



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.:

Title: Court Resources

Date: May 6, 2024

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No.

WHEREAS Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEOs) may issue charges under the Provincial Offences Act (POA) when there is non-compliance with municipal by-laws;

AND WHEREAS judicial resources within the Provincial Offences Courts are required for charges under the Provincial Offences Act (POA) to be scheduled and heard in a timely manner by a Justice of the Peace;

AND WHEREAS the reduced judicial resources in the Region continues to impact the number of matters that can be scheduled and can impact a municipality's ability to initiate court action and move toward compliance on enforcement matters, including zoning infractions;

AND WHEREAS it is now common for trials to be delayed by a year or more due to the limited availability of judicial resources, undermining the Town's ability to enforce its by-laws and maintain peace and order in the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Halton Hills requests the Minister of the Attorney General support more Justice of the Peace appointments, together with the staff needed to support those appointments, and that those appointments occur in a timely manner in order to address the severe lack of judicial resources in the region;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted Arnott MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Region of Halton, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington and Town of Milton.

Mayor Ann Lawlor