility in Burlington (\$88 million).

Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital – Expansion of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (\$70.8 million).

Three Oaks Business Centre – New flex industrial warehouse development in Oakville by Beedie (\$53.3 million).

Carterra – New industrial park on Wyecroft Road in Oakville (\$44.4 million).

Broccolini – New Derry Road Logistics Campus building in Milton (\$33.2 million).

Bronte Station Business Park – New industrial development by First Gulf in Oakville (\$31 million).

3100 Mainway – New warehouse distribution centre by Carterra in Burlington (\$22 million).



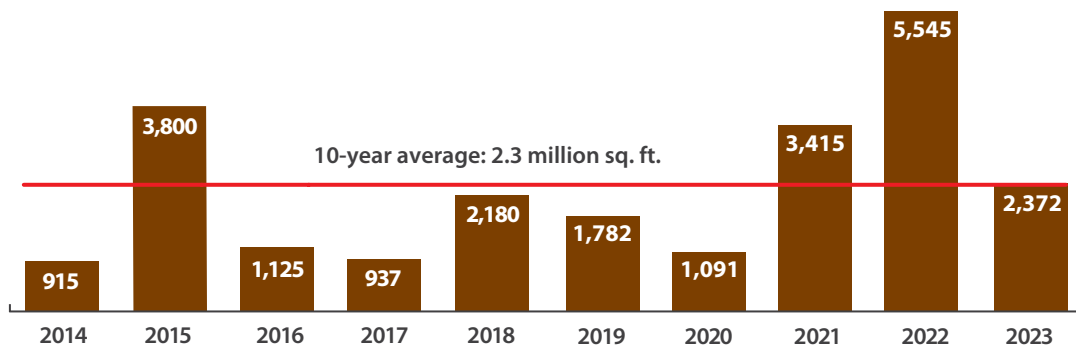
Rendering of the James Snow Business Park

Industrial and commercial development and real estate activity

Industrial development

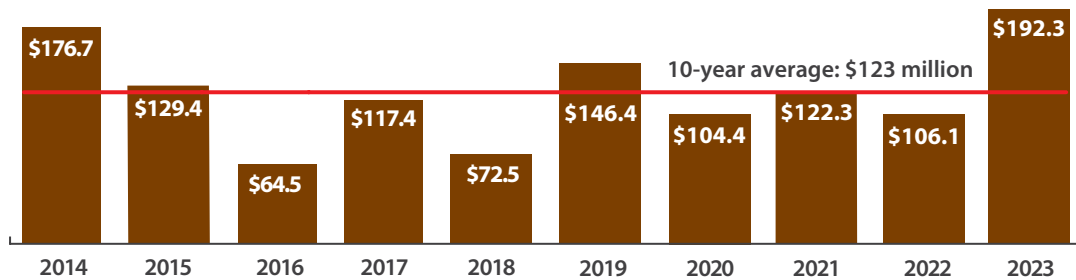
Total industrial floor area approved for construction across Halton in 2023 decreased to 2.4 million square feet. This follows three consecutive annual increases that reached 5.5 million square feet in 2022, which consisted of several large-scale logistics developments initiated during the period. As there can be a lag between initial development approvals data and final building permit issuance data, industrial construction values increased in 2023 as those earlier large logistics facilities were completed. Industrial building permit construction value increased by 81 per cent in 2023 to \$192 million – above the ten-year average of \$123 million.

Ten-year trends in industrial total floor area approved for construction (thousands sq. ft.)



Source: Halton Region

Ten-year trends in industrial construction value* in Halton (millions)



*current dollars, unadjusted for inflation
Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Survey

Industrial real estate market

\$16.87/sq. ft. Halton industrial **average net rent** in 2023. Lower than GTA: \$18.16/sq. ft.

\$308.75/sq. ft. Halton industrial **average net sale price** in 2023. Lower than GTA: \$381.83/sq. ft.

3.2% Halton industrial **availability rate** in 2023. Higher than GTA: 1.8%

46,702 sq. ft. Halton industrial floor area **absorbed** in 2023.

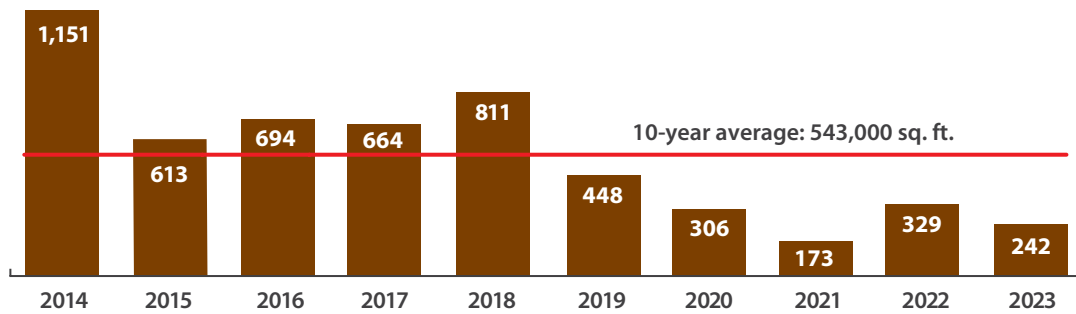
Source: CBRE

Industrial and commercial development and real estate activity

Commercial development

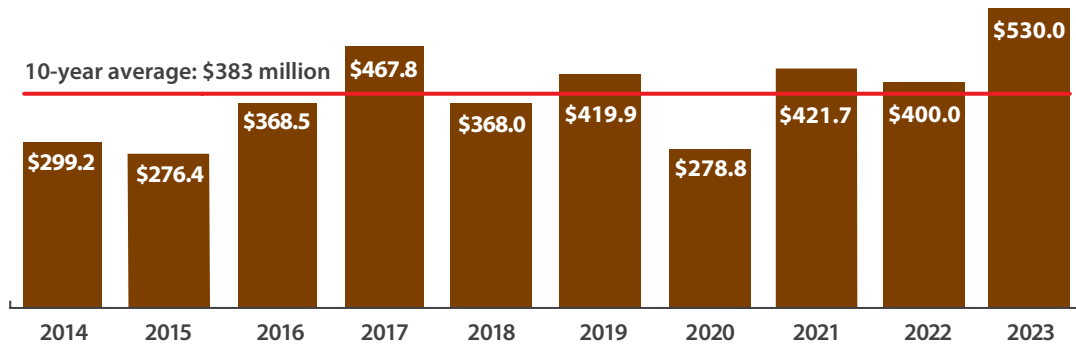
Approved commercial development for construction in Halton in 2023 consisted of 59,360 square feet of office space and 182,356 square feet of retail space. In total, 241,716 square feet of new or expanded commercial real estate was approved for construction in 2023. Compared to the previous year, 87,299 fewer square feet of commercial development was approved for construction in 2022 (-27%) and still below pre-pandemic levels. Overall, commercial building permit construction value totaled just over \$530 million – above Halton’s ten-year average commercial construction value of \$383 million.

Ten-year trends in commercial total floor area approved for construction (thousands sq. ft.)



Source: Halton Region

Ten-year trends in commercial construction value* in Halton (millions)



*current dollars, unadjusted for inflation
Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Survey

Office real estate market*

\$17.43/sq. ft. Halton office **average net rent** in 2023. Lower than GTA: \$27.17/sq. ft.

21.1% Halton **office vacancy** in 2023. Higher than GTA: 18.0%

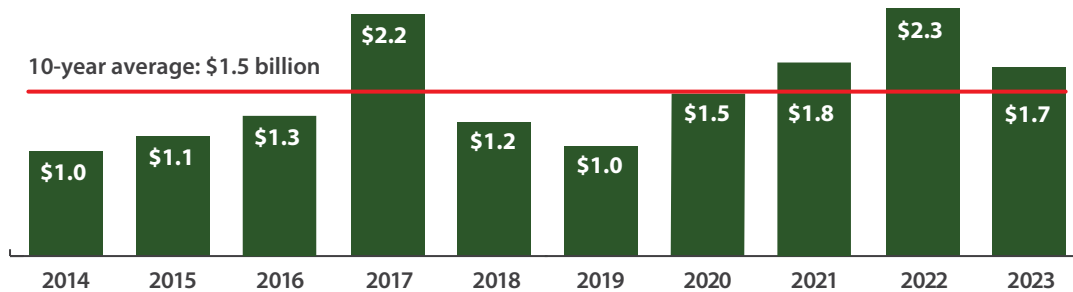
146,224 sq. ft. Burlington and Oakville office floor area **absorbed** in 2023.

* Based on Burlington and Oakville
Source: CBRE

Residential development

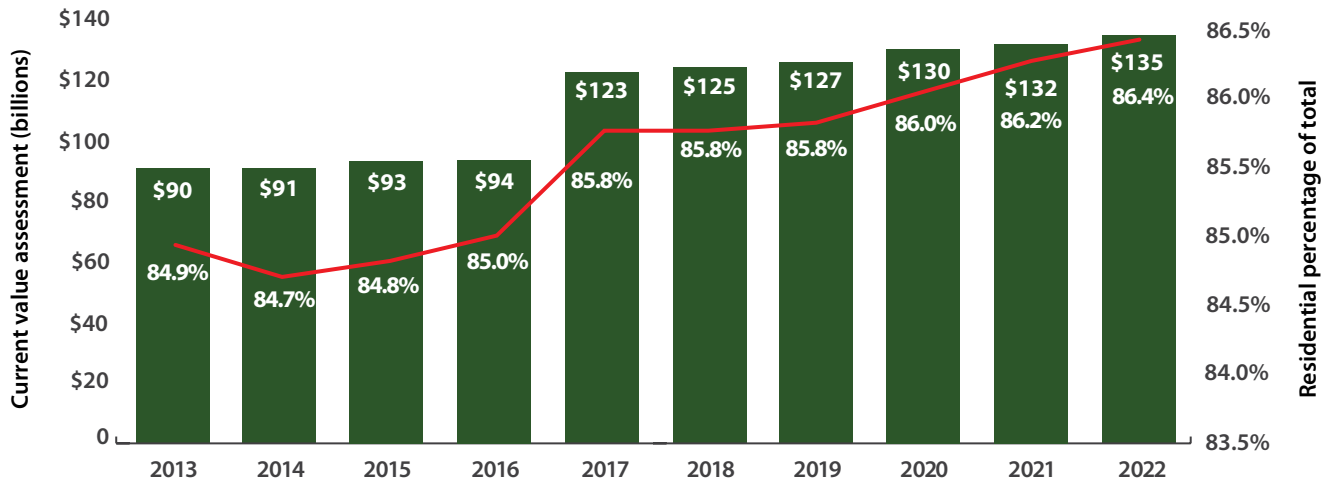
Halton continued to witness strong new residential development in 2023. Residential building permit construction value exceeded \$1.7 billion in 2023 in Halton and represented a mix of low, medium and high density housing. Over the past 10 years, there has been over \$15 billion in residential building permit construction (measured in current dollar value, unadjusted for inflation) approved to be built across Halton, with an annual average building permit value of \$1.5 billion. Since 2013, residential property assessment in Halton has increased by 50 per cent to reach over \$134.6 billion in 2022.

Ten-year trends in residential construction value in Halton (billions)



Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Survey

Ten-year trends in residential property assessment in Halton (billions)



* MPAC Assessment Update in 2016, reflected in 2017 figures.

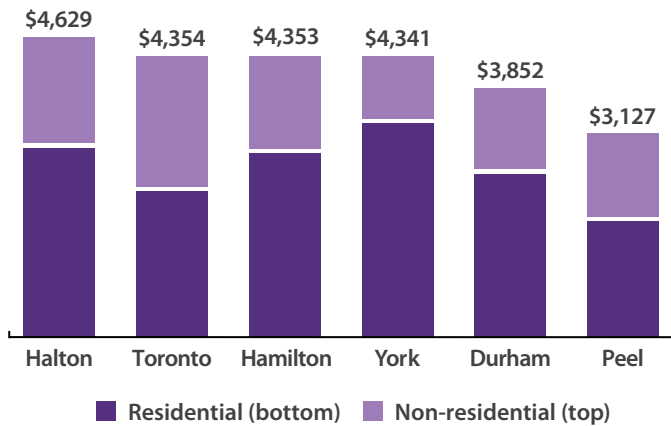
Source: Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Financial Information Returns

Halton within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area

Development comparison

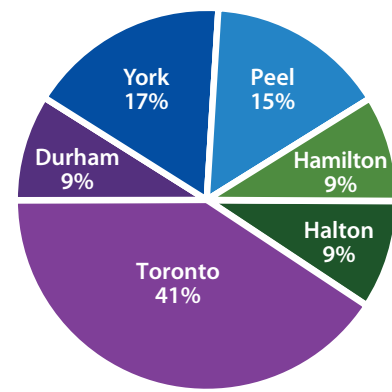
Across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA), Halton's market share of the \$29.7 billion in total building permit construction value was 9 per cent in 2023. Halton ranked the highest in total building permit value per capita in the GTHA in 2023, reaching \$4,629 per person. Comparing Halton's total building permit construction value to those of other GTHA municipalities on a per capita basis adds perspective to the scale of development occurring in Halton. In terms of residential construction building permit value per capita, Halton Region was ranked second only to York Region in the GTHA in 2023, with \$2,920 in residential building permit construction value per person.

GTHA comparison of total building permit construction value* 2023 (per capita)



* current dollars, unadjusted for inflation
Source: Statistics Canada, Building Permit Survey

Distribution of total building permit construction value* across the GTHA, 2023



* current dollars, unadjusted for inflation
Source: Statistics Canada, Building Permit Survey



Halton within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area

Showcasing Halton municipalities at Collision 2023 in Toronto

In June 2023, Toronto hosted the annual Collision conference of over 36,000 delegates from more than 118 countries, which has been described as one of the world's largest tech conferences. Halton municipalities were showcased during the conference and promoted by Toronto Global, the investment attraction agency for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

To kick-off the Collision conference, Halton Region partnered with the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade, Burlington and Oakville Economic Development offices and Haltech to host international delegates on a tour of Halton's technology and innovation ecosystem. The tour involved stops at Oakville-based Geotab, a global leader in connected transportation solutions that provides vehicle and asset tracking solutions to over forty thousand customers in 150 countries. Delegates also toured the world-renowned Animation School and Centre for Mobile Innovation at Sheridan College and concluded at TechPlace in Burlington where delegates heard about programs and services provided to international companies looking to locate in Halton.

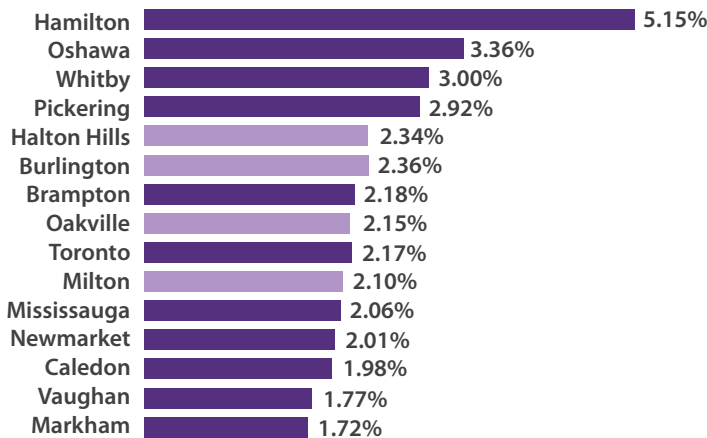


Halton within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area

Competitive costs

Halton Region has relatively competitive costs within the context of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Halton's municipalities have among the lowest office property tax rates within the GTHA and Development Charges (DCs), which in Halton Region are differentiated between retail and non-retail, are generally below the GTHA average for non-retail industrial and office development (i.e. industrial Development Charge chart below) and near the GTHA average for retail commercial development.

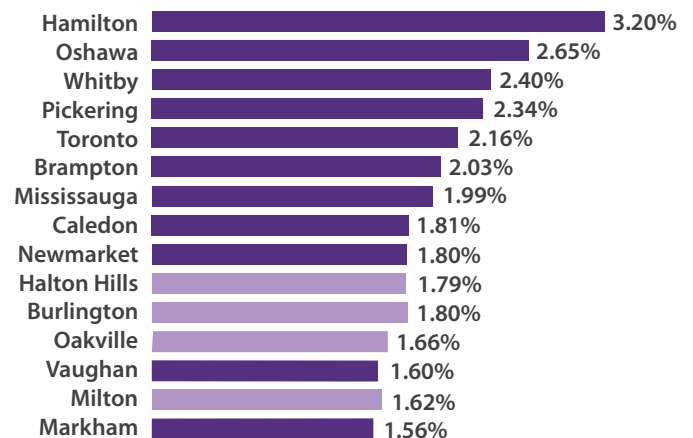
Industrial property tax rates across select GTHA municipalities in 2023



Source: BMA Municipal Study 2023.

Note: Industrial property tax rates are based on large industrial use (greater than 125,000 sq. ft.). Rates include municipal and education.

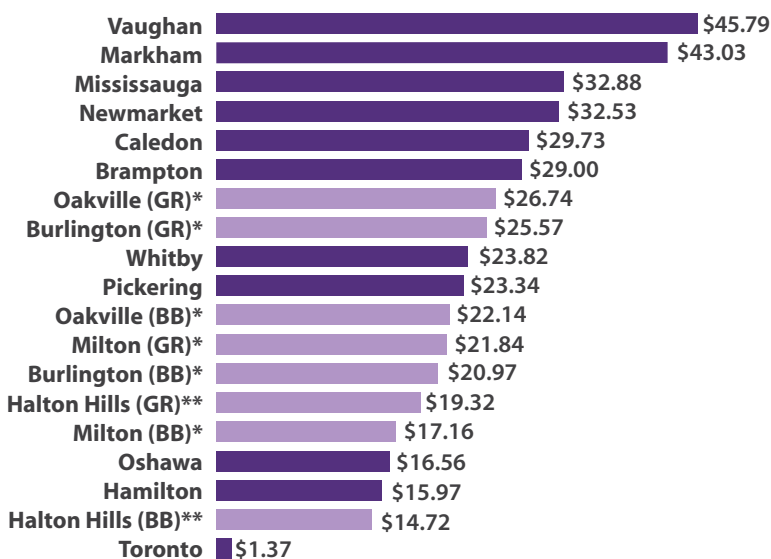
Office property tax rates across select GTHA municipalities in 2023



Source: BMA Municipal Study 2023.

Note: Office tax rates are based on commercial office building class. Rates include municipal and education.

Industrial development charge rates across select GTHA municipalities in 2023 (\$/sq. ft.)



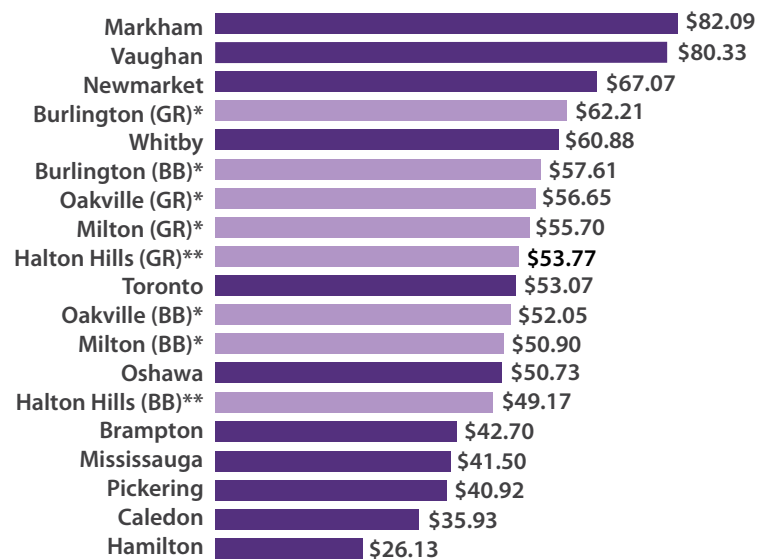
(GR) Greenfield (BB) Built Boundary

Source: BMA Municipal Study 2023 and Halton Region.

* Applies to non-retail (industrial & commercial office).

** Lower tier applies to non-retail (industrial only).

Commercial development charge rates across select GTHA municipalities in 2023 (\$/sq. ft.)



(GR) Greenfield (BB) Built Boundary

Source: BMA Municipal Study 2023 and Halton Region.

* Applies to commercial retail.

** Lower tier applies to non-industrial (commercial office and retail).

Facilitating growth

Preparing for growth and development

The Ontario government's Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. The Bill was introduced to support the objective of creating 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2031. Upon Proclamation, Bill 23 will result in considerable changes to the Ontario Planning system and shift certain responsibilities from Halton Region to the Local Municipalities.

Bill 23 also introduced changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, which will restrict Development Charge (DC) collections and impact the Region's ability to fund capital works. Strategies to address these shortfalls, including the 2023 Allocation Program, are being considered by Halton Region.

Further, to assist the Province in meeting the objective of delivering 1.5 million homes by 2031, the Local Municipalities signed housing pledges in 2023 that represent a significant acceleration of growth in Halton Region. Local Municipal housing pledges total 92,500 units by 2031. Halton Region will play a key role in providing infrastructure in support of Local Municipal housing pledges by proactively planning for, financing and delivering infrastructure.

Infrastructure investment

Halton Region focuses on providing a budget and infrastructure investment strategy that acknowledges the impact that Bill 23 has on the Region's delivery of services and ability to collect Development Charges (DCs).

Accordingly, Halton Region's capital program identifies investments that aim to expand infrastructure to meet the Local Municipal Housing Pledges, ensure continued economic growth and appropriately maintain and replace the Region's existing infrastructure in a state-of-good-repair. The Region's 10-year capital program has a projected cost of \$8.8 billion between 2024 and 2033, \$5.2 billion of which was approved through the 2024 Budget & Business Plan and \$3.6 billion of which is related to the pending 2023 Allocation Program. The 10-year capital program is split between growth infrastructure needs (\$5.5 billion) and to address state-of-good-repair for existing infrastructure (\$3.3 billion).

The \$8.8 billion 10-year capital program includes a \$4.1 billion water and wastewater capital program and a \$4.0 billion transportation capital program.

2024-2033 capital infrastructure highlights include:

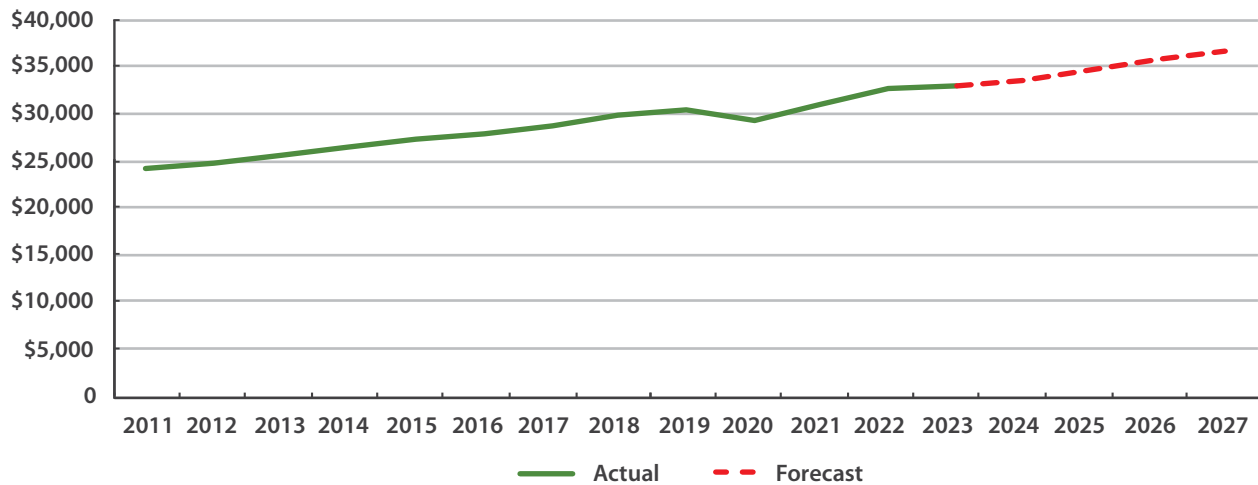
- \$1,146.5 million greenfield-area related water and wastewater
- \$895.0 million for servicing region-wide capacity
- \$176.2 million for servicing built boundary areas related water and wastewater
- \$148.4 million for employment land servicing related infrastructure
- \$351.1 million for Regional Road 25
- \$350.5 million for Trafalgar Road
- \$333.4 million for Steeles Avenue
- \$307.3 million for James Snow Parkway
- \$218.9 million for Tremaine Road
- \$217.1 million for Upper Middle Road
- \$210.9 million for 5 ½ Line
- \$194.0 million for Derry Road



Economic impact

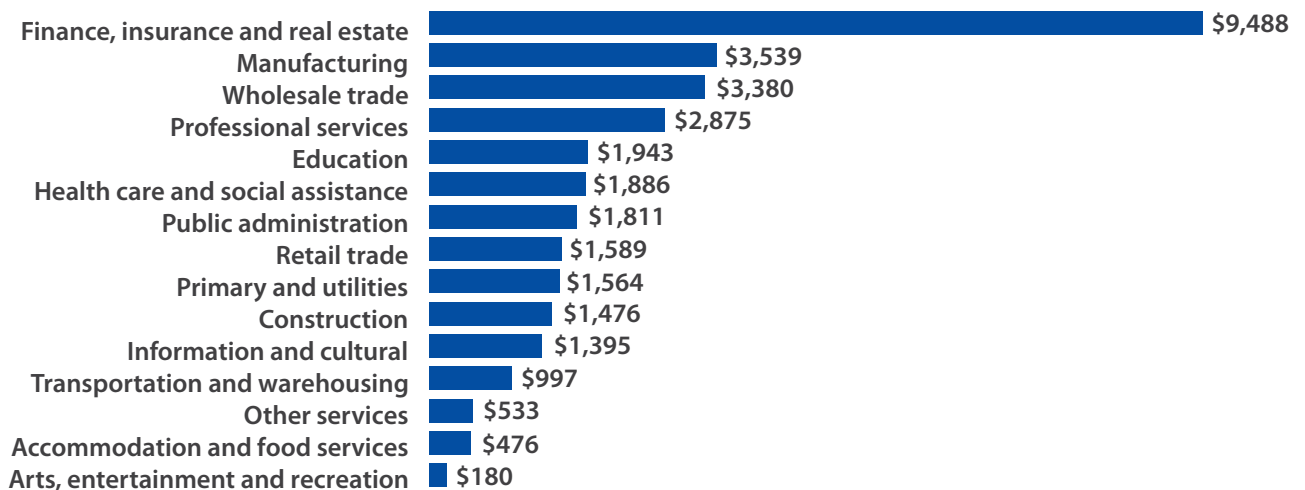
In Halton, a diversified economic base and skilled labour force has long sustained a strong regional economy. The Conference Board of Canada estimates that Halton's gross domestic product (GDP) reached \$33.1 billion in 2023. GDP is forecast to exceed \$36.8 billion in Halton by 2027. The finance, insurance and real estate sector contributed the most to Halton's GDP, representing \$9.5 billion in 2023 or 29 per cent. Halton's manufacturing sector and wholesale trade industry were also significant contributors to GDP, representing \$3.5 billion and \$3.4 billion in 2023, respectively.

Total gross domestic product (GDP) in Halton
(\$ millions, 2012 dollars)



Source: Conference Board of Canada (custom tabulation), 2023

Gross domestic product (GDP) by sector in Halton in 2023
(\$ millions, 2012 dollars)



Source: Conference Board of Canada (custom tabulation), 2023

Halton's business community

Notable private sector employers

Ford Motor Company of Canada – headquarters and automotive assembly plant (4,150 employees).

Collins Aerospace Systems – aerospace parts manufacturing (1,500 employees).

DSV Global Transport and Logistics – distribution logistics (1,050 employees).

Evertz Microsystems – electronics equipment manufacturing (1,045 employees).

Karmax Heavy Stamping (division of Magna) – automotive parts manufacturing (1,035 employees).

Geotab – information technology and telematics (1,000 employees).

Modatek Systems (division of Magna) – automotive parts manufacturing (925 employees).

Gordon Food Service – food distribution (875 employees).

Innomar Strategies – health care services and pharmaceutical (860 employees).

Sofina Foods – food processing and distribution (855 employees).



Halton Business Conditions Survey

In fall 2023, Halton Region, in cooperation with the Halton Local Municipalities, administered an annual survey of business conditions for local, for-profit businesses across the region. Halton business owners were asked about the current business and economic conditions they face, their expectations for growth in the year ahead, and their plans for exporting, innovation, staffing and addressing climate change. Over 300 responses were collected from Halton business owners in the "Halton Business Conditions Survey."

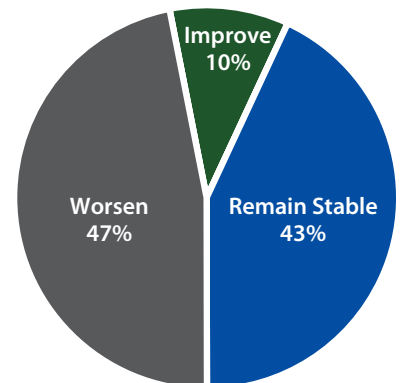
Survey results indicate that Halton businesses are innovative, resilient, and cautiously optimistic about economic conditions over the next year. However, Halton business owners are concerned about inflation, rising wages and the cost of real estate. Many businesses are also continuing to manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including supply chain disruptions.



Survey highlights

- 36%** of Halton businesses owned their land and buildings.
- 85%** of Halton businesses have been in operation for more than 5 years.
- 25%** of Halton businesses exported their products or services outside Canada over the past year.
- 24%** of businesses in Halton were currently experiencing global supply chain disruptions.
- 59%** of businesses in Halton stated they were facing inflationary pressures.
- 48%** of businesses in Halton were worried about the impact of interest rates and debt costs on their business.
- 53%** of Halton businesses were concerned about the impact of climate change on their operations over the coming decade.
- 40%** of businesses in Halton are feeling pressure to increase wages for their staff.
- 63%** of Halton business owners were expecting to make some capital expenditure or productivity investments in 2024.

Halton business owners' expectations on economic conditions in 2024



Source: Halton Region, Business Conditions Survey, 2023

Challenges reported by Halton business owners in 2023



Percentages do not add up to 100% as respondents could choose multiple responses.

Source: Halton Region, Business Conditions Survey, 2023

Halton's business community

Summer Company

In July 2023, the Halton Small Business Centre kicked-off its 2023 Summer Company program. The Summer Company program helps enterprising students between the ages of 15 and 29 start and run their own summer business. The program provides hands-on business training and mentoring, and a grant of \$3,000 to help operate their business. In total, \$24,000 of grants were awarded to 8 aspiring young entrepreneurs.

Starter Company Plus

In October 2023, the Halton Small Business Centre launched the fall cohort of its Starter Company Plus (SCP) program. SCP supports aspiring entrepreneurs looking to launch or build their small businesses in Halton. The program provides training, mentoring, and an opportunity to receive a grant to help run their business. SCP participants submitted their business plans for review for a chance to be selected to pitch to a panel of industry expert judges. Of the pitches, five successful entrepreneurs were awarded a grant of \$5000 and five runners up each received a grant of \$500. In 2023, the Halton Small Business Centre awarded over \$50,000 in Starter Company Plus program grants to new and growing small businesses across Halton.

Networking Series

In collaboration with our local partners, the Halton Small Business Centre hosted a series of in-person networking events across Halton in 2023. These events provided a unique opportunity for Halton entrepreneurs and Small Business Centre clients to connect, share ideas, and learn from one another. Each session featured a keynote speaker who provided insights and expertise on a variety of topics relating to entrepreneurship. A new networking series will launch in 2024, in partnership with the City of Burlington and the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.





Council Meeting

Resolution Number: 042-24
Title: Update Report: Reid Road Reservoir Quarry – Aggregate Resources Act Licence Application and the Environmental Assessment Process (James Dick Construction Limited)
Date: March 25, 2024

Moved: Councillor Ijaz
Seconded: Councillor Best

THAT Development Services Report DS-018-24 Update Report: Reid Road Reservoir Quarry – Aggregate Resources Act Licence Application and the Environmental Assessment Process (James Dick Construction Limited) BE RECEIVED for information.

AND THAT the Council of the Town of Milton reaffirms its opposition to the Campbellville Quarry Application and requests the Premier to honour his promise to stop the quarry and reprocessing facility through whatever action is necessary;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Graydon Smith, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Halton Region, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington and the Town of Halton Hills.

Result: Carried

Chair



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Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

March 20, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 19, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Powassan passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 2024-93

Moved by: M. Wand **Seconded by:** R. Hall

That the council of the Municipality of Powassan supports the request of the Township of Amaranth calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Allison Quinn
Clerk
Municipality of Powassan

Cc: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

Be it Resolved That the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities

March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Memorandum from H. Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator, dated February 2, 2024 re: Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Request that Council Support the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 50-24:

Whereas residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and,

Whereas natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating; and,

Whereas natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future; and,

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government; and,

Whereas the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans; and,

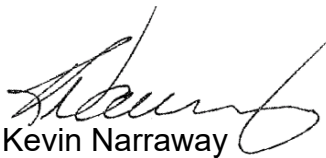
Whereas the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the Town's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to phase out fossil fuel heating, and a

continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, the Region of Durham, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives at 905-430-4338.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Director, Legislative Services/Town Clerk – clerk@whitby.ca
S. Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives – kleins@whitby.ca

Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
A. Harras, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
All Ontario Municipalities

March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Correspondence 2024-87 from A. Adams, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Peel, dated February 2, 2024, re Supreme Court of Appeal in Sudbury v. Ontario (Ministry of Labour)

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 51-24:

Whereas in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (“Sudbury”) entered into a contract with a contractor to complete a project in its downtown core; and,

Whereas the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the “Act”); and,

Whereas an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian; and,

Whereas Sudbury was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer; and,

Whereas after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found Sudbury to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time; and,

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in the dismissal of Sudbury’s appeal; and,

Whereas the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake

construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; and,

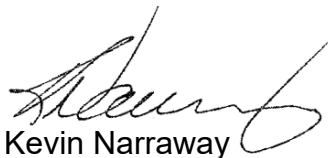
Whereas the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province; and,

Whereas the Town of Whitby believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Correspondence 2024-87 from A. Adams, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Peel, dated February 2, 2024 re Supreme Court of Appeal in Sudbury v. Ontario (Ministry of Labour) be endorsed by Council; and,
2. That the Council of The Town of Whitby requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project; and,
3. That this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Greater Toronto Area municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Director, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
F. Wong, Commissioner, Financial Services/Treasurer
F. Santaguida, Commissioner, Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor

Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development

Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Council of Ontario Construction Associations

Ontario Chamber of Commerce

All Greater Toronto Area municipalities



March 13th, 2024

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ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford, Hon. David Piccini, & Hon. Paul Calandra

Dear Premier Ford, Hon. David Piccini, & Hon. Paul Calandra:

RE: Resolution – Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 13th, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Closs

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the Village of Merrickville Wolford regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus;

AND THAT, this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;



AND FURTHER THAT, this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC).

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC)
Association of Municipalities



Village of Merrickville Wolford

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February 16, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its regular meeting on February 12th, 2024, passed the following motion endorsing the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding Expanding the Life of Fire Apparatus.

Resolution #: R-21-12-02-24
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Barr
Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford endorse the resolution received from Prince Edward County regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Your truly,

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46

DATE: January 16, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown



Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 18 Mar 2024

Item a)

Date: March 18, 2024

CR78-2024

Moved by
Seconded by



WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Vaugeois and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as required.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

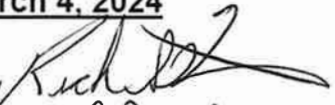
Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item a)

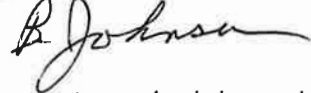
Date: March 4, 2024

CR59-2024

Moved by



Seconded by



WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

Carried

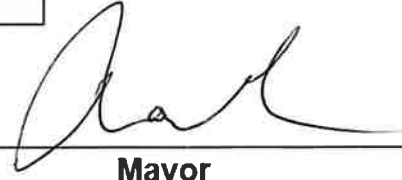
Defeated

Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		

Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item d)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR39-2024

Moved by
Seconded by



WHEREAS the Council of Prince Edward County (PEC) passed the following resolution at their January 16, 2024 regular meeting:

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).


AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace Bay supports the resolution and initiative of Prince Edward County;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT this resolution of support be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

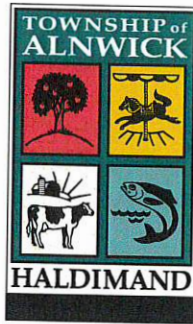
Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes 	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



March 28, 2024

David Piccini, MPP
Northumberland-Peterborough South
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street,
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

Dear Sir:

RE: Support of Resolution – Highway Traffic Act Amendments, Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on September 5th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the resolutions of the Municipality of St. Charles and City of Cambridge regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments:

Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill;

"Whereas Council reviewed the correspondence "Highway Traffic Act Amendments, Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Systems" from the Municipality of St. Charles, and the Resolution from the City of Cambridge;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support amendments to the Highway Traffic Act that would allow municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities, and as determined by municipalities, and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

Further that Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

A copy of the above noted resolution from both the Municipality of St. Charles and the City of Cambridge is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahtwp.ca

Encl.

Cc: (via email)
Clerk, City of Cambridge
Clerk, Municipality of St. Charles
Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
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Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
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mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



PROCLAMATION
WORLD AUTISM DAY
APRIL 2, 2024

WHEREAS World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2024, in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family, and community; and approximately 1 - 2% of the Canadian population is on the autism spectrum;

AND WHEREAS ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each person as well. A child on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its Regions share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim April 2, 2024 as **World Autism Day**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills



PROCLAMATION
HALTON LEARNING FOUNDATION MONTH
APRIL, 2024

WHEREAS April has been designated as HLF Month by the Halton District School Board (HDSB);

AND WHEREAS Thousands of children in the community of Halton need some financial support to fully participate in school and be successful in learning;

AND WHEREAS The Halton Learning Foundation provides more than 2,000 students across the Halton District School Board annually with funding for food, clothing, school supplies and transportation, and learning opportunities that can help them explore possibilities for their future;

AND WHEREAS a child with a full tummy, clean clothing, proper learning tools and the same opportunities as their peers has an equitable chance to succeed in school;

AND WHEREAS HLF month is an opportunity to raise awareness that there are elementary and secondary students in our community for whom basic financial assistance can help them reach their potential.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim April, 2024 as **Halton Learning Foundation Month**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills



PROCLAMATION

MENSTRUAL HEALTH DAY

MAY 28, 2024

WHEREAS Initiated by German non-profit WASH United in 2014, Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day) is a global day of action with more than 830 partner organizations working together to catalyze awareness and action towards a world without period poverty and stigma;

AND WHEREAS The date of 28 May represents the menstrual cycle (average duration of 28 days, with on average 5 days of bleeding);

AND WHEREAS This day highlights the importance of menstrual equity and public education that advocates for equitable access to proper menstrual health;

AND WHEREAS MH Day raises awareness about the challenges that women, girls and gender diverse people experience due to the menstruation;

AND WHEREAS Through open dialogue to help consider taboos surrounding periods, we can work to promote equitable access to period needs and products.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim May 28, 2024 as **Menstrual Health Day**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills