



**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday March 25, 2024

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 25th day of March 2024 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 2:30 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair reconvened into Open Session at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, (EP-Electronic Participation) Councillor M. Albano, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor J. Racinsky, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene

STAFF PRESENT (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present) C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, D. Szybalski, Commissioner of Business, Environment & Culture, L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services, J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, S. Howard, Acting Commissioner of Recreation & Parks, M.J. Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2024-0037

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky
Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills meet in closed session in order to address the following matters:

2.2 FIRE SERVICES REPORT NO. FIRE-2024-002 dated March 8, 2024 regarding labour relations or employee negotiations. (Negotiations)

CARRIED

3. OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2024-0038

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville
Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills reconvene this meeting in open session.

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:00 p.m.

1. O CANADA

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor C. Somerville declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 15, General Information package (p. 15-19), Committee of Adjustment minutes from February 7, 2024, as he owns property that is adjacent to 45 Church Street West. He did not partake in discussions or voting regarding the item.

4. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMERGENCY MATTERS)

1. Staff Recognition - Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

I want to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate one of our own fantastic team members for their outstanding achievement. Kyla Farmer is one of our Infrastructure Engineering Technologists and today we recognize her for being the recipient of the 2024 Young Professionals Recognition Award from OACETT.

Nominated as a form of peer recognition for a record of continuing excellence, this award is granted to a young professional who has made a positive contribution to the science and technology profession. This award focuses on her career path and professional successes, contributions to technical and standard organizations, and general contributions to her profession.

Please join me in congratulating Kyla for this exceptional achievement and for being a source of inspiration to us all. We are so pleased to have her as part of our team and this accomplishment is indicative of the high caliber, professional staff that we are fortunate to have.

2. Earth Week

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

Mark your calendar for Earth Week celebrations from April 19th to 27th, 2024, to recognize the globally celebrated Earth Day!

Activities include:

- The annual Community Clean-Up, and 22-Minute Makeover
- Compost and Woodchip Giveaway, and the annual Halton Hills Bike Swap
- Tree planting with Credit Valley Conservation
- Tree Voucher Purchase Program where residents can get a \$50 discount voucher on a tree purchase from a local participating garden centre
- Bird Friendly Halton Hills Symposium
- Eco Film Fest, and so much more!

Thank you to all of our participants, and partners especially Superior Glove Works located in Acton for donating gloves to the clean up activities.

For more information and to view a complete list of Earth Week activities please visit the Town's website at haltonhills.ca/EarthWeek

3. Reminder of an increase in fraud attempts through trusted organizations

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

There seems to be an increase in attempts by criminals to try and trick people into providing their personal and financial information by pretending to be trusted organizations like municipalities, government agencies or utilities. This is why we wanted to share an important reminder that if you ever receive a suspicious phone call about a Town of Halton Hills program or a request for credit card or banking information from the Town, do not give out any information.

Instead, please verify the call by contacting the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 or, if the call claims to be about a recreation program, contact the program information hotline at 905-873-2600, ext. 2275 Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, or email register@haltonhills.ca.

5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GENERAL COMMITTEE ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Resolution No. 2024-0039

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday March 4, 2024 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

REPORT NO. PD-2024-015 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0018)

THAT Report No. PD-2024-015, dated February 20, 2024, regarding "Recommendation Report for a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a two-storey industrial building at 8049 Hornby Road (Premier Gateway Employment Area)", be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment, to amend Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 8049 Hornby Road (Premier Gateway Employment Area), as generally shown on SCHEDULE 3 – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, be approved on the basis that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conforms or does not conflict with all applicable Provincial plans, conforms with the Region of Halton Official Plan and the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, has regard for matters of Provincial interest, and represents good planning for the reasons outlined in Report PD-2024-015, dated February 20, 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Section 34 (17) of the Planning Act, no further notice is determined to be necessary.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. PD-2024-017 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0019)

THAT Report No. PD-2024-017, dated February 9, 2024, regarding a “Recommendation Report for proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to allow for a 6-storey, 163-unit apartment building at 12, 22 and 24 Dayfoot Drive (Georgetown)”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment No. 56, which amends the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan as generally shown on SCHEDULE 3 – OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, be adopted as an exempt Local Official Plan Amendment and the Zoning By-law Amendment, to amend the Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, as generally shown on SCHEDULE 4 – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, be approved on the basis that the amendments for the lands municipally known as 12, 22 and 24 Dayfoot Drive (Georgetown) are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conform or do not conflict with all applicable Provincial plans, conform with the Region of Halton Official Plan and satisfies the evaluation criteria contained in the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, have regard for matters of Provincial interest, and represent good planning for the reasons outlined in Report No. PD-2024-017, dated February 9, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, no other notice is deemed to be necessary.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. TPW-2024-002 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0021)

THAT Report No. TPW-2024-002, dated February 13, 2024, regarding the 2024 Traffic Engineering Work Plan, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the completion of 2024 Traffic Engineering Work Plan is dependent on labour and financial resources, and agency approvals;

AND FURTHER THAT new in-year service requests be prioritized based on safety considerations, community impact and budget implications, and added to the 2024 Traffic Engineering Work Plan where feasible.

CARRIED

MEMORANDUM NO. TPW-2024-001 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0022)

THAT Memorandum No. TPW-2024-001 dated February 21, 2024 regarding 2024 TPW Key Capital Projects Update be received.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2024-0040

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

6.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday February 26, 2024.

6.2 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday February 26, 2024.

6.3 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday March 4, 2024.

6.4 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday March 4, 2024.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

NIL

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Item No. 8.3 was moved to General Committee for discussion.

Resolution No. 2024-0041

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the following Consent Items are hereby approved:

1. 2023 Annual Purchasing Policy Reporting

THAT Report No. CS-2024-004 dated February 29, 2024, regarding Annual Purchasing Policy Reporting – By-law No. 2022-0033, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Others During the Year 2023

THAT Report No. CS-2024-005 dated March 25, 2024, regarding Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and Others during the Year 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

4. 2024 Annual Development Charges Indexing

THAT Memorandum No. CS-2024-001 dated March 25, 2024 regarding 2024 Annual Development Charges Indexing be received.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2024-0042

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

a. Stephanie Mirtitsch and Dana Anderson, MHBC

S. Mirtitsch and D. Anderson presented to General Committee regarding Stewarttown - Preferred Land Use Plan with opening remarks provided by Keith Hamilton.

(Refer to Item No. 9.2.c, Report No. PD-2024-016. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar webpage](#).)

b. Sam Mercurio, Stewarttown Community Association

S. Mercurio delegated to General Committee regarding Stewarttown - Preferred Land Use Plan.

(Refer to Item No. 9.2.c, Report No. PD-2024-016. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar webpage](#).)

c. Matthew Lakatos-Hayward, Goodmans LLP

M. Lakatos-Hayward delegated to General Committee regarding Stewarttown - Preferred Land Use Plan.

(Refer to Item No. 9.2.c, Report No. PD-2024-016. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar webpage](#).)

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

All Reports and Memorandums considered in General Committee will receive final disposition at the next Council meeting. Reports and Memorandums requiring immediate disposition at this meeting will be considered an immediate Action Item and will be identified with an (IA) beside the title.

a. REPORT NO. CS-2024-002

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0025

THAT Report No. CS-2024-002 dated February 2, 2024, regarding the Halton Court Services 2024 Business Plan and Budget be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Court Services 2024 Business Plan and Budget as attached in Appendix A to this report be approved.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. CS-2024-007

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0026

THAT Report No. CS-2024-007 dated March 11, 2024, regarding the Asset Retirement Obligations Policy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy, attached as Appendix A to this report.

CARRIED

c. REPORT NO. PD-2024-016

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0027

THAT Report No. PD-2024-016 dated February 5, 2024, regarding the Stewarttown Secondary Plan – Preferred Land Use Plan and Policy Direction, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft Preferred Land Use Plan (attached as part of Appendix 1), and draft technical reports including the

Planning and Policy Recommendation Report, which can be found on Let's Talk Halton Hills, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the draft Preferred Land Use Plan in principle, which concludes Phase 3 of the study, so that it may be used to guide the preparation of the draft Stewarttown Secondary Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Region of Halton, and Credit Valley Conservation for information.

CARRIED

d. REPORT NO. PD-2024-019

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0028

THAT Report No. PD-2024-019 dated March 1, 2024 and titled "Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 8 James Street" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 8 James Street, known as the Mackenzie Mill, legally described as "PLAN 33 LOTS 19 & 20", under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 8 James Street be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

e. REPORT NO. PD-2024-020

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0029

THAT Report No. PD-2024-020 dated March 1, 2024 and titled "Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 9156 Trafalgar Road" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 9156 Trafalgar Road, known as the Currie Farmhouse, legally described as "PART LOT 6, CON 7 ESQ, PART 1 20R4616 EXCEPT PART 1 20R6108 & PART 1 HR1810257 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PARTS 2,3 HR1810257 AS IN HR1810257 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS", under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 9156 Trafalgar Road be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

f. REPORT NO. PD-2024-021

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0030

THAT Report No. PD-2024-021 dated March 1, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 25 Mountain Street” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 25 Mountain Street, known as Barraclough House, legally described as “LT 41, RCP 1556”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 25 Mountain Street be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

g. REPORT NO. PD-2024-022 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0031

THAT Report No. PD-2024-022 dated March 13, 2024, regarding the “Draft Plan of Standard Condominium for 42 Mill Street (Georgetown)” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Commissioner of Planning & Development be authorized to grant draft approval and final approval of the Draft Plan of Standard Condominium for 42 Mill Street (Georgetown), as generally shown on SCHEDULE 2 and subject to conditions as generally set out in SCHEDULE 3 of this report.

CARRIED

h. REPORT NO. PD-2024-024 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0032

THAT Report No. PD-2024-024, dated March 11, 2024, with respect to the “Region of Halton 2024 Allocation Program – Recommended Distribution of Servicing Allocation to Landowners”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request Halton Region to allocate servicing to each of the landowners in the Town’s Designated Greenfield Area (DGA) that are seeking to participate in the 2023 Allocation Program, consistent with their submitted Request for Expression of Interest (REOI), in the form of SDE generally equal to the ensuing number of units:

Georgetown Country Properties – 525 units;

Lormel Developments – 371 units;

Master Built Homes (Remington) – 185 units;

Shelson Properties/Coryville Construction – 1,205 units;

Mattamy Limited – 300 units;

El-Zoeiby Inc. – 75 units;

Russell Pines Property Corp. (Fieldgate) – 363 units;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request Halton Region to allocate servicing to 2602151 Ontario Inc. & 1732216 Ontario Inc. (Di Blasio Corp.) consistent with their submitted Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) in the form of Infrastructure Dependent Units (IDU) equal to 96 units;

AND FURTHER THAT the Commissioner of Planning & Development be authorized to endorse any minor changes to the distribution of servicing allocation that may be required as the Region of Halton advances the 2023 Allocation Program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Commissioner of Planning & Development be granted the authority to advise the Region on how any unsubscribed capacity may be distributed in the future.

CARRIED

i. REPORT NO. RP-2024-006 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0033

THAT Report No. RP-2024-006, dated March 8, 2024, regarding the Tender Award for Trafalgar Sports Park – Seasonal Washroom Building be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Verly Construction Group Inc, 1650 Sismet Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 1R4 be awarded Tender No T-008-2024, Trafalgar Sports Park Seasonal Washroom Building, at a total amount of \$973,635.79 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves a budget increase of \$27,142 from \$4,051,799 to \$4,078,941 to the 8500-11-2004 TSP Field of Dreams Ph 2 project as outlined in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to return \$14,868.68 of unused capital funding from project 8500-11-2207 Facility Flag Poles and \$6,411.35 from project 8500-12-0101 Park Parking Lot Surfacing to the capital replacement reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT staff are authorized to transfer \$27,142 of funds from the new capital reserve to finance the net shortfall in the Trafalgar Sports Park Seasonal Washroom Building project as outlined in Report RP-2024-006;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$973,635.79 plus applicable taxes to Verly Construction Group Inc and an additional amount of \$50,000.00 plus applicable taxes for cash allowance, in the total amount of \$1,023,635.79 plus applicable tax;

AND FURTHER THAT That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents for the project.

CARRIED

j. REPORT NO. RP-2024-008 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0034

THAT Report No. RP-2024-008, dated March 8, 2024 regarding the Award of 2024-010-P Inclusive Playground Equipment for Cedarvale Park, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Proposal 2024-010-P Design, Supply and Installation of Inclusive Playground Equipment for Cedarvale Park be awarded to Openspace Solutions Inc., for Part A -Traditional Playground in the amount of \$137,791.00 plus applicable taxes and Part B – Natural Playground in the amount of \$119,596.00, in the total amount of \$257,387.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$257,387.00 plus applicable taxes to Openspace Solutions Inc. and an additional amount of \$20,000 plus applicable taxes for cash allowance, in the total amount of \$277,387.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents for the project.

CARRIED

k. REPORT NO. TPW-2024-005 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0035

THAT Report No. TPW-2024-005 dated March 6, 2024 regarding Award of Tender – 2024-013-T 2024 Pavement Management Resurfacing be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Tender No. 2024-013-T, 2024 Pavement Management Resurfacing be awarded to Wyndale Paving Co. Ltd., in the amount of \$2,088,888.89 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$2,088,888.89 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents for the project.

CARRIED

l. REPORT NO. TPW-2024-006 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0036

THAT Report No. TPW-2024-006, dated March 13, 2024 regarding the Award of Tender 2024-024-T for the Supply and Delivery of Four (4) Tandem Axle Snowplow Trucks be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Tender 2024-024-T Supply and Delivery of Four (4) Tandem Axle Snowplow Trucks be awarded to PTG Mississauga Enterprises Limited Partnership O/A Premier Truck Group in the amount of \$1,708,800.00 plus applicable taxes, being the only one (1) bid received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a purchase order to PTG Mississauga Enterprises Limited Partnership O/A Premier Truck Group, in the amount of \$1,708,800.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

8.3 Land-Based Solar Energy Opportunities Study Update

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0037

THAT Memorandum No. BEC-2024-003 dated March 8, 2024 regarding Land-Based Solar Energy Opportunities Study Update be received.

3. ADJOURN BACK INTO COUNCIL

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0038

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2024-0043

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Immediate Action Item Reports & Memorandums from the Monday March 25, 2024 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. PD-2024-022 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0031)

Report No. PD-2024-024 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0032)

Report No. RP-2024-006 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0033)

Report No. RP-2024-008 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0034)

Report No. TPW-2024-005 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0035)

Report No. TPW-2024-006 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0036)

CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2024-0044

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

THAT the recommendation contained in the following Confidential Report from the Monday March 25, 2024 Closed Session of Council are hereby adopted as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT staff carry out any of Council's direction on these matters as set out in the Confidential minutes dated March 25, 2024.

Report No. FIRE-2024-002

CARRIED

12. MOTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Support Halton Region's West Nile Virus Response Plan

Resolution No. 2024-0045

Moved By: Councillor J. Fogal
Seconded By: Mayor A. Lawlor

WHEREAS Halton Region has an annual West Nile prevention program which includes larviciding, public education, monitoring and surveillance to reduce the risk of West Nile virus in the community;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills supports local action to reduce the risk of West Nile virus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirms its support to the Region's 2024 West Nile Virus Response Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills authorizes any permit application for West Nile virus control submitted to the Ministry of the Environment from an appropriately licensed exterminator, to apply a larvicide into catch basins or surface water:

- located within and [owned/ managed] by the Town of Halton Hills; and
- located on private land that drain into the storm drain system or water ways located within the Town of Halton Hills.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Health Protection at Halton Region.

CARRIED

2. Update to the Ontario Building Code

Resolution No. 2024-0046

Moved By: Councillor J. Fogal
Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

WHEREAS the Province stated in February 2022 that it planned to transition certain municipal green building standards related to building construction into the Ontario Building Code by the summer of 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Province has consulted on advancing harmonization of energy efficiency requirements in buildings by aligning Ontario's Building Code with National Code tiers as minimum energy efficiency requirements in the next edition of the Code in 2024;

AND WHEREAS buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, reduce community greenhouse gas emissions, improve resiliency from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future, unlike existing buildings, and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied;

AND WHEREAS the building sector is a major driver of energy demand and source of emissions;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills began implementing its Green Development Standards in 2010 and implemented its third upgraded

version on June 15th 2021, with the objective to elevate the sustainability performance of new developments, through a focus on energy performance, water efficiency, protection of the natural environment and assets, use of native plants, increased resiliency and improved transportation options;

AND WHEREAS over approximately 1400 residential units and 2,000,000 square feet of non-residential development have already successfully implemented the Town's Green Development Standards;

AND WHEREAS Toronto, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Pickering, Whitby, King, Markham and Ajax have all implemented Green Development Standards;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities of Mississauga, Caledon, Ottawa, Hamilton, Grey County, Waterloo Region and others are currently developing their Green Development Standards;

AND WHEREAS there is clearly a desire by municipalities to achieve a higher level of sustainability, including through higher energy efficiency and lower greenhouse gas emissions in all new buildings and renovations, having individual municipalities develop their own standards results in programs that may not be consistent across municipal boundaries, and hence become a complicating factor for builders at a time when governments and the building industry are all seeking to simplify the building process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Halton Hills urges the Province to expedite the completion and publication of the promised amended Ontario Building Code that would, at a minimum, align with the tiered structure of the National Model Building Code, result in a minimum mandatory tier for the OBC that results in an energy efficiency improvement in the OBC (which has not had an energy efficiency requirement increase in almost a decade), work with the National Model Building Code to bring in greenhouse gas intensity metrics into tiers, and work with Ontario municipalities to advance a green standards by-law. This alignment with the National Model Building Code will help increase consistency in energy and greenhouse gas metrics in municipal green standards, thereby improving energy efficiency opportunities for Ontarians;

AND FURTHER THAT during the transition period to align the OBC with the National Model Building Code, the Province continue to support municipalities in the implementation of green development standards, including those elements of the standards that are not related to the OBC since they do not involve building construction.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and MPP Ted Arnott.

CARRIED

3. **AMO's Provincial-Municipal Funding**

Resolution No. 2024-0047

Moved By: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

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

AND 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;

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

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure – as examples, the reconstruction of Eighth Line is estimated to cost \$83 Million and the Gellert Recreation Centre Phase 2, \$26 Million;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and property taxpayers are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises and also being asked to help finance local healthcare facilities which are provincial responsibilities;

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

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity to fund the necessary infrastructure to support growth. For example, the Town of Halton Hills has a current infrastructure investment funding gap averaging \$26.8 million per year. The Town's ten-year capital forecast is \$607 Million, with over half that amount directly related to growth and a significant funding gap is projected to persist;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial changes to development charges have resulted in municipal revenue losses, while the Provincial Government's commitment to ensuring municipalities are kept whole for any impact of their ability to fund housing infrastructure has not materialized;

AND WHEREAS, Halton Regional Council has recently endorsed a resolution requesting a new fiscal framework (New Deal) for Halton to address the funding shortfall for cost shared health and social services programming, the shortfall in development charge revenues, and to ensure critical water and wastewater infrastructure is adequately funded to keep pace with growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Halton Hills Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's call for a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review with the Provincial Government to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining support for AMO's call for a social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, Halton's MPPs & MPs, the Association of Municipalities of

Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Halton's Municipalities for their information.

CARRIED

4. Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Resolution No. 2024-0048

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky
Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in this municipality have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties;

AND WHEREAS the above-noted work involving over 700 listed properties in this municipality is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to MPP Ted Arnott, all Halton area MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

- 1. Canada Community Building Fund – Councillor C. Somerville**

14. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS

NIL

15. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2024-0049

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the General Information Package dated March 25, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

16. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2024-0050

Moved By: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the following Bills are hereby passed by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the said by-laws and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto:

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0020

A By-law to adopt Amendment No. 56 to the Official Plan of the Town of Halton Hills, 12, 22 and 24 Dayfoot Drive (Georgetown) Part of Lot 19, Concession 9 (Esquesing) and Part of Lot 17, Registered Plan 341 Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton (File No. D09OPA21.004).

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0021

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, Part of Lot 19, Concession 9 (Esquesing) and Part of Lot 17, Registered Plan 341 Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, municipally known as 12, 22 & 24 Dayfoot Drive (Georgetown).

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0022

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 25th day of March, 2024 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2024-0051

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK