



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

**DATE:** June 4, 2024

**MEMO NO.:** PD-2024-006

**SUBJECT:** Bill 162 – Get It Done Act, 2024 – Royal Assent

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### **PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update regarding Bill 162, *the Get It Done Act, 2024*.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 20, 2024, the Province introduced Bill 162, the “*Get It Done Act, 2024*” which proposed amendments to Bill 150, and more specifically the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023*. The *Official Plan Adjustments Act* reversed the November 2022 Provincial decision to approve with significant modifications Halton Region’s Official Plan Amendment No. 49, including a large-scale expansion to the Georgetown Urban Area.

Bill 162, specifically the amendments to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act*, proposed changes to the Town’s urban boundaries and set population and employment targets to the 2051 horizon.

Council received memorandum PD-2024-004 on March 4, 2024, which highlighted staff comments on proposed Bill 162. The memo provided Council with an overview of the proposed legislation, identified potential changes to the Town’s urban boundaries that are aligned with Council’s expectations, and explained how the proposed legislation was linked to previous staff reports and Council Workshops regarding the Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 49 (ROPA 49) process.

The comment window for Bill 162 closed on March 21, 2024. Staff comments were prepared and submitted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) portal prior to the deadline.

## **COMMENTS:**

Bill 162, the *Get It Done Act, 2024*, received Royal Assent on May 16, 2024.

Bill 162 has now formally included the lands identified in Council's endorsed Community Area Option 1 ([Appendix 4](#)) from Report PD-2023-080, within the Town's urban boundary to the 2051 planning horizon. These lands are located south of 10 Side Road, effectively between Trafalgar Road and the Tenth Line, and includes the proposed hospital site and the lands located immediately to the east.

With respect to the Premier Gateway Employment Area boundary, Bill 162 again includes the lands supported by Council in Report PD-2023-080, as shown in the Council endorsed Employment Area Option 1 ([Appendix 6](#)). These lands are primarily located north of the existing Premier Gateway Employment Area lands. They do not follow a specific Lot Line, however they run from Sixth Line in the west to Winston Churchill Boulevard in the east.

As identified above, Community Area Option 1 and Employment Area Option 1 were supported by Town Council to represent the future urban boundaries of the Georgetown Community Area and Premier Gateway Employment Area to the 2051 planning horizon. Through Bill 162, the Town's urban boundaries have officially been amended to effectively mirror what Council endorsed through those two Options in Report PD-2023-080. The Bill 162 additional Community Area and additional Employment Area boundaries are shown on Appendix 1 to this memorandum.

As previously identified for Council through MEM-PD-2024-004, one minor difference between the Town's Employment Area Option 1 map and the Bill 162 Employment Area is the inclusion of an additional parcel within the Premier Gateway Employment Area, located immediately west of Winston Churchill Blvd., being the most northern parcel identified in blue on Appendix 1 to this memorandum. That parcel, originally included in the Region's Draft Preferred Growth Concept through the ROPA 49 exercise, is also included in the Bill 162 Employment Area.

## **CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, as noted above, Bill 162 received Royal Assent on May 16, 2024. All changes to the *Official Plan Adjustments Act* that are now in force through the approval of Bill 162 are in keeping with [Council Resolution No. 2023-0251](#). As such, staff are pleased to see the Town's requests regarding the future urban boundaries of Halton Hills were considered by the Province when finalizing this important piece of legislation.

Reviewed and approved by,

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer