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**MINUTES OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday July 19,
2024 held Via Zoom.

Members Present: Councillor M. Albano, Chair, Councillor D. Keene, J. Bray,
L. McKenzie, J. Pearce, S. Calvert

Regrets: W. Farrow-Reed

Staff Present: R. Brown, Deputy Clerk – Administration, J. Smith, Facility
Supervisor, A. Matthews, Director of Facilities

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Albano, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**3.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on
February 28, 2024.**

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2024-0003

THAT the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on
February 28, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Update - John Elliott Theatre

J. Smith advised that staff followed up with the complainant and the person has since returned to the John Elliott Theatre and attended a lecture. The complainant seems content with the staff response and assistance provided.

4.b Update - All Gender Accessible Washrooms at the Gellert

T. Forbes was unable to attend but provided photos of the updated washrooms at Gellert and her gratitude to the committee for approving funding for the project.

4.c Update - Lead Pedestrian Signal Timing - Mountainview Road North and Dominion Gardens Drive

M. Roj was unable to attend but provided a written update with the number of Lead Pedestrian Signal Timing being installed this year and the locations.

The committee requested an update on and possible demonstration of the Lead Pedestrian Signal Timing at a future meeting.

4.d Request for Funding - Hearing Loops at the John Elliott Theatre

J. Smith submitted a request for funding for handheld assistive listening devices for the John Elliott Theatre. The theatre recently installed a hearing loop system to enhance the auditory experience for patrons with cochlear implants and hearing aids. However, a gap in service for patrons with hearing difficulties who do not use these devices has been identified. The Theatre currently only has two handheld devices currently and want to ensure they have a sufficient amount keep up with the needs of their customers. The request is for two kits (10 handheld devices and 2 charging stands) at a cost of approximately \$5000.00.

Recommendation No. HHAAC-2024-0004

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve funding for 2 kits of handheld assistive listening devices (10 handheld devices and 2 charging stands) for the John Elliott Theatre in the amount of \$5,000.00 + HST to be funded from the Municipal Accessibility Plan Capital Project Account.

CARRIED

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Wednesday July 24th, 2024 – 7:00pm

Location: Acton Agricultural Society Building – 30 Park Avenue, Acton

Truth and Reconciliation Land Acknowledgement – Reading:

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.

Attendance: Monica Galway – Chairperson, Chris Cambouris – Vice Chairperson, Mike Albano – Ward 1 Councilor, Nicole Walker – Acton Optical, Patricia Daleman – Grant Thornton LLP, Matthew Galliford – DABIA Coordinator

Regrets in advance: Norm Paulsen

1. Call to Order - 7:11pm
2. Declaration of Pecuniary / Personal Conflict of Interest(s) - None
3. Adoption of June 2024 Minutes – 1st: Chris Cambouris, 2nd: Nicole Walker, All in favor: Yes
4. Motion to Approve July 2024 Agenda – 1st: Mike Albano, 2nd: Nicole Walker, All in favor: Yes
5. Coordinator’s Report – Matthew Galliford – see attached
 - Administrative update
 - Beautification update – Flower Shed update / Watering Vehicle Update
 - Events and Festivals update
 - Community Police Information Night – Crime & Drug Prevention for the Public Update
 - Complaints
6. Financial Report – Basic Review of monthly financials.
7. New Business

Maintenance invoices including HST from the Flower Shed have the potential of exceeding the set budget of \$18,000.00 by \$636.00. Will the Board approve the overage? **NO**.

Mike Albano: The Terry Fox Charity Run for Cancer celebrates 45 Years in 2025. Jon Hurst is pleased to share that the Acton Fundraising efforts are short approximately \$50,000.00 of raising \$1 Million. Jon and Mike have asked for the support of the DABIA to allow the Terry Fox Fundraising Team to have a space at the Acton Outdoor Market and the Acton Leathertown Festival for public education and to receive donations. The Board and Matthew Galliford agree to give the spaces at the events complimentary as needed. Further support can be arranged once the DABIA move into our new office space.

A - Developing a 2025 plan for Flowers and Maintenance. Do we agree to purchase a watering vehicle? Do we stay the course with Flower Shed to supply and plant for us? Do we purchase and plant the flowers ourselves and maintain or hire maintenance?

A: The Board agree that we are to survey our current downtown flowers (Thursday Aug 1, 9:30am – Monica and Matthew) and to review the planter flowers from 2023 to create a plan for the 2025 Floral Beautification Budget. We are continuing to pursue the purchase of an electric “farm type”

maintenance vehicle to mount our watering tank onto for 2025.

A: Continued

Monica put forth the motion to allow Matthew to spend up to \$7000.00 from the reserve fund on an appropriate electric vehicle to facilitate our maintenance needs. The Board will be informed first of the selected vehicle. Any expense amount above \$7000.00 is to be presented in advance and voted on by the Board before funds can be spent.

1st: Chris Cambouris, 2nd: Nicole Walker, All in favor: Yes - PASSED

B – Potential new Treasurer / Board Member Update. Will we need a bookkeeper?

Yes, we do require a bookkeeper. Potential candidates will be asked to apply for the position and will be interviewed by a committee. Once we have a bookkeeper in place, we will elect a Treasurer on our existing Board of Directors. – BMO has expressed interest in nominating a staff member to represent the bank on our Board and function as Treasurer. They will advise if this is allowed by their governing bodies.

Monica put forth a motion to accept and pay the invoice for services rendered from Sheida Kernc CPA (former bookkeeper) in full as the end of our business relations with her.

1st: Nicole Walker, 2nd: Mike Albano, All in favor: Yes – Passed

Monica put forth a motion to accept and pay the invoice for services rendered from Genuweb (annual web maintenance) in full an renew our annual service contract.

1st: Chris Cambouris, 2nd: Nicole Walker, All in favor: Yes – Passed

C – Moving our Office for September 1st tenancy. Update, all is on schedule.

D – Planning for the 2025 Budget – What are our plans and potential costs incurred?

Please bring any capital spending plans / projects with costs and estimated timelines to the September meeting to be discussed and proposed to be added to the 2025 budget.

NEW ADDITION:

Nicole has requested a consultation meeting with the Town Arts & Cultural Services Department (Catherine McLeod, Glodeane Brown) regarding launching a potential Sidewalk Art initiative in Downtown Acton. The TEAMS meeting is scheduled for Just 31st, 2:30 pm. Nicole, Monica and Matthew to attend.

SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024 – ACTON LEATHERTOWN FESTIVAL

8. Motion to Adjourn – 8:33pm

NEXT MEETING: August – Board Meeting Vacation Month

SEPTEMBER 18th, 2024 – 7:00pm, New DABIA Office location: 25A Mill Street East

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

Attached: Coordinators Report

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA

Coordinators Report

Wednesday July 24, 2024

Administrative update

The Lease Agreement for 251\Mill Street East was accepted by all after our last meeting on June 19th 2024. The agreement was dropped off at McKenzie Chapman Law Office for review. No issues have been reported. After it is returned to us, we will sign and deliver it to Chris LaTour.

I am meeting with Paul and Chris LaTour on Friday July 26 to discuss the renovations to the new office space. We can start moving in late August for September 1st occupancy.

Beautification update

Artificial Flowers were ordered, backordered and cancelled. We have ordered different one to test, delivery by August 6th

Community Police Information Night — Crime & Drug Prevention for the Public Update

The planned event for July / early August was not feasible for the Community Service Officer, we are planning for a back to school session. -

Events and Festivals update

The Outdoor Market is doing well. We have a few vendors who are taking vacation time but overall we are having a successful market. Each week / set of weeks we are having promotions. The Loyalty Card Program has given \$50.00 in BIA Bucks to be spent downtown. The Father's Day draw had 35 entries for the gift basket and we are currently having a draw for an umbrella donated by Willow Lane Natural Foods. If draw entrants show a receipt from a BIA Business each week, they get a second entry ballot. The draw will be held on August 1st.

Leathertown Festival applications are still coming in, the deadline is Sunday July 28 at midnight. The bands, special character visitors, stage, portable toilets and sinks, garbage and recycling bins, road closures and police are all confirmed. Our expected expenses are \$18507.00. Our expected vendor income as of today is \$11465.00 with \$7369.00 in Sponsorships so far for at total income of \$18834.00 as of July 24, 2024. 150 Confirmed vendors so far, still waiting on payments from some.

Complaints

Melinda Noble of Sew Productive at John Street N. / Mill Street E. has asked to have the trash receptacle in front of her store removed. It was requested to be removed in the spring, the Works Department chose to leave it there. I have forwarded her request to the Town Works Department.

New Business

Flowers: We will look at developing a 2025 plan for Flowers and Maintenance. We are testing artificial baskets and looking to purchase a watering vehicle? Do we stay the course with Flower Shed or purchase from Meadowville Garden Centre like last year? Do we purchase and plant the flowers ourselves?

New Bookkeeper: We will be receiving a letter of introduction from a potential bookkeeper.
TBD

-End of Report-



**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES**

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **July 3, 2024**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Regrets: Keith Medenblik

Staff Present: Greg Macdonald, Senior Planner
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 order of the listed applications as shown on the agenda was altered to address attendance.

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.

- d) Minor Variance D13VAR24.017H – 65 Main Street North**

Location: 65 Main Street North (Acton), Regional Municipality of Halton

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

1. To permit the ground floor space (284 sq m) previously occupied by a former animal clinic to be converted to a business office, whereas the By-law only permits business office uses that legally existed when the By-law was passed (July 2010).

To accommodate the conversion of the ground floor area to a business office.

Owner(s): 65 Main Street Inc., Lawrence Herman **Agent:** Clare Riepma

The Town Planner discussed the proposal, stated that the proposed floor area for the business office is the same size as the former animal clinic, and noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The agent was present to speak to the application.

Committee deliberations included whether the existing apartment had been vacated, and availability of parking.

It was MOVED by Todd Jenney, 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.

a) Minor Variance D13VAR24.014H – 35 Bowman Street

Location: 35 Bowman 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 rear yard setback from the minimum 7.5 m to permit a rear yard setback of 5.84 m.

To accommodate a one-storey addition.

Owner(s): Ralph Rozema, **Agent:** Mathew Partridge

The Town Planner referenced received objections from 30, 32, and 33 Robinson Road regarding matters including privacy, limitations on variances, and construction in established neighbourhoods, and responded that the proposal meets the 4 tests. The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner and agent were present to speak to the application.

Emmanuel Falzon and Sheena Falzon, 32 Robinson Road: were present and spoke against the application (concerns included privacy, invasion of space, and internet/hydro being impacted).

The agent responded that construction would adhere to the Building Code, locates would be marked ahead of time, and that the structure would be lower than the existing roofline of the house.

It was MOVED by Todd Jenney, 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 D13VAR24.015H – 110 Branigan Crescent

Location: 110 Branigan Crescent (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

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

1. To reduce the front yard soft landscaping from the minimum 40% (22.3 sq m) of the front yard area to permit 38.5% (21.5 sq m) of the front yard area.

To accommodate additional parking for a proposed accessory dwelling unit.

Owner(s): Mihir Patel

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner was 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.

c) Minor Variance D13VAR24.016H – 28 Rosset Valley Court

Location: 28 Rosset Valley Court (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

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

1. To reduce the front yard landscaping from the minimum 40% (24.8 sq m) of the front yard area to permit 25% (15.5 sq m) of the front yard area.

To accommodate additional parking for a proposed accessory dwelling unit.

Owner(s): Marvin Phagwa, **Agent:** Tanvir Rai, Noble Prime Solutions

The Town Planner referenced received objections from 26, 36, 40 and 42 Rosset Valley Court regarding matters including numerous vehicles, snow removal, and the house being a duplex; responded that Enforcement staff may be contacted about street parking, sufficient area exists for snow storage, the house is not a duplex, and that the Ontario province allows accessory dwelling units. The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner was present to speak to the application.

Committee deliberations included snow removal/storage, trees, and widened driveways elsewhere.

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.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **June 5, 2024**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Staff Present: Ruth Conard, Planner
Josh Salisbury, Planner
Ivan Drownitski, Traffic Planning Coordinator
Niloo Hodjati, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment & Consent Official

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None. A brief discussion took place to clarify the disclosure procedure.

3. APPLICATIONS HEARD

The order of the listed applications as shown on the agenda was altered to address attendance.

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.

b) Minor Variance D13VAR24.012H – 51 Ontario Street

Location: 51 Ontario 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 from the minimum 4.5 m to permit an exterior side yard setback of 0.02 m.

To accommodate a second storey addition.

Owner(s): Florent Lefevre-Schlick & Diana Zdravecky

Deferral: the Secretary-Treasurer noted that there are issues with Hydro (proximity of proposal to the energized power lines) and Engineering (encroachment on Town lands) that need to be addressed.

It was MOVED by Jane Watson, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the decision for the application be deferred.

a) Minor Variance D13VAR24.011H – 81 Wildwood Road

Location: 81 Wildwood Road, Town of Halton Hills (Glen Williams), Regional Municipality of Halton

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

1. To increase the floor area of an individual accessory structure from the maximum 40 sq m to permit a floor area of 55 sq m.
2. To increase the total floor area of all accessory structures from the maximum 60 sq m to permit a total floor area of 64 sq m.

To accommodate a proposed accessory structure.

Owner(s): Paolo Reich & Debra Reich

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owners 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 D13VAR24.013H – 7975 Trafalgar Road

Location: 7975 Trafalgar Road, Town of Halton Hills (Premier Gateway), Regional Municipality of Halton

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

1. To permit 70% of the required parking spaces (14 spaces) to be located in a yard abutting Steeles Avenue, whereas the By-law permits 20% of the required parking spaces (4 spaces) to be located in a yard abutting Steeles Avenue.
2. To reduce the lot coverage from the minimum 25% (1150 sq m) to allow for a lot coverage of 15% (694 sq m) of the lot area.

To accommodate the proposed Gas Bar, Convenience Restaurant, and Convenience Store.

Owner(s): Caravan Truck Stop Ltd., Helen Pavlopoulos, **Agent:** CTM Design Services Ltd., Amina Oyakhilome

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 Todd Jenney, 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.

d) Minor Variance D13VAR23.019H – Rosen

Location: 573 Main 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 side yard setback to an addition from the minimum 2.25 m to permit a side yard setback to the first storey of 0.66 m.
2. To reduce the side yard setback from the minimum 1.5 m to permit a side yard setback of 0.2 m (existing shed).
3. To increase the encroachment of the roof overhang for of an accessory structure from the maximum 50% of the side yard setback (0.076 m from the side lot line) to

permit a roof overhang encroachment of 100% (0 m from the side lot line), (existing shed).

To accommodate a proposed addition to the dwelling, and an existing shed.

Owner(s): Hillary Rosen, **Agent:** 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.

e) Minor Variance D13VAR24.008H – 17 Guelph Street

Location: 17 Guelph 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 interior side yard setback shown on schedule 3 of By-law 2022-0007 from the minimum 6.3 m to permit a 1.5 m interior side yard setback (north-east corner of building).
2. To reduce the rear yard setback as shown on schedule 3 of By-law 2022-0007 from the minimum 25.7 m to permit a 13.2 m rear yard setback (north-east corner of building).
3. To reduce the exterior side yard setback as shown on schedule 3 of By-law 2022-0007 from the minimum 2.8 m and 4 m to permit a 2.4 m exterior side yard setback.
4. To reduce the number of parking spaces from the minimum 21 to permit 10 parking spaces.

To accommodate a proposed 12-unit apartment building.

Owner(s): Homestarts Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Georg Schneider, **Agent:** Tim Welch Consulting Inc., Leah Bennett Cooke

The Town Planner referenced received objections from 6 Guelph Street, 11 Guelph Street (St. John's United Church), and 12 Chapel Street regarding matters including

reduction in parking, overflow parking, supervision of project, criteria for tenants, stormwater management and snow storage; responded that only a limited number of residents will have vehicle ownership due to age and socio-economic status, parking permits will be provided, overnight parking permits may be obtained from the Town, Halton's Access to Community Housing will select from their residents, stormwater and snow management is being reviewed as part of the site plan process, and Engineering would need to sign off before approval is granted. The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The Town Traffic Planning Coordinator was present to answer questions. The agent was present to speak to the application, and gave a brief presentation about the project background and proposed development.

Committee deliberations included matters such as car ownership, parking, options available for overflow parking, tenant selection process, and trusting the Town's plan for parking.

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.

Bob Jickling (St. John's United Church) had not spoken when the Chair gave the public opportunities to speak and had various questions and concerns. Staff had already addressed the questions and concerns during the presentation portion of the hearing, and had also previously addressed the issues via e-mail. Although the decision was already made, Town staff repeated the discussion and responded to the questions.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Attended: Derek Smith, Rob Chlebowski (Secretary), Cheryl Discenza, Sandy Mackenzie, Drew Pullman (Vice Chair)

Absent: Ansub Shafique

Regrets: Erin Burke, Councillor Ron Norris

Staff: Maureen Turner, BIA Manager

Guests:

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:04 by Derek Smith
3. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, there was Quorum
4. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by: Drew Pullman

Seconded by: Cheryl Discenza

Carried

5. Declaration of Interest – There was none

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024

Motion to accept minutes of February 20, as presented.

Moved by: Drew Pullman

Seconded by: Derek Smith

Carried

7. Correspondence –

- Marcia from Foodstuffs reached out because the payments for rent are not consistent and often don't include HST. We have worked out a quarterly payment plus we will pay her for all HST missed.
- There have been messages back and forth between Hydro, Amico, Ron (Glazed expressions) and we have been CC'd to set a meeting to go over options for the Hydro pole behind glazed expressions. No date set yet

8. Financial Report – None

a) Treasurer's Report for – None

9. Manager's Report – Maureen Turner, BIA Manager
Maureen highlighted the following from her reported:

- Grants applied for – My Main Street
- Alley way between Goodfellas and Grant Thornton
- Restaurants interested in street closures every weekend in summer
- Travel Canada marketing opportunity
- Spring walkabout
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10. Business Arising

- A) Flower Baskets – waiting on pricing. Maureen to reach out
- B) Walk About with Town – Maureen to reach out to Councillor Norris to help expedite
- C) Public Art grant application – Maureen to update when she hears back
- D) Amica would like to be members – Let them know they are welcome to take part in sponsorship opportunities
- E) Dates for Summer events – Confirmed
- F) Phones – Quote from Telus – Drew said it's okay to move forward
- G) Bethany extended contract – Approved

11. Council Update – None

12. Committee updates:

- Marketing meeting was scheduled but many couldn't make it. Dennis was the only attendee, he shared some insight into pricing for billboard which was helpful. Danielle arrived late and shared that there is a new tourism kiosk in Union station we should look into having brochures there

13. New Business:

- A) Volunteers/Summer Student – Maureen to post summer job and volunteer application. Maureen voiced concerns about not having the bandwidth to take care of volunteers and student without help
- B) Farmers Market – Vendor Etiquette – Maureen to put together a document
- C) Banking Issues – Security Questions - resolved
- D) Closing Main Street in Summer – Restaurants are interested in road closures on weekends, to make it worth purchasing patio structures/furniture. To be discussed with town
- E) Support needed before market starts – Drew gave the go ahead to hire a 6 month contract. Maureen pointed out this will leave her in the same position next year, and will mean training new each time
- F) Maureen on vacation May 2 -10 (and at conference April 29-May 1) – No one in office

14. Date of Next Meeting: May 21, 2024

15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:29

Moved by: Cheryl Discenza
Seconded by: Drew Pullman
Carried

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

Absent:

Regrets:

Staff: Maureen Turner, BIA Manager

Guests:

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:09 by Derek Smith
3. Declaration of Quorum: Yes, there was Quorum
4. Approval of Agenda – Approved the Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by: Councillor Norris

Seconded by: Cheryl Discenza

Carried

5. Declaration of Interest – There was none

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2024

Motion to accept minutes of February 20, as presented.

Moved by: Cheryl Discenza

Seconded by: Councillor Norris

Carried

7. Correspondence –

- Barbara from INSpirit reached out to say there was a \$25 GC that she hadn't been paid for. I was able to transfer her the owing amount
- Jasvir from Babbli Chan called to say she had paid twice for flower baskets and she couldn't remember if she was reimbursed
- Lynne from Shepherd's Crook emailed to ask that we add our minutes to the website so they are public again. Hasn't been done since Nikki left

8. Financial Report – Ansub told us the audit was ongoing, and the budget is as expected. There were no significant spends have been made

a) Treasurer's Report for – First payment received from town puts us at \$72,000. GIC of \$52,000 – extend the GIC

9. Manager's Report – Maureen Turner, BIA Manager
Maureen highlighted the following from her reported:

- Public Art in Downtown area
- Women's Day events
- Spring Walkabout
- Marketing and Event Ideas

10. Business Arising

- A) New Board Members – Look into minimum and maximum. Should residents be more involved
- B) Email Issues continued – All resolved
- C) Sip and Shop Social – Shelf for now
- D) Shuttles for Market – Maureen reached out, but has not had a response
- E) February Walk about notes taken of items that need repair

11. Council Update – Councillor Ron Norris

- A) Councillor Norris mentioned that Damien was encouraged that Maureen is working well with team at the town, hoping to improve connection
- B) He also mentioned concerns about speeding and speed humps

12. Committee updates:

- Farmers Market Committee met and discussed goals for the upcoming season. One goal is to add new vendors with unique items, and not have too much overlap of similar vendors

13. New Business:

- A) Flower Basket Program – Maureen mentioned Julie from the Flower Shed had been in hospital. Program is starting later. Maureen to ensure the program moves forward
- B) Walk about with Town – Maureen to book with Erin
- C) Public Art – Banners/Feel Good laneway – To be discussed by Marketing committee
- D) Amica would like to be part of the BIA – Currently just focusing on our catchment area.
- E) Dates for events this summer – Approved. Need to figure out Masquerade and how it can be more beneficial to members
- F) New Hires – Gregory and Janice -
- G) Computers, Phones and Email – Lots of issues again. Seems to be resolved again
- H) Bethany More Hours – Yes. Approved to help until first market
- I) Voting – Marketing hire vs Agency – Need more information before moving forward
Added
- J) Street Furniture, Garbage Cans and Holiday decorations. \$40-50K to replace. Maureen has applied for a grant for 30%, Drew and Derek to put together a proposal. This would be a huge check mark for our goals.
- K) My Main Street Grant – Maureen to apply for Shop Local 2 Win

14. Date of Next Meeting: April 16, 2024

15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:23

Moved by: Drew Pullman
Seconded by: Councillor Norris
Carried

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

Absent:

Regrets: Derek Smith (chair), Ansub Shafique (Treasurer)

Staff: Maureen Turner, BIA Manager

Guests:

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:03am by Drew Pullman (Vice 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: Erin Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Norris

Carried

5. Declaration of Interest – There was none

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2023

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

Moved by: Cheryl Discenza

Seconded by: Sandy Mackenzie

Carried

7. Correspondence –

- Marcia from Foodstuffs is concerned about the payment for rental of the basement and how erratic payment has been, along with HST not being paid. The board felt and annual payment of \$678 was not a good idea, but put forth the idea that quarterly payment be made (\$169.50). Maureen to confirm with Ansub and Derek, and also ask Marcia.
- Maureen noted there were many issues (website and email) with Farmers Market Applications. Maureen and Bethany to look over who has applied and reach out to any regulars who are not on the list. Issues have been fixed
- Maureen told the board about a text scam that happened with someone claiming to be Rob. It was reported to police. Nothing further to be done. Ron noted there are cyber security courses you can take.

8. Financial Report – Ansub was not in attendance. Drew/Derek to discuss with Ansub

a) Treasurer's Report for – Same as above

9. Manager's Report – Maureen Turner, BIA Manager

Maureen highlighted the following from her reported:

- Drew and Maureen visited Classic Displays in Mississauga. They have holiday décor as well as benches, garbage bins at a reasonable price.

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- MOU – Maureen, Derek, Drew and Suzanne met with Erin to discuss. Erin is making revisions to send and assures us it is a living document.
- OBIAA membership has been renewed and Maureen and Derek to attend OBIAA conference
- Maureen attended Chamber Business After Hours and was well received when Melanie congratulated her on new position
- Met with Jane Fogal to discuss Bike To the Market – future meetings will include library and town
- February 22nd Maureen will be helping pack food for Food4Kids
- Maureen Posted Mr. Penney’s memorial on socials. Many people commented hoping for something to be done in his honour. They were assured we would do something in the spring. Penney Lane was requested as a name on one of the Alleyways
- First newsletter went out. They will be bi-weekly now
- Amico continues to provide information on anything that will interrupt regular business
- Maureen started “Your Treasure Awaits” social media campaign highlighting retail stores downtown
- Maureen had a meeting with Metroland to discuss how they could be involved in our marketing strategy
- I have meetings booked with ClickIt Media and Local Colour as well

Maureen has reached out to Amico’s marketing department to see if we can provide welcome packages for new residences at McGibbon and Mill Landing and asked if they will be having a welcoming reception we can be involved in.

- Marketing committee discussed Farmers Market bags to include coupons. Need to figure out how to ensure the coupons don’t always go to the same people
- Suzanne is interested in sponsoring the bags.
- Current social media campaign is very retail focused – next will be “Faces of Downtown” so we can highlight more businesses
- Marketing committee discussed a new event to counter the car event – more female focused. Sip and shop social – span over two weekends, all businesses could be involved and manage their own event. There would be a passport to win a prize
- 7 people were invited to interview for the groundskeeper job. 5 actually replied and were interviewed. Maureen has two candidates to put forward to Drew and Derek.
- Ansub, Derek and Maureen met to discuss the bookkeeping position. Ansub and Maureen to interview two potential candidates.

10. Business Arising

- A) Town of Halton Hills MOU: Waiting for revised version. Drew wants us to make sure language is not too restrictive
- B) Bookkeeping contract. Maureen and Ansub to interview two potential candidates.
- C) Memorial for Mr. Penney. Everyone loved the idea of a Penney Lane and a plaque to commemorate Mr. Penney. Drew and Maureen to scope out possible locations during walk about
- D) Hiring Groundskeeper – Maureen to send two candidates to Drew and Derek
- E) Go To Help Guide – Drew is putting something together for next board meeting
- F) New Holiday Decorations –Classic Displays in Mississauga has reasonably priced options and are reputable (used by other BIA’s and Light up the Hills). Need approval for costs. Drew and Maureen to discuss proposal. Lead times mean we should be looking at this soon

11. Council Update – Councillor Ron Norris

- A) Ron had little to update. He has been away for a few weeks and missed the last council meeting. Town Economic meeting was cancelled
- B) Drew asked Ron about the Mayor’s Letter where she references the “core” of the new build on 8th line several times, and noted that we need to make sure the BIA stays front and centre as the “downtown”
- C) Ron also noted that the Mayor has been talking about revamping Guelph street and we will have to push to make sure we are considered there as well

12. Committee updates:

- Maureen and Erin discussed the proposal of a new marketing/admin hire and how everyone on the Marketing Committee agreed this was the best way forward. We also noted there was discussion about the new Sip and Shop Social

13. New Business:

- A) New Board Nominations – Jessica Louca and Graham Baker – Maureen was unsure what the process would be for bringing on a new board member (or two). It was suggested we put a call out for new board members and have interviews. Maureen to ask Derek how to proceed
- B) Hiring Marketing/Admin person – Rob was concerned about the cost and whether we would get quality work in return and mentioned that previously time sheets showed the other hires were not productive and Nikki had spent a good deal of time having to guide them. Maureen noted that having it as a marketing and admin position would mean the ability to help with things outside of marketing like helping with market applications etc. Maureen also noted that this does not eliminate use of agencies for activations. Maureen also noted that Rob needed to declare a conflict of interest and it was noted that Rob’s wife owns a marketing agency who submitted a quote to the BIA.
- C) Farmers Market Applications – Maureen noted there were lots of issues with the website and email regarding the Farmers Market and as a result some applications did not come through. Maureen will look over application with Bethany to see if there are regulars who should be contacted if their application is not there.
- D) Sip & Shop Social – The proposal for this event said 10 days (Friday to following Sunday). It was suggested that was too long for businesses to take part. One suggestion was to get businesses to sign up for a day to do their activities and then another suggestion was to make it a weekend event, keep the road closed after the Farmer’s Market and possibly a night market where restaurants could have patios in the street and stores could have sidewalk sales. Need to see what is in the budget
- E) Shuttles for market and events – Maureen suggested it would be good to have shuttles running from Gellert and Mold Master to the market to alleviate parking frustration. Drew thought this would be a good way to get people to stay downtown longer and suggested we try a few weekends this summer
- F) February Walk About – Maureen and Drew to walk around the BIA area and see what needs a refresh. Take notes of any damage and note how many poles for décor, garbage bins and where we might be able to add Penney Lane. Drew invited anyone on the board who might be interested.
- G) Downtown Asset Recapitalization Committee – Goes hand in hand with our walk about. To help decide what projects are most important

14. Date of Next Meeting: March 19, 2024

15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:06

Moved by: Councillor Ron Norris

Seconded by: Erin Burke

Carried

Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Acton Branch

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

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

Regrets: Councillor Bob Inglis

1.0 Call to Order

B. Cosper declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

J. Marshall read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: A. Strachan

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: J. Marshall

Seconded By: K. Medenblik

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

5.1 Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on April 24, 2024

5.2 Confidential Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on April 24, 2024

5.3 Minutes of the Advocacy Committee meeting held on April 18, 2024

CARRIED AS AMENDED

6.0 Consent Agenda
NIL

7.0 Correspondence
NIL

8.0 Presentation/Delegations
NIL

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Report No. LBD-2024-018 re: Policy Review: Borrowing Policy – Second Review

- The updated Borrowing Policy clarifies the list of public libraries in neighbouring municipalities with reciprocal borrowing agreements and more clearly defines the different types of library cards available.
- The identification requirements for obtaining a library card – from HHPL or another library system – were discussed.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-018 dated May 16, 2024, regarding the Policy Review: Borrowing Policy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the revised Borrowing Policy.

CARRIED

10.0 Updates – including Sub-committees

10.1 Advocacy Committee

E. Daly reported that:

- The itinerary for the May 23 event with Council is available on the Board portal.
- The group photo during the event will take place on the main staircase.
- Each Board member is to complete a short survey following the event. L. Mazza Brenton to send it out on May 24.
- The Advocacy Committee will meet next on June 3.

10.2 Friends of the Library (FOL)

L. Teggart reported that:

- Pop-up book sales will start on June 1 to coincide with the start of the Downtown Georgetown Farmers' Market.

- The Friends are working on revising their bylaws.
- A request for new members went out after their AGM. There are currently 82 members.
- The Friends will meet next on June 13.

10.3 Council

Councillor A. Hilson shared an update on:

- B. Parker's presentation at the May 6 Council meeting on Bill 185 and the proposed provincial planning statements.
- Council's two new strategic planning committees: the Growth and Infrastructure Committee and the Healthy Environment and Community Committee.
- The proposed ban on private fireworks in Halton Hills.
- The announcement of HHPL's annual Wines and Spines event and One Book, One Halton Hills campaign at the next Council meeting.

10.4 Community Connections

NIL

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Month End Report – April 2024

As of April 2024:

- Total revenues are under budget by approximately 10.7% . 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 5.3%.
- Materials and supplies are over budget by approximately 9%. This is due to unbudgeted expenditures incurred for the New Horizons for Seniors grant and beginning of the year payments for subscriptions and service contracts.

Moved By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT the financial month end report for April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

12.0 New Business

12.1 Ontario Library Service Board Update

- C. da Rocha-Feeley shared an update on the Spring 2024 OLS Board Assembly meeting. Topics discussed include fundraising, new library building projects, bookmobiles, the Value of Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT), and Dr. Kate Graham's municipal advocacy training. The slides and resources from the meeting will be shared with the Library Board.
- A new recorded webinar, Good Governance Through the Lens of the Public Libraries Act, is available on the OLS website.

- The OLS's 2024 Virtual Conference for Board members is on October 24.
- C. da Rocha-Feeley has been elected to the OLS Board, starting in June 2024, for a four-year term.

12.2 Report No. LBD-2024-019 re: Halton Hills Public Library Board 2024 Objectives

- A Board sub-committee reviewed the proposed 2024 objectives.
- Minor revisions were suggested including a reworking of the advocacy section.
- Another meeting is planned with the intention of developing these as 2025 objectives.

Moved By: M. Kindbom

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-019 dated May 16, 2024, regarding the Halton Hills Public Library Board 2024 Objectives be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct the subcommittee to revise the HHPL 2024 Objectives and present them for a second review and approval.

CARRIED

12.3 Report No. LBD-2024-020 re: Employee Retention Review, Phase Three

- Staff provided an update on Phase Two of the Employee Retention Review and information on Phase Three.
- It was noted that the Town is also doing a review of its employee retention strategy.
- Cost estimates were provided for health and dental coverage, a health spending account, and staff costs to administer a benefit program.

Moved By: A. Strachan

Seconded By: C. da Rocha-Feeley

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-020 dated May 16, 2024, regarding Employee Retention Review Phase Three be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves a funding request of up to approximately \$86,900 for consideration in the 2025 operating budget process to fund health and dental benefits for eligible part-time employees, and staffing costs to administer the benefit program.

CARRIED

12.4 Report No. LBD-2024-021 re: Fines and Fees Status Update

- Staff provided an update on HHPL's fines and fees status.
- The main change in 2023 was extending fine free status to young adults aged 18-24.

Moved By: K. Medenblik
Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-021 dated May 16, 2024, regarding the Fines and Fees Status Update be received.

CARRIED

12.5 Report No. LBD-2024-022 re: Extending Fine Free to Older Adults, Ages 65+

- Staff are recommending that fines be eliminated for older adults, aged 65 and over, as the next step in removing barriers to library services and moving towards being a fine free library.

Moved By: K. Medenblik
Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-022, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Extending Fine Free Status to Older Adults, Ages 65+ be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approve the extension of fine free status to patrons aged 65 and older.

CARRIED

12.6 Report No. LBD-2024-023 re: Policy Review: Fines and Fees Policy – First Review

- The Fines and Fees Policy is being presented to the Board now in preparation for next month's review of the Schedule of Fines and Fees Appendix.
- Staff are recommending that the Fines and Fees Policy be renamed Service Fee Policy to expand the scope of fees as per current practice.

Moved By: T. Smith
Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-023 dated May 16, 2024, regarding the Policy Review: Fines and Fees be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to make any proposed changes and present the Fines and Fees Policy for a second review and approval.

CARRIED

12.7 Report No. LBD-2024-024 re: 2024 Summer Programming: Ingenium – Canada’s Museums of Science and Innovation “Space to Spoon” Exhibit

- The “Space to Spoon” exhibit, provided by Ingenium – Canada’s Museums of Science and Innovation, will be on display in the Halton Hills Public Library and Cultural Centre lobby throughout the summer.
- This initiative is sponsored by the Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library.
- Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen has been endorsing the exhibit in schools across Canada.
- The exhibit explores the relationship between climate change, space science, and STEAM subjects.
- HHPL will offer related programs, including the Tomatosphere™ project and an all-ages lecture with Dr. Mike Dixon.

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-024 dated May 16, 2024, regarding the 2024 Summer Programming: Ingenium – Canada’s Museums of Science and Innovation “Space to Spoon” Exhibit be received.

CARRIED

12.8 Report No. LBD-2024-025 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – May 2024

- Throughout June, HHPL will celebrate Pride Month, Seniors Month, and National Indigenous History Month.
- The TD Summer Reading Club launches on June 15 at the Georgetown Branch and on June 22 at the Acton Branch.
- A community partners Open House is scheduled for June 10 to showcase library services and resources.
- HHPL’s IT Technician was nominated for an Our Thanks to You award by the Town of Halton Hills Aquatics department for his work using the library’s Creativity Centre technology to repair CPR training mannequins.
- Recordings of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Historical Gathering will be shared with the Board and posted to the Board portal.
- An updated list of schools participating in the kindergarten orientations and class visits was requested as part of the Chief Librarian and CEO Report for June.
- The importance of fundraising for future projects was discussed. A report on the library’s fundraising strategy will be presented to the Board once it is developed.

Moved By: M. Kindbom

Seconded By: T. Smith

THAT Report No. LBD-2024-025 dated May 16, 2024, regarding the Chief Librarian & CEO’s Report – May 2024 be received.

CARRIED

13.0 In Camera

13.1 Adopt In Camera Items from Previous Meeting, April 24, 2024

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson
Seconded By: T. Smith

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Report from the April 24, 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 April 24, 2024:
Confidential Verbal Update regarding personnel matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED

14.0 Health and Safety Report

NIL

15.0 Next Meeting

June 26, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Georgetown Branch, Boardroom

16.0 Adjournment

Moved By: M. Kindbom
Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Signed: _____
Betsy Cosper, Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____
Beverley King, Chief Librarian & CEO
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: June 26, 2024
DATED: June 26, 2024

**SITE ALTERATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Minutes of the Site Alteration Committee meeting held on Thursday June 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Town Hall Esquering Room and via Teams.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Clark Somerville (Chair)
Councillor Joseph Racinsky
Bill Allison
Ralph Padillo
David McKeown
Lisa Teggart
Brett McAllister
Adrew Stabins

REGRETS:

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Jelsma, Director of Development Engineering
Maureen Van Ravens, Manager of Transportation
Susie Spry, Manager of Enforcement Services
Reece D'souza, Development Engineering Coordinator
Vincent Mendones, Development Engineering Coordinator
Kevin Miguel, Development Engineering Coordinator
Nova Bonaldo (Recording Secretary)

OTHERS PRESENT: Micheal Tasker, MT Management Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. DELEGATIONS

- a. SA-24018, Delegation: Micheal Tasker, MT Management Services, representing Charlie Kuiken (1404649 Ontario Limited), Property Owners – 12519 Ninth Line, Town of Halton Hills.

The Applicant has applied for a Large Scale/Commercial Site Alteration Permit to import approximately 34,000m³ of fill (\pm 3,400 truckloads) to be placed in the existing low area of the site. The fill is required to prepare the grading for the future residential development on this site.

Facts

The Applicant is in the final stages of receiving Draft Plan Approval for Phase 2 of the Rural Estate Subdivision and is applying for an Exemption to the By-Law to allow a Large-Scale/Commercial site alteration permit prior to the Development Agreement Approval because a source for the fill soil has become available.

The property was previously an aggregate resource pit which had a large depression on the site. The pit has since been filled but requires an additional 34,000m³ of fill to match the proposed grading for their subdivision. The source of the material is 1.2km from the site at 102 Confederation Street, a residential estate development. The Applicant will fill the pit and construct a sedimentation pond with a proper functioning outlet that will provide an emergency spillway should the pond over top.

The haul route will be from 102 Confederation Street, along Confederation Street/Ninth Line to 12519 Ninth Line. The fill will be imported during the summer months to avoid school times and buses.

Analysis and Discussion

Staff provided an overview of the current and potential projects in the Glen Williams hamlet.

The Site Alteration Committee Members raised concern regarding the road damage that may occur due to the truck traffic (approximately 85 trucks per day for 40 days), property damage caused by vibrations, speeding, and concern for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians along the haul route. Staff noted the Applicant has provided \$65,000.00 in securities as part of the conditions for the site alteration permit, which would be used to repair any damage done to the Town's infrastructure in addition the source site at 102 Confederation has also posted securities and would also be responsible for repairs to the roadway. Staff also mentioned that there is a scheduled future capital project to reconstruct Confederation Street.

The Applicant plans to conduct a pre-construction meeting with stakeholders, including Town staff, to make sure the truck drivers are briefed to ensure safety of cyclists and pedestrians and to note there is zero tolerance for any speeding/traffic infractions. The speed humps along Confederation Street will help with lowering speeds. They will abide by OTM Book 7 as needed, follow MTO guidelines, and will ensure appropriate signage is displayed at the entrances of both sites. Should speed become a concern, Staff will work with the applicant to address the issue which may, among other options, include temporary speed messaging boards.

The possibility of an off-road haul route was considered but upon review would cause more problems and damage to land and farms and the terrain, which also includes watercourses, would not be conducive for trucks.

The material will not be stockpiled; it will be placed directly into the depression left from the gravel pit. The works should be completed prior to school commencing and will comply with the Noise By-law. Notification letters will be delivered to all effected residents.

Conclusion

The Site Alteration Committee requests that notification of the upcoming works be communicated to the Mayor and Councillors.

The Site Alteration Committee supports the application and appreciates the coordination between the two sites and the scheduling of the pre-construction meeting to raise awareness of maintaining a safe roadway for residents.

Recommendation No. SA-2024-0001

THAT the Site Alteration Committee supports the application for the Exemption to Site Alteration By-law 2017-0040 for a Large-Scale/Commercial Site Alteration Permit at 12519 Ninth Line, Halton Hills, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant satisfies the Terms and Conditions in Schedules B and C of By-law No. 2017-0040 as applicable.
2. The applicant provides the administration fee in the amount of \$8,424.47.
3. The applicant agrees that the fill imported under this permit will be sourced solely from 102 Confederation Street. Any material imported from another site would need to be approved through a separate permit process.
4. The applicant provides clearance from the Conservation Authority that a permit has been issued or is not required.
5. The applicant provides written notice to all residents on Confederation Street/Ninth Line between the two projects, all residents on Bishop Court, and all Glen Williams community groups. Notification letters are to be reviewed by Town staff prior to distribution.

AND FURTHER THAT the Site Alteration Committee supports the works, subject to the applicant meeting all conditions to the satisfaction of staff.

CARRIED

4. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

N/A

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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RVA R236814

July 22, 2024

Town of Halton Hills
Clerks Department
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON
L7G 5G2

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: R236814-20240724-Halton Hills #4 Wastewater Pumping Station
Premier Gateway Employment Area Class EA Notice of Commencement

Please see enclosed the Notice of Commencement for the Halton Hills #4 Wastewater Pumping Station – Premier Gateway Employment Area Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA).

The Regional Municipality of Halton is undertaking this Class EA to identify a preferred site for the Halton Hills #4 Wastewater Pumping Station based on current industry standards and due to growing development flows in the Premier Gateway Employment Area.

This notice is sent to your attention as it was deemed that you may be an interested stakeholder.

If you would like more information about the Halton Hills #4 Wastewater Pumping Station – Premier Gateway Employment Area or would like to be removed from the study's contact list, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

R.V. ANDERSON ASSOCIATES LIMITED

Dania Chehab
Consultant Project Manager

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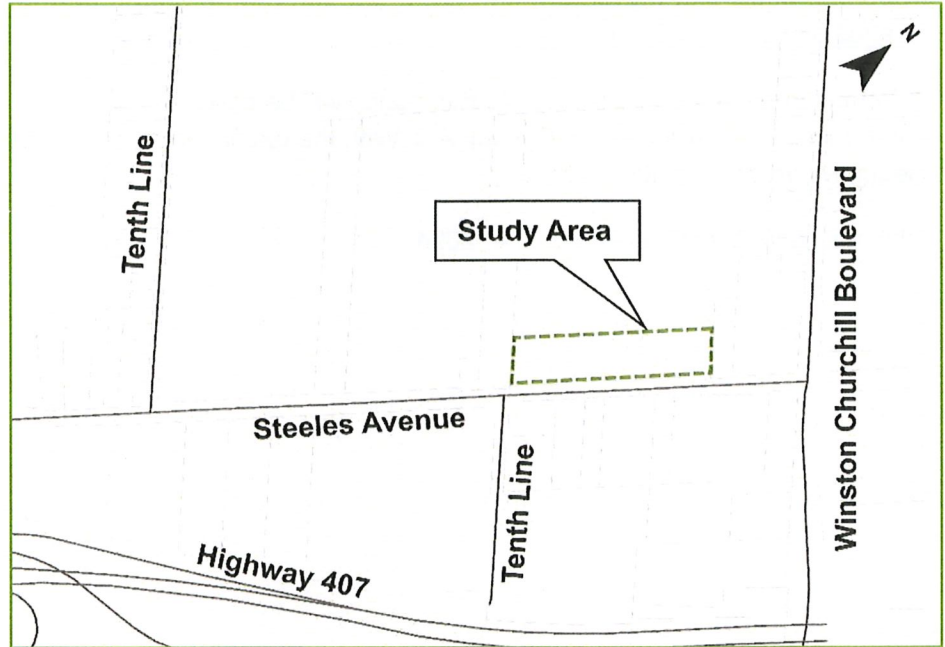
NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

Halton Hills #4 Wastewater Pumping Station – Premier Gateway Employment Area
Town of Halton Hills | PR-2689B

Study

Halton Region is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study to identify the preferred site for the Halton Hills #4 Wastewater Pumping Station to support growth in the Premier Gateway Employment Area in the Town of Halton Hills. The new wastewater pumping station will service the area generally located north of Steeles Avenue between Ninth Line and Winston Churchill Boulevard. This project was identified in the 2008 South Halton Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update and confirmed in the 2011 Sustainable Halton Water and Wastewater Master Plan.



The map shows the approximate limits of the study area.

Process

The study will be carried out in accordance with Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA), (October 2000, as amended 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2023), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

Public and review agency consultation is a key element of the MCEA process, and input will be sought throughout the study. Details regarding public consultation opportunities will be advertised as the study progresses.

Upon completion of the MCEA study, a Project File Report will be prepared and placed on the public record for a minimum of 30 days. The document will detail the planning and consultation process and the preferred alternative. A notice will be issued to the public and interested parties when the Project File Report has been placed on the public record.

Comments

If you have any questions, would like to discuss the study, would like to be added to the study mailing list, or require information in an alternate format, please contact a member of the project team:

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Information provided in response to this notice will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice was first issued July 24, 2024.



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CAO/CLERK

Hon. Patty Hajdu,
705 Red River Road, Suite 3
Thunder Bay, ON
P7B 1J3

July 18, 2024

Re: Schreiber's Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Hon. Patty Hajdu,

I am writing to you today to request a meeting in person regarding our Wastewater Treatment Plant along with Mayor Mullins and Cllr. Bourgeault. The Schreiber Wastewater Treatment Plant was initially built in 1974 with only one Clarifier. In 1989 a second Clarifier was built in addition to some plant components, such as a chlorine contact chamber. The plants served the community well until recently when regulations changed. The practice of chlorinating effluent at wastewater plants has been around since the early 1900's. However, around 1999, new regulations came into effect that require wastewater plants to dechlorinate before discharging wastewater back into the environment.

The Practice of dechlorinating was a financial burden most communities were not able to bear. It became acceptable to implement temporary measures to dechlorinate effluent discharge at a reasonable cost. Unfortunately, Wastewater plants in many communities have adopted this temporary fix as a normal practice. Recently communities have been made aware that this temporary fix will no longer be tolerated, and permanent treatment practices must be adopted by 2026. Inspections of wastewater plants will again become the focus for inspectors starting this year for the first time in a decade.

In 2022, the Schreiber Town Council of the day started the process of UV disinfection. The Township hired EXP Services Inc, to prepare a design brief for the installation of the UV disinfection and the projected annual cost of operating the system. With a deadline for a permanent solution fast approaching in 2026, the Township has turned their focus to a permanent solution using chemicals to dechlorinate. This "Chemical in a Box" can be designed and installed for approximately **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** with an annual operating budget of **twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000.00)**. The UV solution is approximately **five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00)** to install with an annual operating budget of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)**. This initial installation cost of both is beyond reach for the Township so the lessor of the two (2) options is our only choice despite a higher annual operating cost. The Township is still working on finding the money for this project.

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In 2021, the plant underwent an electrical inspection and the classification of the plant changed to a class 4. This means that all the electrical components in the plant must be changed to explosion proof components. This change was necessary due to the moist environment and gases produced by the process. Since the cost was astronomical for the Township, a decision was made to do the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) upgrade in 4 phases.

The first phase was completed in 2022 for **one hundred eighty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$181,500.00)**. In 2023, the prices for all the parts were almost double because of COVID. As a result, phase 2 price tag exceeded what was budgeted in 2023, so nothing was done.

In 2024, the ESA inspector requested a meeting with the Township of Schreiber to discuss the outstanding issues with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The ESA has been more than patient with the Township as the normal practice is **30 days** to comply. We are required to have the Wastewater plant brought up to a Class 4 standard by the end of 2024. This endeavor will cost the Township approximately **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)**. The Township is using the OTF money to cover this expense and borrowing the balance until the 2025 allocation is received.

As you can see in the attached spreadsheet, the electrical issue at the plant continues to present urgent situations from "dirty power" and corroded components. Electrical components continue to fail such as breakers, pumps, motors, receptacles, lights, heaters, the list is endless. These urgent repairs continue to put strains on the reserve funds.

Due to the age of the plant, the breakdowns are not only associated with the electrical issues. We have experienced breakdowns in the air distribution system, where confined entries are required to patch pipes under the plant. Currently we are experiencing a breakdown with clarifier 1. There seems to be a concrete failure on the wall separating the clarifier and the digester. This breakdown is preventing the sludge from being bagged properly. The clarifier will need to be pumped down and a concrete specialist brought in to examine the wall to see if repair is possible. We are unclear at this point about the cost of repair, but we anticipate somewhere around **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)**. We are currently investigating this urgent matter.

With mechanical breakdowns, electrical issues, and structural failures, the process of treating wastewater cannot be maintained. Sludge cannot get bagged due to the excess water from the structural failure. The lack of air in the process while we wait for the new blower and VFD to be installed. The Non-Compliance incidents that we have had to report have put Schreiber on the short list to be among the first inspections. The repairs and regulations that we are aware of will most certainly put a financial strain on the Township that a small resident tax base will never be able to sustain. The Non-Compliance reports have totaled **thirteen (13)** just since **March of 2024**.

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The bagging system at the wastewater plant is the original installed in 1974. The system has been obsoleting for many years now, so parts are no longer available. When breakdowns occur, custom parts are made by an out-of-town welding shop. This translates into long down times while parts are manufactured. The system does not work well anymore so it requires constant manpower to ensure it continues to bag. This puts an incredible strain on staffing already faced with shortages. The bagging system needs to be upgraded as soon as possible since this process contributes to the Non-Compliance issues. This new system is also going to cost the Township another **million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** plus.

As you can see on page 5 of this correspondence the Township has endured **one point five million dollars (\$1,518,061.34)** in unexpected repairs over the last **five and a half (5.5) years**. Aging infrastructure and little assistance are hemorrhaging small Municipalities all over the Province. It is imperative that the Provincial and Federal Governments step up to financially relieve the heavy burdens on small Municipalities.

We are reaching out to you today to discuss such EMERGENT issues and how the Provincial and Federal Governments are going to step up to plate and provide much needed financial assistance to assist with their mandated Regulations. To cover these essential upgrades small Municipalities will need to tax their residents to death to cover such costs.

I look forward to hearing back from you with a time for a scheduled meeting to discuss options available to small Municipalities with such emergent issues as I have described above.

Kind Regards,



Rhonda Smith
CAO/Clerk for the Township of Schreiber

CC: Mayor Mullins
Cllr. Bourgeault
Cllr. McGrath
Cllr. Mauro
Cllr. Bryson
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

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Unexpected Costs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Since 2019

Year	Description	Cost
2019	Compressor Repair	\$84.75
	Bagging System Repair	\$290.51
	Bagging Building Heater Repair	\$1,695.00
	Sludge Motor Repair	\$901.18
	Bagging System Repair	\$2,009.25
	Bagging System Clamps Repair	\$1,007.42
	Clarifier Building Heater Repair	\$3,983.25
	Trash Pump	\$2,280.80
	Clarifier Heater Repair	\$1,192.09
	Clarifier Parts	\$15,036.15
	DE chlorination Feasibility Study	\$24,663.82
	Light Repair in the Clarifier Building	\$6,780.00
	2019 Total	\$59,924.22
2020	Bagger Heater Repair	\$565.28
	Clarifier Building Electrical Repairs	\$1,062.12
	Bagging System Electrical Repairs	\$1,062.12
	Chlorinator Parts	\$4,844.53
	Plant Electrical Inspection	\$23,938.00
	2020 Total	\$31,472.05
2021	Sludge Trailer Axle Repair	\$1,063.33
	Sludge Trailer Parts	\$2,594.48
	Water Heater Replacement (electrical surge)	\$519.79
	Light Repairs	\$1,595.71
	DeChlor Metering Pump	\$942.92
	Digester Decant Pump	\$3,587.55
	Building Classification as per ESA	\$6,614.40
	Electrical Assessment as per ESA	\$23,330.00
	2021 Total	\$40,248.18

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Unexpected Costs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Since 2019

Year	Description	Cost
2022	DeChlor Project Study Final Invoice	\$33,249.43
	ESA Electrical Upgrade	\$18,189.09
	Clarifier Blower Line Repair	\$18,640.64
	ESA Upgrades Phase 1	\$181,440.33
	Receptacle Emergency Repair	\$2,017.92
	Sludge Pump Replacement	\$2,236.80
	VFD Failure - Dirty Power (troubleshooting)	\$1,414.88
	2022 Total	\$257,189.09
2023	Bagger Building Heater Repairs	\$395.50
	Bagger Building Heater Repairs	\$442.59
	Light Repair Garage Washrooms	\$1,209.91
	Emergency Blower Motor Install	\$6,130.21
	2023 Total	\$8,178.21
2024	ESA Upgrades - Mandatory	\$990,822.00
	VFD Cabinet Blower	\$114,560.00
	Emergency Repair Lights and Heater Clarifier 2	\$14,430.80
	Bagger Building Heater Repair	\$1,236.79
	2024 Total as of July 6th	\$1,121,049.59
	5.5 yr. Total	\$1,518,061.34

Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in [PDF](#) and [Word](#) Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,

Kimberly Moran

CEO, Ontario Medical Association

Colin Best

AMO President

Appendix A:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of (the name of municipality) urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in (name of municipality) and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

Dear Clerks and Heads of Council of Municipal Governments Across Ontario:

The AMO President and Board is requesting that this letter be shared with all elected council members and administrative heads (i.e., CAO, City Manager) in your municipality. Please post as an information item in your next council meeting agenda.

On behalf of its municipal members, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is urgently calling for provincial and federal leadership and action to address the growing crisis of homelessness encampments in communities across Ontario.

On July 2nd, AMO released a new policy paper [Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective](#) detailing the state of this crisis and evidence-based actions that must be taken.

Municipal governments are at the front lines of the homelessness crisis without the resources or tools to support our residents and communities. We are asking the provincial and federal governments to work collaboratively with each other and municipalities. These are complex issues that require comprehensive responses from all orders of government working together.

For further resources and information, please visit www.amo.on.ca

Sincerely,

Colin Best

President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs
The Honourable Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

(Sent Via e-mail)

Re: Recommended Discontinuation of Private Well Testing Program and Closure of Public Health Laboratories

Dear Minister Thompson and Minister Flack,

The Credit Valley – Toronto and Region – Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee (CTCSPC) recently received a letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee, concerning the recommended elimination of free well water testing by Public Health Ontario.

The 2023 Auditor General Report "Value-for-Money Audit: Public Health Ontario" dated December 2023, provides a recommendation (under Section 4.2.1) that Public Health Ontario, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, update and implement a plan to streamline public health laboratory operations. Public Health Ontario has recommended the gradual discontinuation of private drinking water testing as part of its January 2023 laboratory modernization plan.

The CTCSPC is concerned about how the proposed changes in well water testing access could affect residents in the CTC Source Protection Region and across Ontario. There are over 100,000 residents in our region and 1.6 million Ontarians (Ontario Auditor General, 2014) who rely on private wells for their drinking water. These private drinking water supplies lack the legislative protection afforded to municipal drinking water supplies through the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

In consideration of these concerns, at its March 20, 2024 meeting, the CTCSPC requested that a letter supporting Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee's February 26, 2024 letter be sent to you. Please allow this letter to serve as notice the CTCSPC supports and shares the concerns raised by the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee as outlined in their attached correspondence.

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Sincerely,



Nathan Hyde

Chair, Credit Valley – Toronto and Region – Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee

c.c. Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Town of Ajax, Township of Amaranth, Town of Aurora, City of Brampton, Municipality of Clarington, Dufferin County, Town of Caledon, Durham Region, Township of East Garafraxa, Town of Erin, Region of Halton, Town of Halton Hills, Township of King, City of Markham, Town of Milton, City of Mississauga, Town of Mono, Town of Oakville, Town of Orangeville, City of Oshawa, Region of Peel, City of Pickering, City of Richmond Hill, Township of Scugog, Simcoe County, City of Toronto, Township of Uxbridge, City of Vaughan, Wellington County, Town of Whitby, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Region of York,
Durham Region Health Department, Halton Public Health Unit, Peel Public Health, Toronto Public Health, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, York Region Public Health

Attachments (1)

Attachment 1: Letter from Chair of Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (dated February 26, 2024)

February 26th, 2023

Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Via e-mail: lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

Re: Recommended Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear Minister Thompson,

In the 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) released in December 2023, recommendation number 5 states that PHO, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), are to update and implement a laboratory modernization plan within 12 months to streamline the laboratory's operations.

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_publichealth_en23.pdf

This stemmed from a 2017 proposal by PHO, collaboratively with the MOH at the request of the Deputy Minister to close six of the 11 public health laboratory sites (Hamilton, Kingston, Orillia, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins) and gradually discontinue private drinking water testing. The justification:

- Mitigating rising costs of maintaining facilities
- Establishing a more efficient operating model that reduces the rerouting of samples to other PHO laboratory sites

About 50% of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Region population is serviced by private wells. The proposed removal of PHO's free private drinking water testing is of concern to our Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Committee, particularly when Source Protection Regions have been directed by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Source Protection Branch, to deliver education and outreach to private well owners under the new Best Practices initiative.

In our region, we have been working with service and community organizations such as the Lions, Optimists and Lakeshore Residents Associations to co-host very successful Best Practices 'Water Wise' events that encourage private well owners to sample their drinking water using the free microbial testing provided by the province. By distributing water sample bottles ahead of the event and delivering the samples to Huron Perth Public Health for lab analysis, most of

the barriers to water sampling are removed. At these events 25% to 50% of a communities well water will be sampled in one day or night.

Well owners understand the importance of testing their well water; it is the inconvenience of doing so that is the barrier. One of the goals of the 'Water Wise' events is to encourage well owners to get in the habit of testing their water regularly as part of Best Practices for protecting their drinking water. The hope is that the community groups and service clubs that Source Protection staff work with will make Water Wise water sampling events part of their regular activities.

Private drinking water systems in Ontario do not have the legislated safeguards that are required for municipal/communal/public systems under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*. Only municipal water supply systems fall under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the Source Water Protection program. Health Canada's guidance on waterborne pathogens references three studies that determine that private systems are vulnerable and there is evidence that demonstrates they are more likely to contribute to gastrointestinal illness than public drinking water systems.

If the free water testing phase out recommendation is approved, well owners would have to use a commercial lab for a fee, which disincentivizes testing. When water is not monitored regularly, there is no way to know the true quality of the water, which puts people at increased risk of becoming ill. With private systems being stand-alone systems, any associated illnesses are isolated sporadic events and do not come to public attention like those seen during the Walkerton outbreak.

The private drinking water test data maintained by PHO has been used by researchers to publish evidence that helps support public health policy. Source Protection Committees can access data associated with their area, as was presented at our March 2023 meeting. The data can be used to inform well owners of regional water quality concerns and associated health risks. If PHO stops testing, this data and affiliated research will no longer be available.

In the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part 2, Justice O'Connor concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples connected directly to the *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in Walkerton Ontario in May 2000. Twenty-four years later, there is a proposal to privatize water testing once again.

At the January 31st meeting of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee the following resolution was unanimously approved:

MOTION #SPC: 2024-02-04

Moved by Philip Keightley

Seconded by Mary Ellen Foran

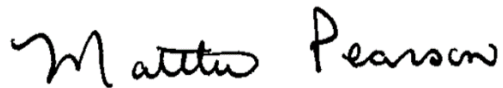
“THAT the Source Protection Committee direct a letter to Minister Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario, and

“FURTHER, THAT area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support. “

Carried.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



Matthew Pearson

Chair

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee

Cc Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipalities of Adelaide Metcalfe, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Bluewater, Central Huron, Goderich, Howick, Huron East, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, Mapleton, Middlesex Centre, Minto, Morris-Turnberry, North Middlesex, North Perth, Perth South, South Bruce, South Huron, Warwick, West Perth, Wellington North
Townships of Huron-Kinloss and North Huron

Huron Perth Public Health, Lambton Public Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

Source Protection Regions: Cataraqui; Central Lake Ontario, Toronto, Credit Valley; Essex; Hamilton Halton; Grey Sauble, Saugeen, Northern Bruce Peninsula; Lake Erie; Lakehead; Mattagami; Mississippi-Rideau; Niagara; North Bay; Quinte; Raisin South Nation; Sault Ste. Marie; South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe; Sudbury; Thames -Sydenham and Region; Trent Conservation Coalition



August 08, 2024

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AMO Matters

[MIDAS](#) - the Municipal Information & Data Analysis System - is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

The next wave of applications are open for the 2024-25 NG9-1-1 funding program until August 23, 2024. Information sessions are available. Please contact estd.ng9-1-1@ontario.ca for more information.

The Design of Public Spaces Standards Development Committee seeks feedback on [initial recommendations](#) on proposed changes to the Accessible Built Environment Standards and the Ontario Building Code by August 24.

Education Opportunities

The [AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing Symposium](#), October 1 - 2, will convene elected officials, municipal staff, federal and provincial representatives, Indigenous partners, and other sector partners for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration on how we can work together to advance community and supportive housing solutions in communities across Ontario. View full details and [register today](#).

AMO has released a number of its fall education workshops. Sign up today for a range of workshops including, communication skills, planning for and understanding cyber security, Indigenous cultural awareness and a number council leadership programs. [Click here](#) to see all opportunities.

LAS

How are municipalities leveraging Mosey and Mosey to develop their benefit plan philosophy, control expenditures, and minimize the internal resources required to effectively manage their employee [group benefit program](#)?

If you have questions about how to help your community save money, time, resources, and energy, [visit LAS](#) and our program partners at the [AMO Conference](#) trade show on August 18 and 19. We look forward to seeing you there.

[Join us](#) for a half-day session to explore how we can better manage cyber risk in the public sector space, with TMU Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, ISA, MISA and more!

Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Township of Hornepayne](#). Closing date: August 30.

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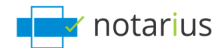
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AMO Matters

AMO encourages you to read AMO's Workforce Development [Project Roadmap](#) which identifies priority areas and future actions for AMO and its partners to support employee recruitment and retention.

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Sidewalk trip hazards are a safety and liability issue for municipalities. An [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment](#) survey shows all deficiencies along with imagery to focus your sidewalk repairs and address legal challenges. [Contact Tanner](#) for a no-obligation quote.

Municipal Wire*

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[Technical Director, Engineering Services - Credit Valley Conservation](#). Closing Date: August 18.

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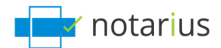
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[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Lakeshore](#). Closing Date: August 19.

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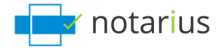
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Making the internet accessible to all is not recommended but prescribed. The blog focuses on four main principles: perceivable, operable, understandable, and robust. Read more [here](#).

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[Road Specialist - Intact Public Entities](#). Closing Date: August 15.

[Deputy Chief Information Officer, Digital Workplace & IT Service Management - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: August 6.

[Deputy Chief Information Officer, Business Solutions & Project Delivery - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: August 6.

[Program Manager, Housing Programs - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: July 31.

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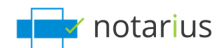
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LAS

Join our Barrier-free Website Builder service partner, GHD, for a discussion with Algonquin Highlands on how the township transformed its online presence and enhanced residents' experience. [Sign up here](#).

The City of Hamilton celebrates its 10-year anniversary partnering with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC), which has saved City residents \$5 million dollars for repairs of their sewer and water line infrastructure. Read the [press release](#) and learn more about the LAS-endorsed [Service and Water Line](#)

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Our joint municipal investment company, ONE Investment, offers a High Interest Savings Account (HISA) Program that offer municipalities a liquid option for the investment of short-term funds, other than a GIC. [Read here](#) to learn more about this offering.

Our Water and Service Line Program partner, SLWC, breaks down the cost of what a resident can expect to pay for a damaged water line. [Read more here](#).

Municipal Wire*

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[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Ignace](#). Closing Date: July 31, 2024.

[Associate Solicitor, Land Use Planning and Development Law - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: July 21, 2024.

[Manager, Transit Strategic Planning - City of Hamilton](#). Closing Date: July 17, 2024.

[Program Coordinator, Local Immigration Partnership - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: July 12, 2024.

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The Canoe Procurement Group, a not-for-profit buying group run by municipal associations across Canada, is pleased to announce it has procured two Ambulance suppliers for Ontario's municipal sector - Demers and Crestline. [Find contracts and RFP information here](#). Contact [Tony De Scisio](#) from Canoe for guidance on how these contracts work.

Do you want more efficient water and wastewater facilities? LAS offers professional [on-site energy workshops and treasure hunts](#) to help reduce energy consumption and lower your hydro bills in your plants. Training is eligible for IESO incentives. [Contact Christian](#) for more details.

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[Manager, Stakeholder Relations & Issues Management - City of Toronto](#). Closing Date: July 4, 2024.

[Supervisor, Financial Services - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: July 21, 2024.

[Senior Manager, Talent Management - Odgers Berndtson Client](#). Closing Date: July 25, 2024.

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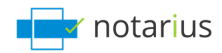
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- Municipal Codes of Conduct: Do not miss our in person workshop August 17.
- AMO Conference - Be aware of scams!
- Navigating Conflict Relationships: Transforming conflict into collaboration.
- Indigenous Community Awareness training.
- Blog: Risk Financing.
- Hunt for efficiency in water and wastewater plants.
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AMO Matters

Have you considered serving on AMO's Board? Participate in setting strategic objectives, policy and program initiatives, and the budget. Deadline to submit nomination form: Monday, June 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (ET). [Click here](#) for more information.

Last week, Conservation Ontario and AMO recorded [a webinar](#) on updates to the *Conservation Authorities Act* that highlighted opportunities for collaboration between Conservation Authorities and municipalities.

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Federal Matters

The [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) aims to make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. Up to \$125,000 for a project that is up to 2 years in duration. Not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, indigenous organizations, municipal and territorial governments are eligible to apply. Deadline: July 23, 2024.

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Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out your collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities. Learn how to accomplish this at the [June 26-27 Navigating Conflict Relationships workshop](#).

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Ontario municipalities' broad scope of responsibilities exposes them to a wider range of risks, making comprehensive risk management strategies and sufficient insurance coverage a key part of their strategic plans. [Read about the options available for risk financing](#) outside of traditional insurance procurement.

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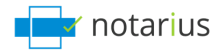
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August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada,

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

CS/lv

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August 7, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
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Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**

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August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

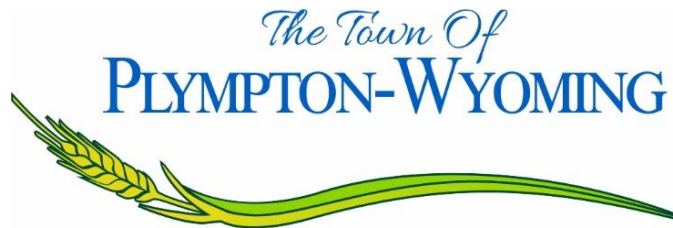
CARRIED

Regards,



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CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities



Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade & Economic Development of Canada
Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, & Industry of Canada
Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)
Government of Canada
MP Marilyn Gladu
MPP Bob Bailey
(sent via e-mail)

Re: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, other Rural and Urban Centres across Lambton County, and beyond

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on July 31st, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Government of Canada and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming have approved 2 new Cell Tower installations, yet no installations have occurred. ISED regulations state, *“Following the consultation, and once the company and local municipality agree, the tower must be built within three years.”*

And Whereas the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is not able to utilize all the available modern technology for Fire Services due to the lack of cell signals and reliable cellular service coverage in our rural and urban communities.

And Whereas residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services.

And Whereas Many areas are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality.

And Whereas the Federal Government is already exploring 6G services, yet existing Cell Towers in The Town of Plympton-Wyoming are only providing 3G which is ending in 2025, LTE and 4G service – where these services are even available.

And Whereas the ISED has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, *“Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and*

government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

And Whereas the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Federal Government and ISED and make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

The health and well-being of our community is at the mercy of our Federal Government taking these matters seriously; taking action to reduce the harm being caused to our residents well being and allowing our emergency services to perform at standard that our larger urban municipalities are able to.

Sincerely,



Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc:
All Ontario Municipalities



RE: Letter of Support – AMO-OMA

July 31, 2024

Motion110-2024

Moved by Councillor Glenn Locke
Seconded by Councillor Grace Hamm

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support to AMO and the Ontario Medical Association as requested.

Carried

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77% in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

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WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the Province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Township of Limerick urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Limerick and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Sincerely,

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Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in PDF and Word Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberly Moran
CEO, Ontario Medical



Colin Best
Association AMO President

Appendix A:

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WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of (the name of municipality) urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in (name of municipality) and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24172	Meeting Order: 15
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

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WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and;

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of Wawa and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with AMO, Colin Best, Ontario Medical Association, Kimberly Moran, CEO, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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Annette Groves
Mayor

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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RE: RESOLUTION ON PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS NEEDED TO RESTRICT KEEPING OF NON-NATIVE ("EXOTIC") WILD ANIMALS

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Smiths Falls regarding Resolution on Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native ("exotic") Wild Animals and the request to the Province to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, Town of Smiths Falls, and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves
Mayor

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Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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RE: WATER TESTING SERVICES FOR PRIVATE DRINKING WATER

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the City of Pickering and Town of Amaranth regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water and the request to the Province to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing- out of free private drinking water testing services; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, City of Pickering, Town of Amaranth, Peel Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Premier of Ontario
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RE: SUPPORT FOR FAMILY DOCTORS

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding support for family doctors.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Petrolia and City of Bellville regarding the resolution in support of Family Doctors, and the request to the Province to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Doug Ford, Premier, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the City of Belleville, the Town of Petrolia and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves
Mayor

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June 20, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Hon. Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario

Dear Premier,

As I know you will agree, Ontario's paramedics, police officers and firefighters are our frontline heroes, regularly putting themselves at risk to protect the rest of us.

In recent months, local resident, paramedic and former volunteer firefighter, Charles Shaw, has been advocating for paramedics and all police officers to receive the same long-service medal as exists today for firefighters and Ontario Provincial Police officers.

Our Town Council agrees with Mr Shaw, and passed the below resolution unanimously requesting the province create such medals. Here is the resolution:

Resolution 2024-206

Whereas paramedics, firefighters and police officers are our frontline heroes, regularly putting their own health and safety at risk to help others in need;

Whereas the Ontario Fire Services Long Service Medal was created in 1971 to honour firefighters who have served the public for twenty-five years or more and the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal was created in 1985 and 'honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks;

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal honours OPP officers who have served for twenty years or more and the Governor General's Police Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1983, 'recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner having completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces;

Whereas many non-OPP police services have similar local long-service medals within their forces, but there is not a province-wide long-service medal for non-OPP police officers;

Whereas the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, created in 1994, recognizes 'professionals in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public who completed 20 years of exemplary service, including at least 10 years in the performance of duties involving potential risk;

Whereas there is no province-wide long-service medal for paramedics in Ontario;

Therefore, The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council:

- 1. Endorse the creation of a province-wide long-service medal for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters;*
- 2. In furtherance of this resolution, that the Mayor write to the Premier, Minister of Health, Solicitor General, Minister of Citizenship and our local MPP urging them to work collaboratively to create such awards; and*
- 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities.*

I believe this is a relatively simple but important measure your government could take to honour our paramedics and police officers, as we already honour our firefighters. I understand the creation of such an award would involve several different ministries, and I hope you might instruct your cabinet to work together to create this award.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



James Leduc
Mayor
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

cc

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael Krezner, Solicitor General
Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York—Simcoe
Cllr Jonathan Scott, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Mr. Charles Shaw
Ontario's Municipal Councils

July 18, 2024

Sent via email

SUBJECT: Request for the Province of Ontario to Issue a Ministerial Zoning Order to Protect the Parks & Open Space and to Maintain Existing Zoning Permissions on the Millcroft Golf Course

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has issued a recent decision and interim order to approve the redevelopment of parts of the Millcroft Golf Course by the Millcroft Greens Corporation on June 12, 2024; and

Whereas Burlington Council is not requesting interference with the OLT process or ruling; and

Whereas Burlington Council is requesting the Province issue a Ministerial Zoning Order as there is limited time to act to save this area before shovels are in the ground for development; and

Whereas planning staff will continue to proceed with finalizing the planning instruments in accordance with the interim OLT order until such time as we receive a decision from the province on the MZO request.

Whereas the parks and open space currently operating as the Millcroft Golf Course, is unique among golf courses, in that it is in an urban area, designed as a figure eight weaving among houses, functioning as natural storm water conveyance on a floodplain, and we know of no other golf course with these set of conditions; and

Whereas land use planning decision-making should always rest with local councils, professional and qualified staff, and the community, for maximum accountability, transparency, and democracy in adherence with applicable Official Plan documentation; and

Whereas in December 2022, following extensive community consultation, Burlington City Council unanimously declared opposition to the proposed residential development of the Millcroft Golf Course, particularly Areas A, B, C, and D of the development, and support in principle for the proposed residential development of Area E which is not on

greenspace, and further brought these concerns to the attention of the OLT during the appeal hearing; and

Whereas Burlington City Council unanimously approved a resolution on September 26, 2023 requesting the province to issue a Ministerial Zoning Order to protect these lands from development, which it has the power to do at any time, to facilitate appropriate residential development in Area E and ensure the protection of the greenspace and natural areas from re-development of Areas A, B, C and D on the Millcroft Golf Course; and

Whereas Halton Regional Council unanimously approved a similar resolution on October 18, 2023 supporting the City of Burlington's resolution for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to protect the vital Millcroft Golf Course greenspace; and

Whereas the City of Burlington has recently adopted its 2022-2026 Work Plan, "From Vision to Focus", detailing specifically Focus Area 3 on protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change; and

Whereas the protection of existing greenspace within the City of Burlington is crucial for the municipality to provide opportunities for access to both public and private green space for current residents and future generations; and

Whereas the City of Burlington has an abundance of options for development to achieve provincially mandated growth targets towards accomplishing the province's goal of 1.5 million new homes by 2031, and it is not required to sacrifice greenspace or build on critical floodplains to accommodate Burlington's share of housing as referenced in the 2022 – 2026 Burlington's Work Plan: From Vision to Focus, Focus Area 1 Designing and Delivering Complete Communities; and

Whereas a recent Burlington Staff Report found a deficit of urban greenspace of 104 hectares to accommodate planned population growth for 2051; and

Whereas the City of Burlington can accommodate its share of new housing units in provincial priority areas such as GO stations, aging retail plazas, select growth areas, and major transportation station areas such as Plains Road and Fairview Street corridors; and

Whereas these growth areas are built into the City's Official Plan and will more than accommodate new housing growth for the municipality; and

Whereas the needs and interests of Burlington residents are captured in the City's Official Plan in effect and as adopted by Council in 2022 to provide clarity and certainty about planned future housing development sites, and does not include any requirements or need to redevelop the Millcroft Golf Course;

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, through its zoning order framework process, to issue a Ministerial Zoning Order to maintain the zoning permissions for Areas A to D of the proposed development of the Millcroft Golf Course as they existed prior to the June 12, 2024 OLT decision;

Be it further resolved that the Clerk forward the resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, AttorneyGeneral, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Halton MPPs, Halton Local Municipalities, Michael Kraljevic, Chair of Ontario Land Tribunal and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7490 or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Yew".

Samantha Yew
Deputy Clerk

“Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca”

July 12th, 2024

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Re: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box for ‘Ineligible’ Sources

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

“Resolution No. 402-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor Marck Recoskie

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal- owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

WHEREAS The Town of Cochrane has approximately 191 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization after transition begins;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cochrane hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.”



Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE



Alice Mercier
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Hon. Andrea Khanjin;
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
All Ontario Municipalities



July 11, 2024

New Tecumseth
Clerks/Administration Department
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10 Wellington St. E. Alliston, ON L9R 1A1
Via email: pslowleigh@newtecumseth.ca

RE: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

During the July 8, 2024, regular meeting of council, correspondence from New Tecumseth regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh Seconded: Joel Field

THAT the council of the Town of Petrolia support the resolution of the Township of Tecumseth, regarding Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file
Municipalities of Ontario
andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
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June 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Public Health Ontario – Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of June 17, 2024:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water;

And Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of The Archipelago, that rely predominantly on private drinking water;

And Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations;

And Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of New Tecumseth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services;

And Further That this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, and Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey.

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Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Deputy Clerk

cc. andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org - Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org - Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Sanja.Hakkarainen@smdhu.org – Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Office of the Medical Officer of Health
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VIA EMAIL

July 11, 2024

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Meaghen Reid, Clerk, Town of Milton
Vicki Tytaneck, Clerk, Town of Oakville
Valerie Petryniak, Clerk, Town of Halton Hills

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, July 10, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: CA-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24 - 2023 Allocation Program Launch

1. THAT Report No. CA-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24 re “2023 Allocation Program Launch” be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24 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-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24 for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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Regional Municipality of Halton

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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Jane MacCaskill, Chief Administrative Officer Cyndy Winslow, Commissioner, Finance and Regional Treasurer Andrew Farr, Commissioner, Public Works
Date:	July 10, 2024
Report No.:	CA-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24
Re:	2023 Allocation Program Launch

Recommendation

1. THAT Report No. CA-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24 re “2023 Allocation Program Launch” be received for information.
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Report

Executive Summary

- The Region’s Allocation Program is a financing tool to support timely delivery of growth-related infrastructure required to support the delivery of housing supply.
- Halton Region has a shared objective with the Province and Local Municipalities to advance housing supply and will need to play a role in accelerating growth in support of Local Municipal housing pledges by proactively planning for, financing, and delivering infrastructure.
- In order to support the Local Municipalities in meeting their pledges, on July 12, 2023, Regional Council directed staff to develop Allocation Program options based on the principles identified in Attachment #1 to LPS56-23/PW-31-23/FN-29-23.
- Following substantial consultation, on February 14, 2024, Regional Council approved the advancement of the proposed 2023 Allocation program through report CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24 re: “Revised 2023 Allocation Program”. This included approval of Infrastructure Dependent Units (IDUs), the approval of the program’s Development

Financing Plan and authorized the Region's Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute 2023 Allocation Program agreements.

- Report CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24 identified staff's intent to provide a report to Council on the final 2023 Allocation Program uptake following the launch of the program. This report provides that update.
- As discussed in Report No. CA-19-24/FN-20-24/PW-19-24, staff are proceeding with the 2023 Allocation program as the minimum subscription required to support the financing plan approved by Regional Council through report CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24 re: "Revised 2023 Allocation Program" was achieved.

Background

The Allocation Program is Halton Region's tool to finance the delivery of water, wastewater and regional road infrastructure required to support new housing growth across the region. The Allocation Program ensures Halton maintains the principle that "growth pays for growth" to the greatest extent possible.

The Province has a goal of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2031 and has asked municipalities, including all four of Halton's Local Municipalities, to sign on to housing pledges to support delivering their share. Each of Halton's Local Municipalities have committed to housing pledges, which total 92,500 units across Halton to 2031 as follows:

1. Burlington: 29,000 units
2. Halton Hills: 9,500 units
3. Milton: 21,000 units
4. Oakville: 33,000 units

Regional staff worked collaboratively with the Local Municipalities and engaged the development community throughout the development of the program since a Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) was released in May 2023.

On October 18, 2023, Regional Council considered Report No. CA-08-23/PW-40-23/FN-36-23 "2023 Allocation Program" that proposed to allocate water and wastewater servicing capacity through a new "2023 Allocation Program" which would enable Local Municipalities to achieve their housing pledges and would commence the delivery of several infrastructure projects through defined financial terms and conditions for landowners participating in the program. Regional Council referred the report recommendations to the Halton CAOs and requested staff report back in December 2023.

On December 13, 2023, Regional Council considered Report No. CA-18-23/PW-45-23/FN-46-23 "Revised Allocation Program" which incorporated the feedback received up to

that point from the Local Municipalities and the development community. The report was deferred to the February 14, 2024, meeting of Regional Council to allow for further discussions with the development community and landowner groups.

Incorporating the feedback received through extensive consultation, the 2023 Allocation Program was finalized and approved on February 14, 2024, by Regional Council through Report No. CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24 re: “Revised 2023 Allocation Program”.

Discussion

Halton’s Allocation Programs are developed in partnership with the Local Municipalities and the development community. Servicing allocation and infrastructure delivery must be supportive of, and aligned with, Local Municipal growth plans and more recently, Local Municipal housing pledges.

The 2023 Allocation Program and associated financing plan, as approved by Council through report CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24, was developed based on long-standing principles, consistent with previous allocation programs and recent Provincial direction, specifically:

- “Growth pays for growth” to the greatest extent possible under the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DCA);
- Enable Local Municipalities to meet their housing pledges and align with local growth priorities as defined in the joint best planning estimates (JBPEs);
- Infrastructure requirements align to growth;
- Ensure Halton Region’s strong financial position and financial planning principles will not be compromised;
- Develop financing strategies to unlock specific geographic areas as necessary; and
- Ensure program requirements respond to feedback from participants if aligned to the above principles.

The 2023 Allocation Program is unique in that in addition to introducing Single Dwelling Equivalent (SDEs), which developers secure to reserve water / wastewater servicing capacity, it also introduced a new type of service capacity reservation through Infrastructure Dependent Units (IDUs). To enable each Local Municipality and Halton’s development community partners to achieve housing pledges, recognizing there is a finite servicing capacity within Regional water and wastewater trunk and treatment infrastructure to accommodate new growth, IDUs were introduced. These units act as placeholders in securing servicing capacity as it becomes available through the enhanced monitoring reporting, redistribution of “found” capacity, such as that held for built boundary

development, or through the completion of infrastructure projects expected to come online in five or more years. These units follow a different payment schedule meant to reflect the longer term nature of these units. Prospective participants were provided opportunities to secure SDE units, IDU units, or a combination of both at the launch of the program.

Since Council approved the 2023 Allocation Program in February 2024, Regional staff worked with the Local Municipalities who set the distribution of available servicing capacity units, approved by the local councils throughout March 2024. Staff also worked with the development community to finalize the program agreement based on the Regional Council approved Infrastructure and Development Financing Plans, and terms and conditions of the approved program.

Regional Council approved staff to proceed with the 2023 Allocation Program based on the minimum of 29,787 units (approximately 16,246 SDEs) with a Special Purpose Pool of up to 5,000 units (approximately 2,760 SDEs).

The 2023 Allocation Program also held the Development Charge (DC) rate at the pre-indexed March 31, 2024, rate through Section 27 of the DCA, if certain criteria were met:

1. The Allocation Program agreement must be finalized in advance of March 31, 2024 and fully executed by May 31, 2024:
 - The 2023 Allocation Program agreement was finalized on March 28, 2024 and executed on or before May 31, 2024
2. The appeal against the current Development Charge By-law is resolved or can be considered resolved in-good-faith prior to March 31, 2024:
 - The DC By-law appeal was resolved in good faith on March 28, 2024, and formally withdrawn by BILD through a letter dated May 31, 2024.
3. The property is identified by the Local Municipality in its report to local Council by March 31, 2024:
 - All local reports assigning units were approved before March 31, 2024.

All three required criteria were met, enabling the DC rate to be held at the pre-indexed rate of \$58,261.16 as the starting point for all agreements.

2023 Allocation Program Uptake

The 2023 Allocation Program resulted in 114 agreements for 130 properties with 39 landowners / developers. Attachment #1 to this report provides maps of the location of the 2023 Allocation Program participating properties. The program resulted in the following uptake of units between the SDE and IDU unit types:

SDEs

	Standard	High-Density	Rental	Total Uptake
Burlington	1,084	2,320	0	3,404
Halton Hills	1,334	300	0	1,634
Milton	3,143	5,006	129	8,278
Oakville	1,700	7,373	0	9,073
Halton	7,261	14,999	129	22,389

IDUs

	Standard	High-Density	Rental	Total Uptake
Burlington	1,345	250	0	1,595
Halton Hills	0	0	0	0
Milton	6,073	147	0	6,220
Oakville	3,008	3,955	553	7,516
Halton	10,426	4,352	553	15,331

Through Council Report No. CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24, staff identified the minimum subscription of 29,787 units (approximately 16,426 SDEs), or units acceptable to the Commissioner of Corporate Services & Corporate Counsel and the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer to meet the minimum program financial requirements.

Regional staff have confirmed that through the executed agreements, sufficient financing has been secured to support the minimum unit requirements through a combination of SDEs and IDUs. The IDUs provide the additional financing required to confirm the launch of the program.

In addition, as discussed in the Memorandum dated June 19, 2024, Re: Proclamation of Bill 185, on June 6, 2024, Bill 185 received Royal Assent. The majority of changes made through Bill 185 are now in force including the changes related to the DCA which are the repealing the mandatory five-year phase-in of the DCs, reducing the time limit on the DC rate freeze from two years to 18 months and reinstating growth services as a DC eligible service. Due to the rate freeze and the 2023 Allocation Program, the losses related to the five-year phase-in of DCs will be experienced for some time to come. The impact will continue to be reported through the mandated DC statement of the Treasurer (i.e. the annual DC Reserve Fund Statement (DCRF)).

Next Steps & Conclusion

The launch of the 2023 Allocation Program is a result of significant efforts of Regional and Local staff and the development community to expedite the allocation of Regional servicing capacity in support of the Province's goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031.

With the addition of IDUs, staff have confirmed that the required finances are in place to allow for the launch of the 2023 Allocation Program. The launch of the program will enable residential development within the Greenfield and sets aside the required servicing capacity required by Halton's Local Municipalities to meet their respective housing pledges.

Regional staff have committed to annual enhanced growth and service capacity monitoring beginning in the fall of 2025. The objective of the annual enhanced monitoring report is to inform decisions in a proactive manner that may be required for a potential release of additional units of servicing capacity, or the re-allocation of capacity in the system within the respective Local Municipality to meet their housing pledges. For example, should development be proceeding at a slower rate than anticipated in the built boundary, the reserved servicing capacity could be re-allocated to the Greenfield pending confirmation by the Region of location specific capacity, and allow for the conversion of IDUs to SDEs for developments that are proceeding through the application process at a faster rate. These decisions will be made by the Local Municipalities based on key data and information provided through this enhanced monitoring report.

Financial/Program Implications

As discussed above, staff are proceeding with the 2023 Allocation Program as the minimum subscription required to support the financing plan approved by Regional Council through report CA-02-24/PW-04-24/FN-05-24 re: "Revised 2023 Allocation Program".

Additional revenues that are received as a result of IDUs beyond those required to support the minimum subscription and the removal of the phase-in provision under the DCA will be used to support future increases, accelerate projects identified in the water, wastewater and roads masterplans and offset the requirement of alternative financing.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cyndy Winslow
Commissioner of Finance & Regional Treasurer

Andrew Farr
Commissioner, Public Works

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

Approved by,

Jane MacCaskill
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions about the content of this report, please contact:
Curt Benson, Director, Strategic Initiatives & Government Relations and Chief Planning Official

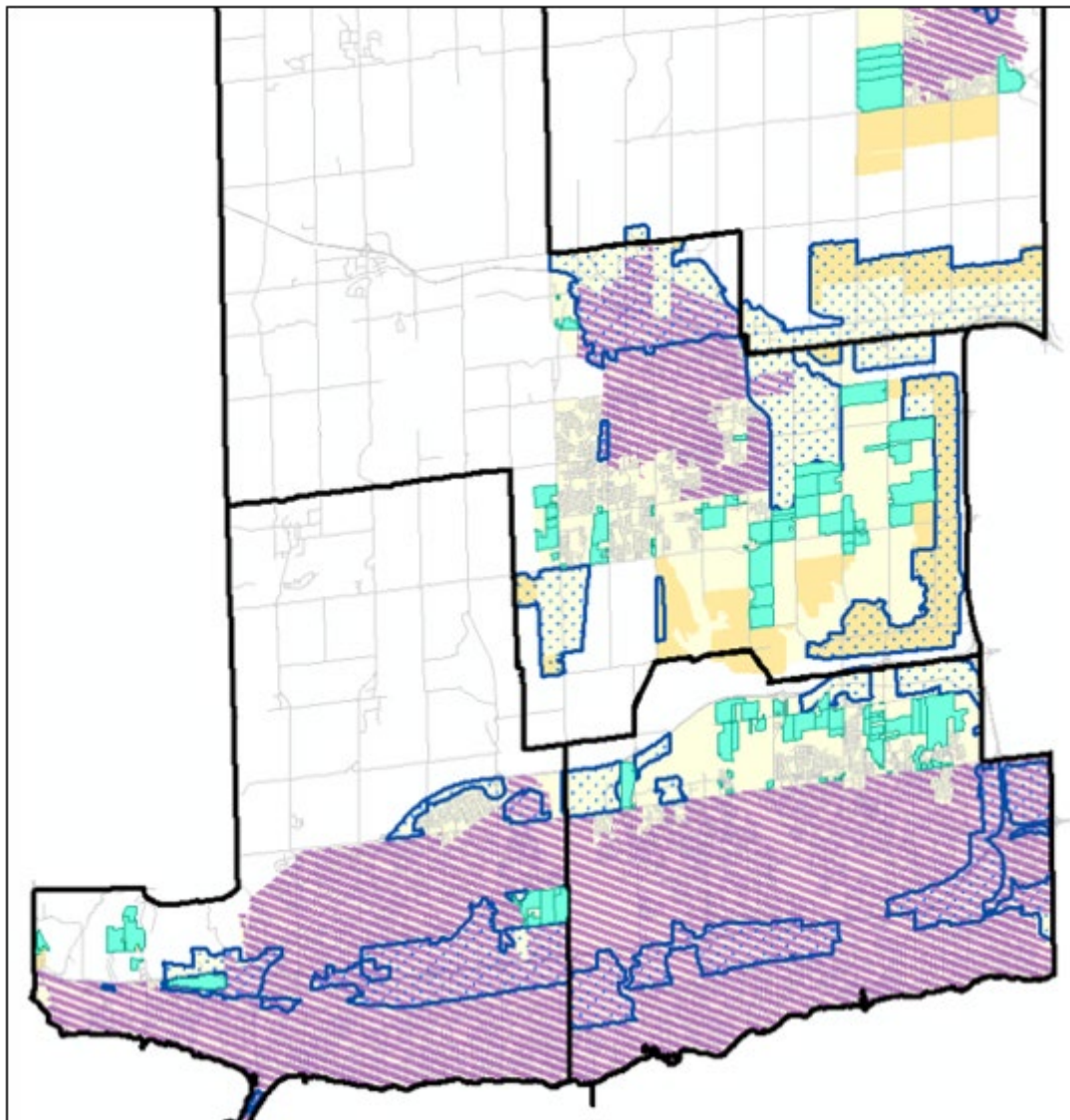
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Attachment #1 - 2023 Allocation Program Participation Maps






Additional Information:

None

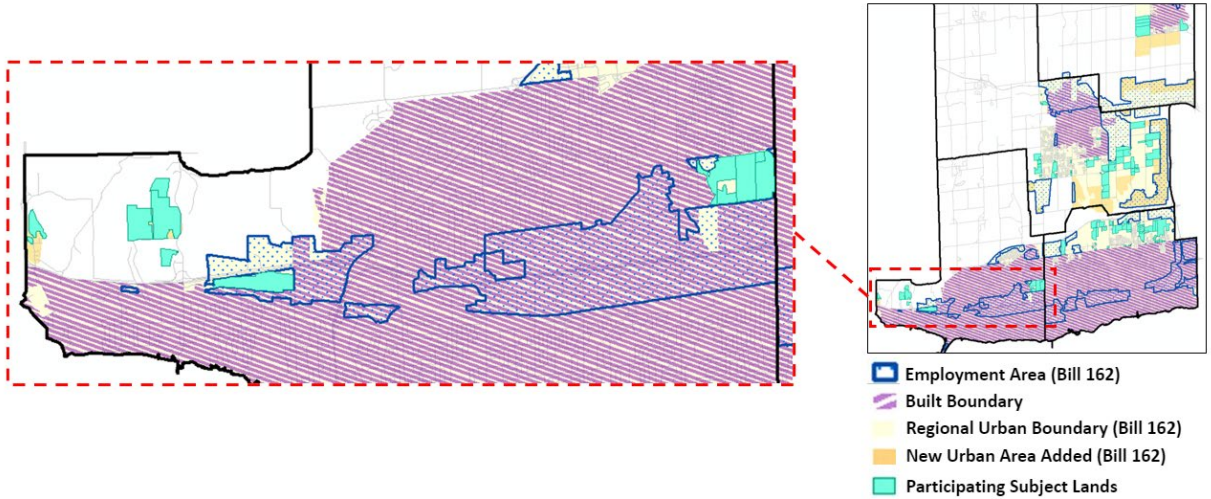
2023 Allocation Program Participation Maps

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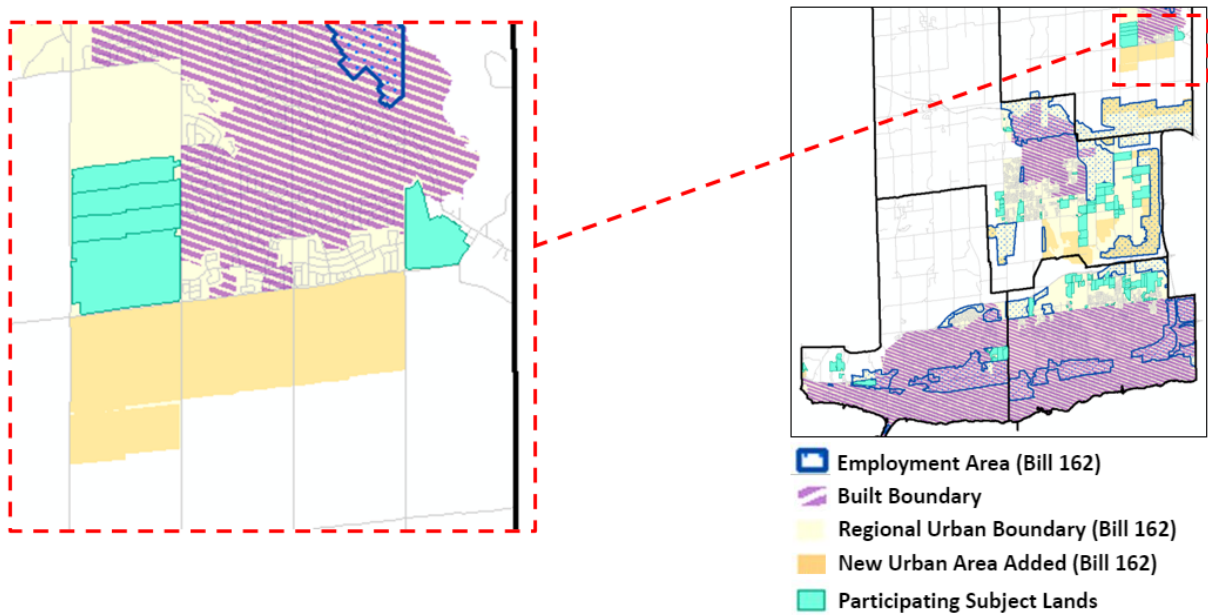


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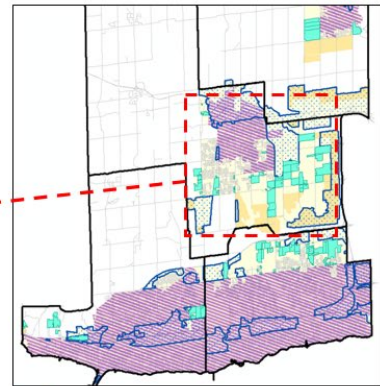
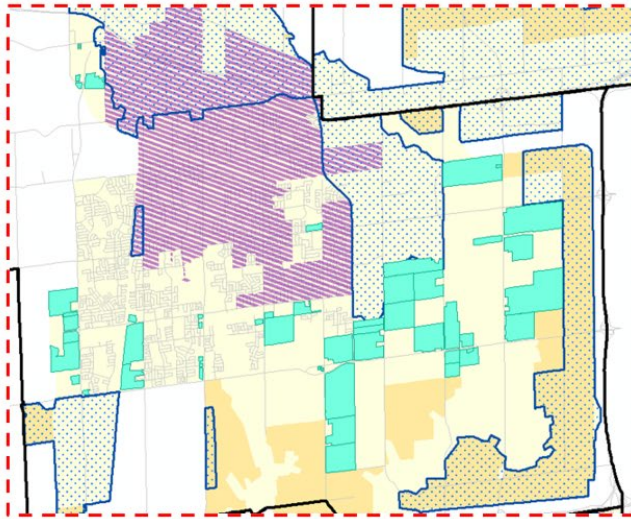
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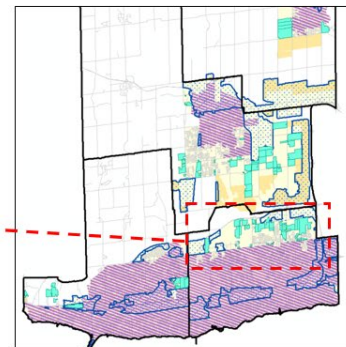


Milton



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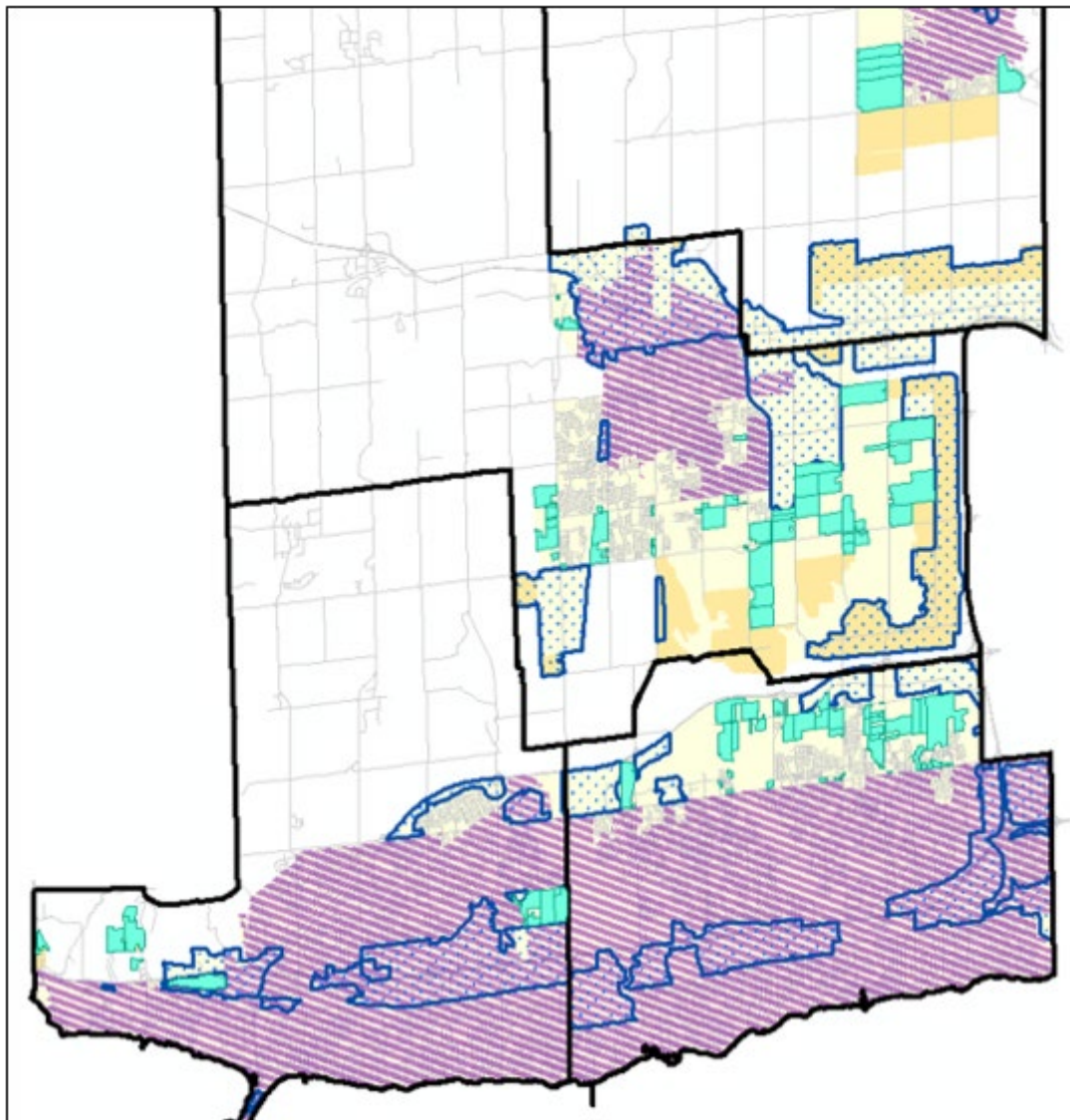
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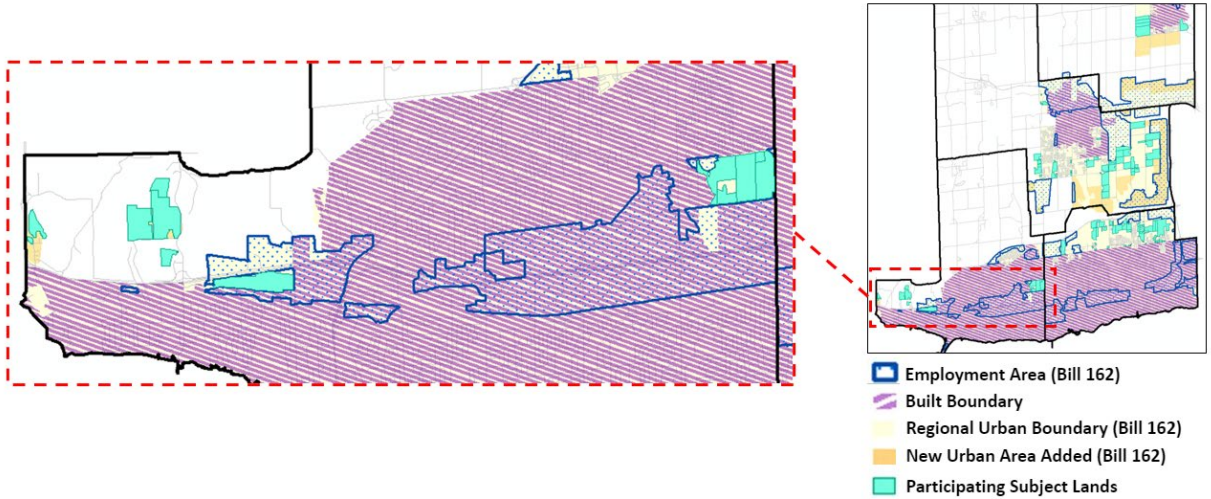
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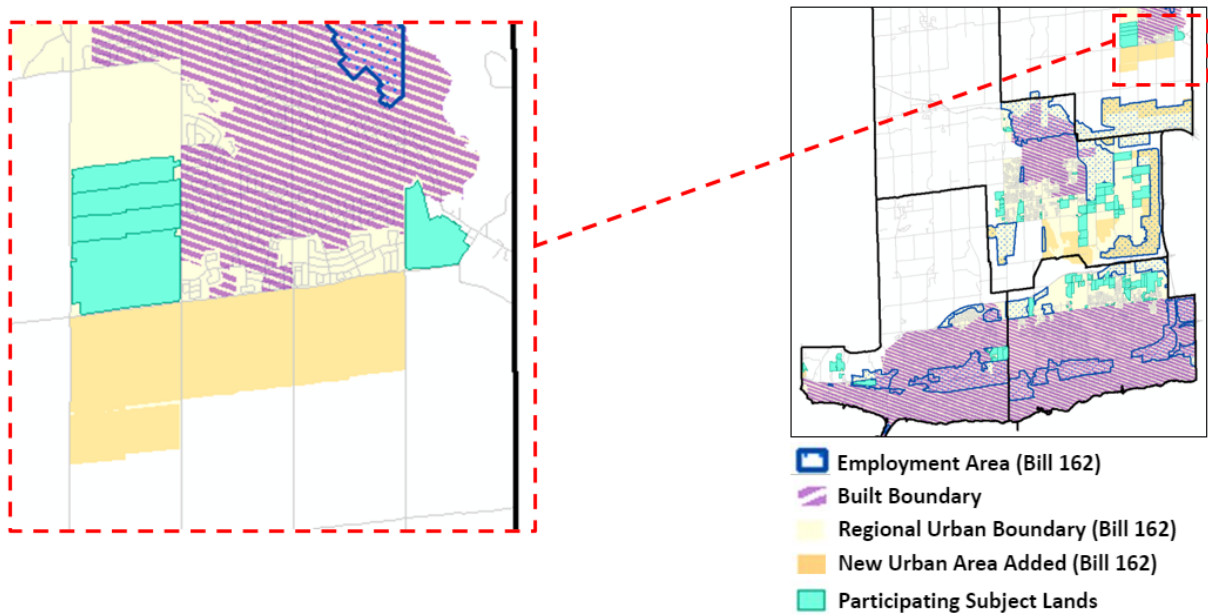


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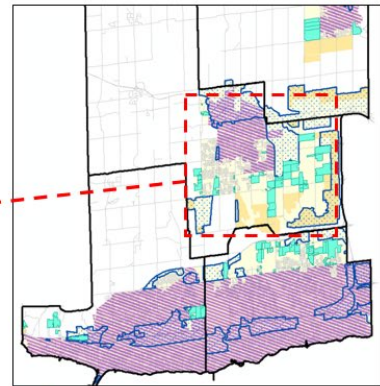
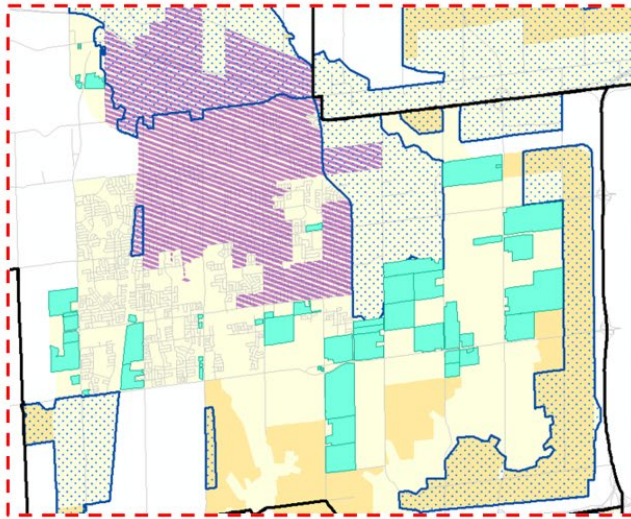
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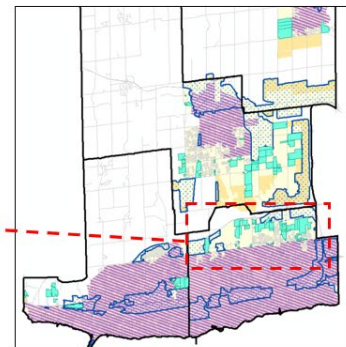


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VIA EMAIL

July 11, 2024

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, July 10, 2024, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: CA-13-24 - 2023 State of Housing Report

1. THAT Report No. CA-13-24 re: "2023 State of Housing Report" be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-13-24 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-13-24 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", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
graham.milne@halton.ca

Regional Municipality of Halton

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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:	July 10, 2024
Report No.:	CA-13-24
Re:	2023 State of Housing Report

Recommendation

1. THAT Report No. CA-13-24 re: “2023 State of Housing Report” be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-13-24 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the Town of Oakville for their information.

Report

Executive Summary

- The State of Housing Report has been prepared annually since 2006. It provides a review of housing supply and demand in Halton and monitors how well the housing sector and market are responding to the Region’s vision and goals related to the provision of housing.
- The 2023 State of Housing Report, provided as Attachment #1 to this report, provides a comprehensive review of data related to housing in Halton. The Report includes information on:
 - housing supply and demand in Halton for the various segments of the housing continuum;
 - income and housing cost thresholds for assisted and affordable housing in the open housing market;
 - new housing developments (e.g. housing starts, under construction, and completions);
 - housing sales (new and resales) in Halton;
 - the rental housing market in Halton; and,
 - assisted housing activities and initiatives by the Region.

- Key highlights from the 2023 State of Housing Report include:
 - 74.6 per cent of new housing completions in 2023 in Halton were in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings (i.e. higher density forms of housing), which typically provide for more affordable housing in the open housing market;
 - In 2023, there were 3,743 new housing completions (increase from 2,115 in 2022), 4,466 new housing starts (increase from 3,295 in 2022), and 6,445 new housing under construction in Halton (slight decrease from 6,692 in 2022);
 - 45.2 per cent of new housing unit sales in 2023 were considered to be affordable (sold at or below the affordable threshold of \$531,900 calculated by the Region's Housing Model);
 - All of the new housing unit sales below the affordable threshold of \$531,900 in 2023 were in the form of apartments;
 - Based on the MPAC sales data, the average prices of new and resales in 2023 were \$840,500 and \$1,241,100, respectively;
 - In 2023, there were a total of 16,299 private townhouse and apartment rental units in Halton with an average rent of \$1,788 (increase from \$1,695 in 2022). The vacancy rate in Halton increased to 1.6 per cent in 2023 compared to 1.2 per cent in 2022; however, it remains below the three per cent vacancy rate that is considered to represent a healthy rental market; and,
 - Since 2014, the Region has achieved the upper target of 900 new government-funded housing opportunities as set out in the Region's Comprehensive Housing Strategy (2014 – 2024) by creating a total of 1,181 new assisted housing opportunities.
- The Provincial bulletin related to the exemption for Affordable Housing Units under Section 4.1 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DCA) has been released. The exemption comes into force June 1, 2024. The defined affordable threshold for Halton's local municipalities indicates that for homeownership it is based on income, whereas with the rental stream it is based on average market rent.

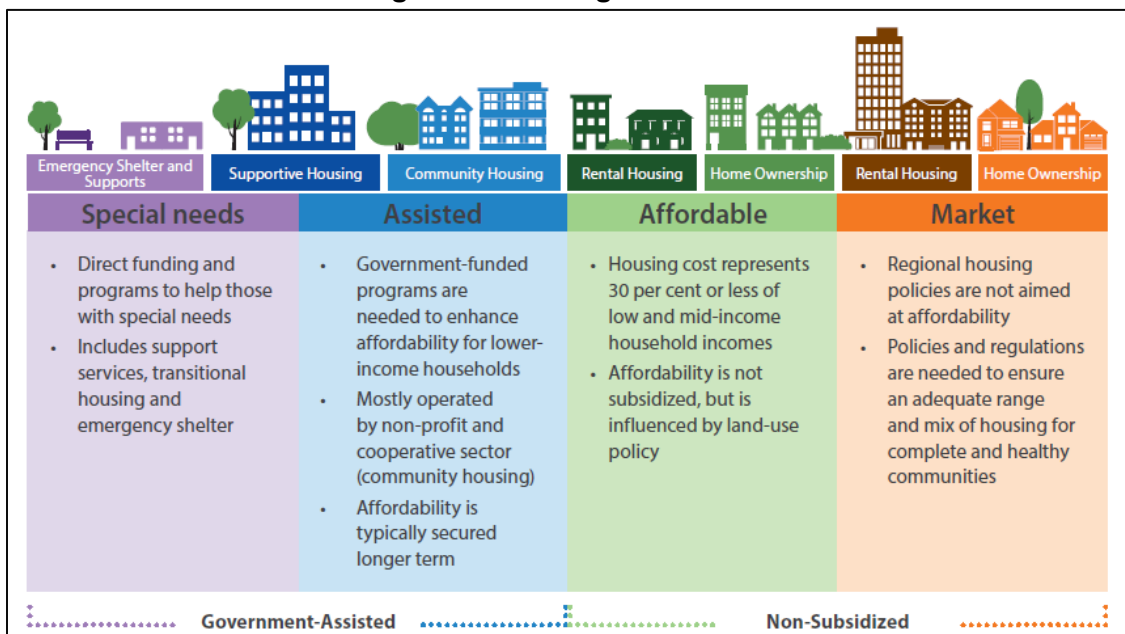
Background

Since 2006, Halton Region has prepared the State of Housing Report annually to provide a review of Halton's overall housing supply and demand. The Report is used to monitor

the supply of an adequate mix and variety of housing to meet different social and economic needs.

Using a Housing Model developed by the Region, the Report analyzes housing data available at the time of analysis to review the overall housing supply and demand in Halton. Data sources used in the Housing Model include the Census data on housing income and spending, housing sales data from Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC), average rents and construction data from CMHC and Halton’s Local Municipalities, and various other sources for housing carrying costs (e.g. utilities, mortgage rates, property and income taxes, etc.). Using the data, the Housing Model generates household income and housing cost thresholds at the assisted and affordable segments of the housing continuum shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1. Housing Continuum



The Region defines assisted housing as housing that is affordable for low and moderate income households for rent or purchase where part of the housing cost is subsidized through a government program. Further, affordable housing is defined as housing with a market price (for purchase) or rent that is affordable to households of low and moderate income, spending no more than 30 per cent of their gross household income on housing, without government assistance. Low and moderate income households represent the lowest 60 per cent of the income distribution in Halton.

The Report contains information on the following:

- housing supply and demand in Halton for the various segments of the housing continuum;
- income and housing cost thresholds for assisted and affordable housing in the open housing market;
- new housing developments (e.g. housing starts, under construction, and completions);
- highlights of housing sales (new and resales) in Halton;
- highlights of rental housing market in Halton; and
- assisted housing activities and initiatives by the Region.

Discussion

Highlights on Income and Housing Cost

Based on the Region's Housing Model, the thresholds at the assisted and affordable segments of the housing continuum were calculated as shown in Table 1 below. The thresholds below represent a snapshot at the time of the review. The outcomes may be affected by the pace of growth or the health of the economy.

Table 1 Assisted and Affordable Thresholds for All Household Sizes (Average of 2.8 people per household)

	Assisted	Affordable
Income threshold	\$69,500	\$126,300
Maximum purchase price	\$255,400	\$531,900
Maximum monthly rent	\$1,740	\$2,450

The income thresholds calculated by the Housing Model represent the top-end of the household income to be considered at the segment of the housing continuum. For the assisted income threshold, it represents a threshold that would typically require some form of government assistance to meet the household's housing needs if the income is below the threshold. In these cases, the private sector in Halton typically does not provide many opportunities to buy or rent below the maximum purchase price or maximum monthly rent. The affordable income threshold represents a threshold where a typical household could afford housing while having sufficient income left to sustain a basic standard of living.

Highlights on New Housing Development

There has been a target established of at least 65 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton be in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings (i.e. higher density forms of housing). In 2023, Halton saw 74.6 per cent of new housing completions in higher density forms of housing, with the remaining 25.4 per cent in the form of singles and semi-detached. The higher density forms of housing provide for the best opportunity to encourage and add more affordable housing to the open housing market in Halton.

The overall new housing construction activity in Halton saw an increase from 2022 as a result of higher number of new housing completions at 3,743 new units in 2023 compared to 2,115 units in 2022 (an increase of 77 per cent). New housing under development in 2023 increased from 2022 with a total of 10,911* new units under development (4,466* new housing starts and 6,445 new housing under construction). By comparison, there were 9,987 new units under development in 2022 (3,295 new housing starts and 6,692 new housing under construction).

By municipality, Oakville had the highest number of new units under development in 2023 at 6,530 units (2,701 new housing starts and 3,829 new housing under construction). Milton had 3,302 units (1,404 new housing starts and 1,898 new housing under construction). Burlington had 913 new units under development (300 new housing starts and 613 new housing under construction). Halton Hills had 166 new units under development (61 new housing starts and 105 new housing under construction).

This Report primarily relies on data on housing starts reported by CMHC. Housing starts data released by CMHC, which is used by the Province to track against the Building Faster Fund, has been under scrutiny by municipalities across the Province. There is evidence to suggest that CMHC data has inherent flaws and needs to be used with some care and caution. Recently the Town of Oakville has identified clear and undeniable discrepancies between the data released by CMHC and the Town's own review of its housing supply. The Town's tracking identified a total of 2,701 new housing starts compared to 1,752 new starts as reported by CMHC. In support of Oakville's data and verification approach, the 2023 State of Housing Report reflects the Town's results on housing starts. Halton's other Local Municipalities have raised similar concerns regarding how CMHC reports on the new starts and are connecting directly with CMHC to address the discrepancies in an effort to correct the methodology for tracking new starts. Regional Staff will monitor the outcome of the discussions with work with Local Municipalities to ensure that data on new housing development activities are accurately reflected to represent results that are verified by Halton's Local Municipalities. If required, data can be restated as part of the 2024 State of Housing report.

Highlights on Housing Costs and Affordability

Annually, Halton Region's goal is to aim to achieve at least 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually within Halton at or below the affordable threshold (or the maximum purchase price that represent what a household with an income at the level calculated by the Region's Housing Model could afford). In 2023, the affordable threshold was calculated to be \$531,900 with the income threshold of \$126,300 at the affordable segment of the housing continuum.

Based on the thresholds, 45.2 per cent of new housing unit sales in 2023 in Halton were considered to be affordable (or sold at or below \$531,900). New housing unit sales were based on review of the MPAC sales data. When looking at the forms of housing units from the new housing unit sales data in 2023, all of the units sold below the affordable threshold were apartment units. As noted earlier, higher density forms of housing such as apartments provide for the best opportunity to add more affordable housing to the market.

Between the affordable threshold (\$531,000) and \$1 million, nearly all of the new units sold were in the higher density forms of housing at 91.9 per cent (49.8 per cent as apartments and 42.1 per cent as townhouses). In contrast, majority of the new single detached homes sold in 2023 were above \$1 million.

Housing prices in the market are constantly evolving, influenced by a multitude of market-related factors. In this regard, a five-year average provides additional context. The average prices of both new and resales in 2023 (about \$840,500 and \$1,241,100 respectively) decreased from the highest peak in 2022 (about \$900,700 and \$1,358,000, respectively), but remain above the last five-year average prices in Halton (about \$799,500 and \$1,095,000, respectively). Overall, the average price of resales in 2023 saw the highest increase from the lowest point in the last five years at an increase of about 47.3 per cent. Comparatively, the average price of new sales in 2023 saw an increase of 18.4 per cent from the lowest point in the last five years.

Highlights on Rental Housing in the Primary Rental Market

Rental housing is an important form of affordable housing to many of Halton's residents. In 2023, there were a total of 16,299 private townhouse and apartment rental units available in the primary rental market that were either occupied or available for rent. Highlights in this section do not reflect rental units in the secondary rental market.

The average rent for all private townhouse and apartment rental units in Halton was \$1,788 in 2023, which increased from \$1,695 in 2022 (or 5.5 per cent increase). When

compared to other regional municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area, the average rent in Halton continues to be one of the highest. By municipality, Oakville had the highest average rent in 2023 at \$1,925 followed by Burlington and Milton at \$1,761 and \$1,531, respectively. Halton Hills had the lowest at \$1,155 with a caveat that there was limited information and data available in Halton Hills in 2023 due to data suppression in the Rental Market Survey conducted by CMHC.

The vacancy rate in Halton was 1.6 per cent in 2023, which increased from 1.2 per cent in 2022. Vacancy rate is an important indicator to assess the health of the rental market with three per cent or higher considered to represent a healthy rental market by providing adequate competition and options for a rental unit at any given time. Despite the increase, a rate below three per cent suggests current and prospective residents in Halton continue to experience challenges in finding a suitable unit when searching for rental housing. By municipality, Milton had the highest vacancy rate at 2.4 per cent followed by Burlington and Oakville at 1.6 per cent each. There was limited information and data available in Halton Hills in 2023 due to data suppression in the Rental Market Survey conducted by CMHC.

Highlights on Assisted Housing

As suggested by the Housing Model in the Report, there are on-going challenges associated with shortfalls in the supply of assisted housing relative to the demand. Halton's commitment to add more assisted housing opportunities each year continues to help mitigate the shortfall challenges. The Region's Comprehensive Housing Strategy (2014 – 2024) sets a 10-year target to create 550 to 900 new government-funded housing opportunities, which include housing subsidy payments to landlords and residents directly. In order to further close the gap in the supply of housing available at or below the assisted threshold, participation by the Federal and Provincial governments will be required.

Since 2014, the Region achieved the upper target of creating 900 new government-funded housing opportunities by creating a total of 1,181 new assisted housing opportunities through various delivery models, which include:

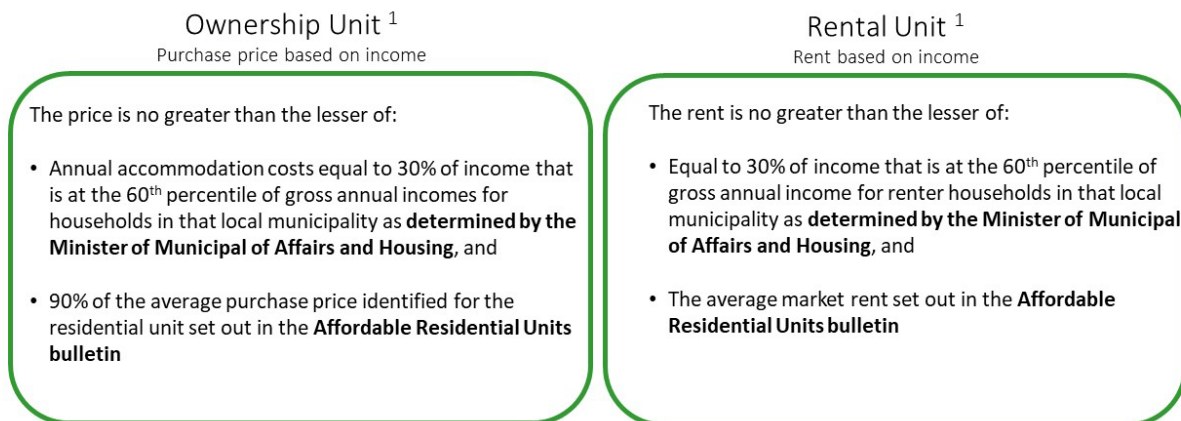
- 457 new brick and mortar purpose built rental unit, including 148 supportive housing units;
- over 700 additional rent supplements, housing allowances and portable housing benefits; and
- various emergency and transitional housing solutions.

Affordable Housing Units – DCA

As outlined in Report No. CA-11-24/FN-14-24 (re: April 10 Provincial Announcements), on April 10th the Province announced that the bulletin related to the Exemption for affordable and attainable residential units contained in Section 4.1 of the DCA would be released prior to the enactment of section 4.1 on June 1, 2024.

The bulletin was released on May 1st and sets the market-based and income-based thresholds that are to be used to determine the eligibility of a residential DC exemption (also impacts the local municipalities for community benefits charge and parkland dedication) based on the legislative requirements in Figure 2 shown below.

Figure 2. Legislative Requirements for Ownership and Rental Units



¹ A residential unit that is intended to be an affordable residential unit **for a period of 25 years** or more from the time that the unit is first rented or sold is exempt from development charges. The **local municipality shall enter into an agreement** that requires the residential unit to be an affordable residential unit for a period of 25 years.

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The threshold outlined in the bulletin for Halton’s local municipalities indicate that for homeownership it is based on the income, whereas for the rental stream it is based on average market rent. The following Table 2 provides the threshold for each local municipality:

Table 2. Ownership and Rental Thresholds by Local Municipality

Ownership Threshold				
	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Income Based	\$474,300	\$535,400	\$524,600	\$564,100

Rental Threshold				
Average Market Rent	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Bachelor Unit	\$1,192	\$1,243	\$1,243	\$1,299
1 Bedroom Unit	\$1,621	\$1,623	\$1,451	\$1,680
2 Bedroom Unit	\$1,831	\$1,176	\$1,626	\$1,989
3+ Bedroom Unit	\$1,819	\$1,864	\$1,864	\$2,096

Over the next month staff will work with the local municipalities to develop implementation policies. These will include agreements (if not provided by the Province) that will ensure units remain affordable for the 25-year timeframe provided in the DCA. Staff will report back to Council to provide an update including the potential financial impacts of the DC exemptions.

Financial/Program Implications

The cost of preparing the 2023 State of Housing Report has been included in the CAO's Office Operating Budget.

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2023 State of Housing



Overview

Since 2006, Halton Region has prepared the State of Housing Report annually to provide a review of the Region's overall housing supply and demand. The report is used to monitor the supply of an adequate mix and variety of housing to meet different social and economic needs.

Using a Housing Model developed by Halton Region, the Report assesses the Region's current state of meeting its Housing targets, which has been established to achieve:

- at least 65 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton be in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings (i.e. higher density form of housing); and
- at least 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually in Halton be in the form of affordable or assisted housing

The State of Housing Report also provides summary and highlights on:

- Housing supply and demand in Halton for the various segments of the housing continuum;
- Income and housing cost thresholds for assisted and affordable housing in the open housing market;
- New housing developments (e.g. Housing starts, under construction, and completions);
- Highlights of housing sales (new and resales) in Halton;
- Highlights of rental housing market in Halton (e.g. Average Market Rent, vacancy rates, and the number of rental units);
- Assisted housing activities and initiatives by the Region; and
- Affordable Rent Thresholds to inform certain Regional housing programs, initiatives, and agreements.

Housing Continuum

Housing Continuum

Housing plays an important role in the lives of Halton's residents. Individuals and families move back and forth across the housing continuum depicted below, depending on changes that affect their personal circumstances.

The continuum is based on the following observations:

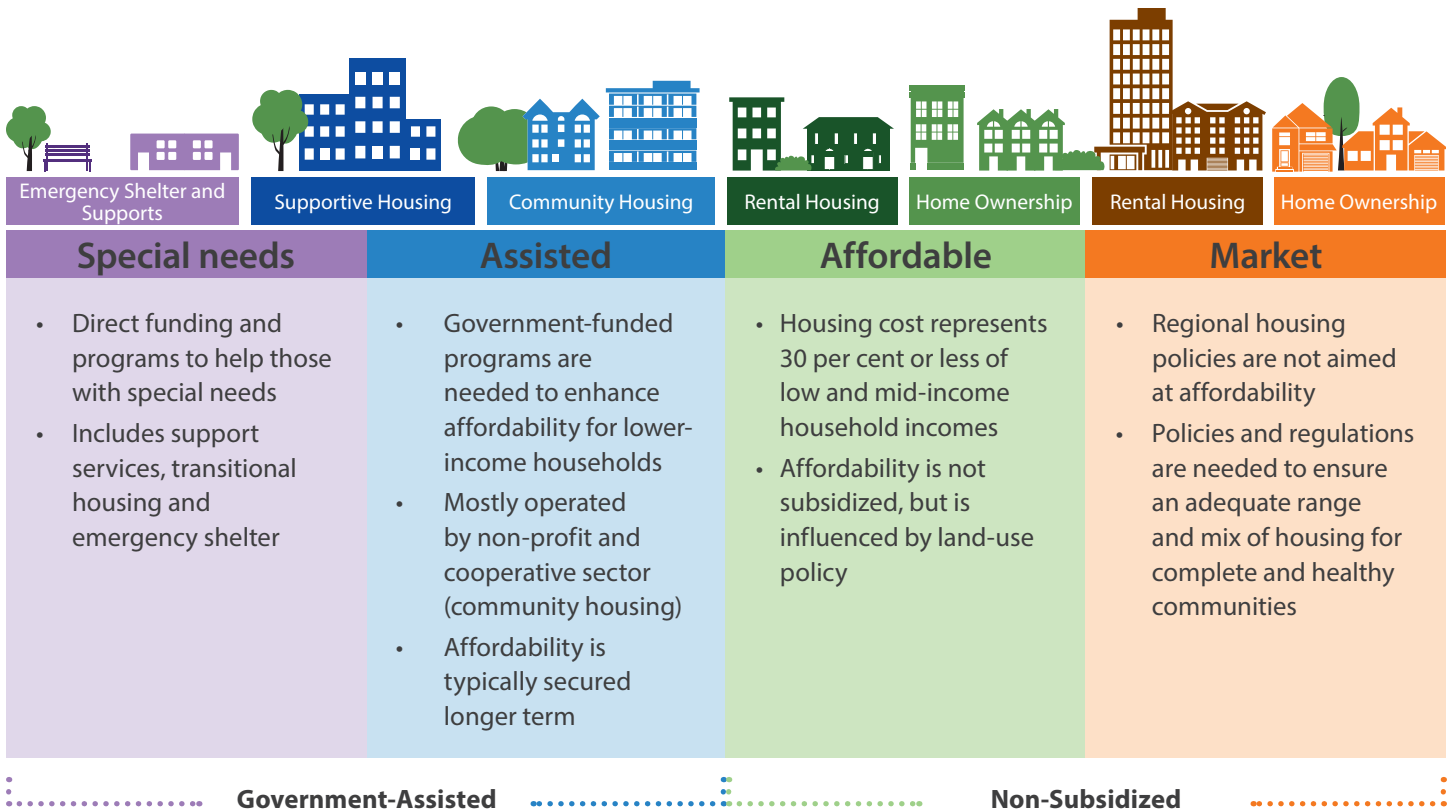
- a range of housing types is required to meet the needs of residents throughout the various stages of their lives and at any level of income;
- private and non-profit sectors play an essential role in providing housing across the continuum; and
- governments have various tools and programs available to provide a range and mix of appropriate housing and supports.

Assisted vs. Affordable Housing

Assisted housing is housing that is affordable for *low and moderate income households* for rent or purchase where part of the housing cost is subsidized through a government program.

Affordable housing is housing with a market price (for purchase) or rent that is affordable to households of low and moderate income, spending no more than 30 per cent of their gross household income on housing, without government assistance.

Affordable rental housing should meet the demand of renter households where they would be able to afford at least three out of ten rental units on the market. Affordable ownership housing should meet the demand of households at the high end and have sufficient income left, after housing expenses, to sustain a basic standard of living.



Income and Housing Cost Thresholds

Halton's Housing Model

Halton's Housing Model gathers various information including household income, household spending, housing costs, and average rents in the region from a variety of data sources. Data sources include Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Statistics Canada, and Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Using the data available, analysis is conducted through the Housing Model that generates thresholds based on household income and housing cost. This calculation is undertaken for both the assisted and affordable (non-assisted) segments of the continuum.

Using the generated thresholds, the Housing Model also generates a snapshot of housing needs by Halton's residents and those looking to live in Halton at a moment in time. These model outcomes may be influenced by the pace of growth or the health of the economy, as well as updates and changes to the inputs or assumptions.

The maximum purchase price or monthly rent generated by the Housing Model represents what a household with that income could afford, based on definitions on housing costs for assisted and affordable housing as defined in this Report on page 3. Affordable Rent Thresholds for certain Regional housing programs, initiatives, and agreements can be found on page 20 of this Report.

Income and Housing Cost Thresholds

The tables below provide a summary of the upper limit household income and housing cost thresholds in Halton Region calculated through the Housing Model for 2023.

In 2023, the assisted income threshold increased to \$69,500 from \$66,100 in 2022 (up by 5.1 per cent). Households with an income below the assisted income threshold typically require some form of government assistance to meet their housing needs, as the private sector in Halton typically does not provide many opportunities to buy or rent below the associated housing cost thresholds. Few housing opportunities exist in the open market to purchase below \$255,400 or rent below \$1,740.

The affordable (non-assisted) income threshold increased to \$126,300 from \$121,200 in 2022 (up by 4.2 per cent). Households with an income between the assisted and affordable income thresholds have options to purchase a house priced below the market affordable housing cost threshold of \$531,900 or rent with monthly costs below \$2,450.

The maximum affordable purchase price of \$531,900 is used as the Index to measure the Region's goal to achieve 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually to be affordable or assisted.

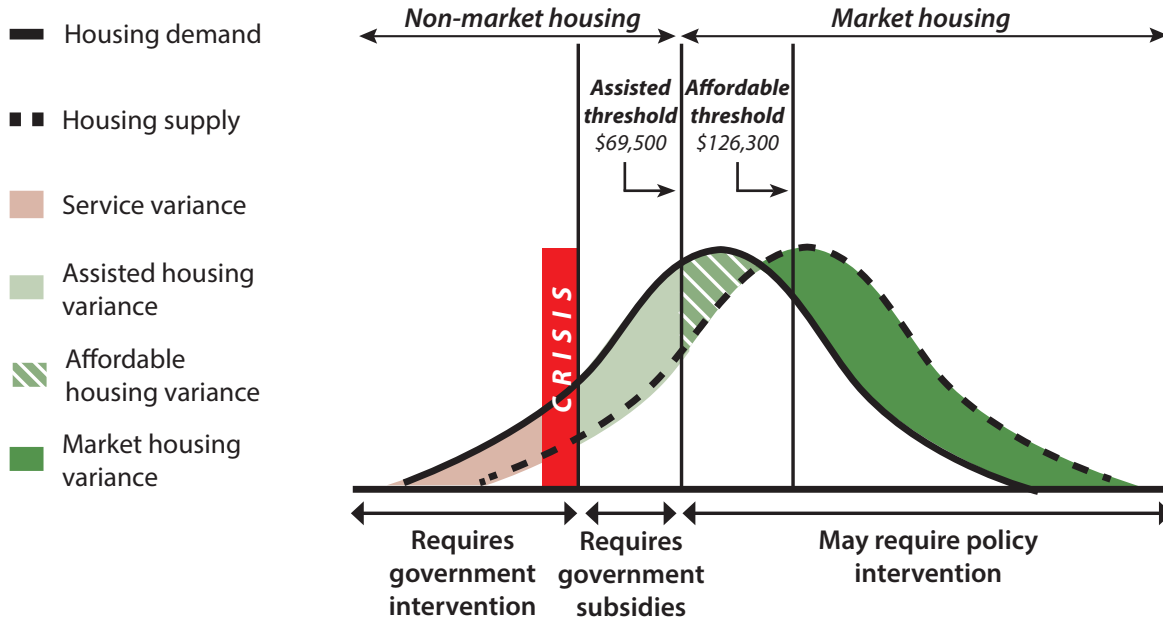
Assisted	All households (average - 2.8 people)	Small households (1-2 persons)	Large households (3+ persons)
Income threshold	\$ 69,500	\$ 66,100	\$ 75,100
Maximum purchase price	\$ 255,400	\$ 242,700	\$ 276,000
Maximum monthly rent	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,880

Affordable (non-assisted)	All households (average - 2.8 people)	Small households (1-2 persons)	Large households (3+ persons)
Income threshold	\$ 126,300	\$ 86,100	\$ 168,500
Maximum purchase price	\$ 531,900	\$ 362,800	\$ 709,800
Maximum monthly ownership cost	\$ 3,160	\$ 2,150	\$ 4,210
Maximum monthly rent *	\$ 2,450	\$ 1,900	\$ 3,050

*The mid-point between assisted and affordable monthly ownership costs, based on Halton's definition of Affordable Housing.

Housing Supply and Demand

Housing Supply and Demand Model



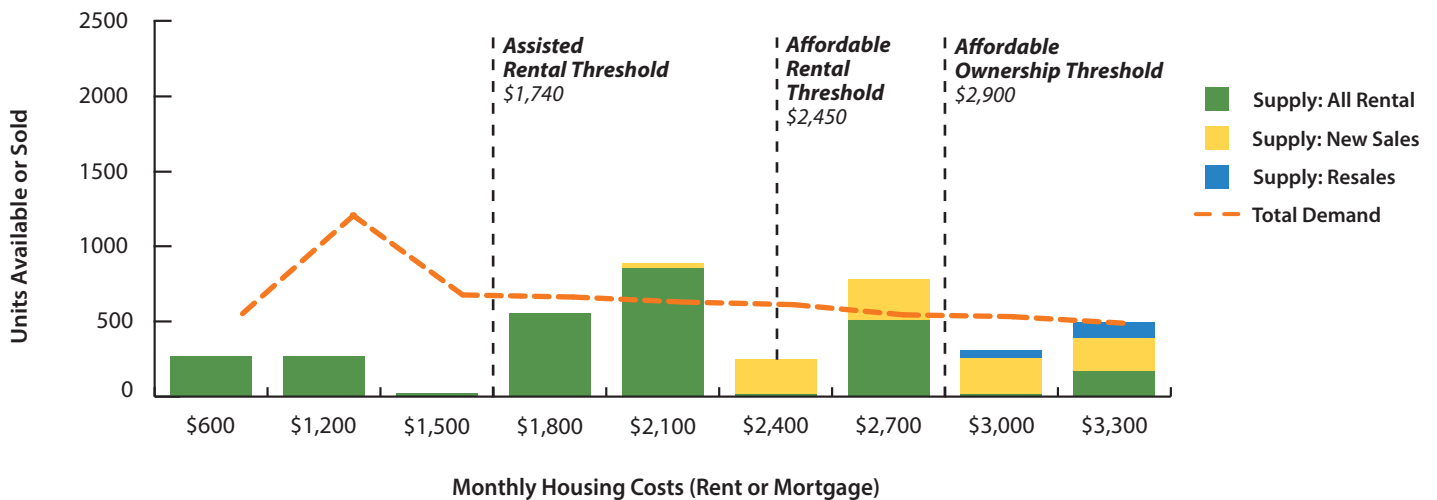
Based on analysis of household income profiles, housing cost thresholds, unit sales, re-sales and rental turnovers, the Housing Model generates a snapshot of supply-demand variances across the housing continuum.

The figure below provides a visualized analysis of the housing supply and demand. It shows the distribution of new sales, re-sales and rental turnovers by price point across the continuum (i.e., the actual housing supply) and compares it with the income distribution of Halton-based

households (the modelled housing demand). Differences between the two are used to quantify potential supply-demand variances by housing segment (typically indicating shortfalls in the assisted and affordable segments).

It should be noted that this diagram is a snapshot in time of the assisted and affordable housing gap, and is influenced by market trends, pace of economic growth and the health of the economy.

Housing Supply and Demand Distribution, 2023



Assisted and Affordable Shortfalls

The graph below provides a multi-year indication of the shortfall of assisted and market affordable housing as a percentage of the 2023 supply by year.

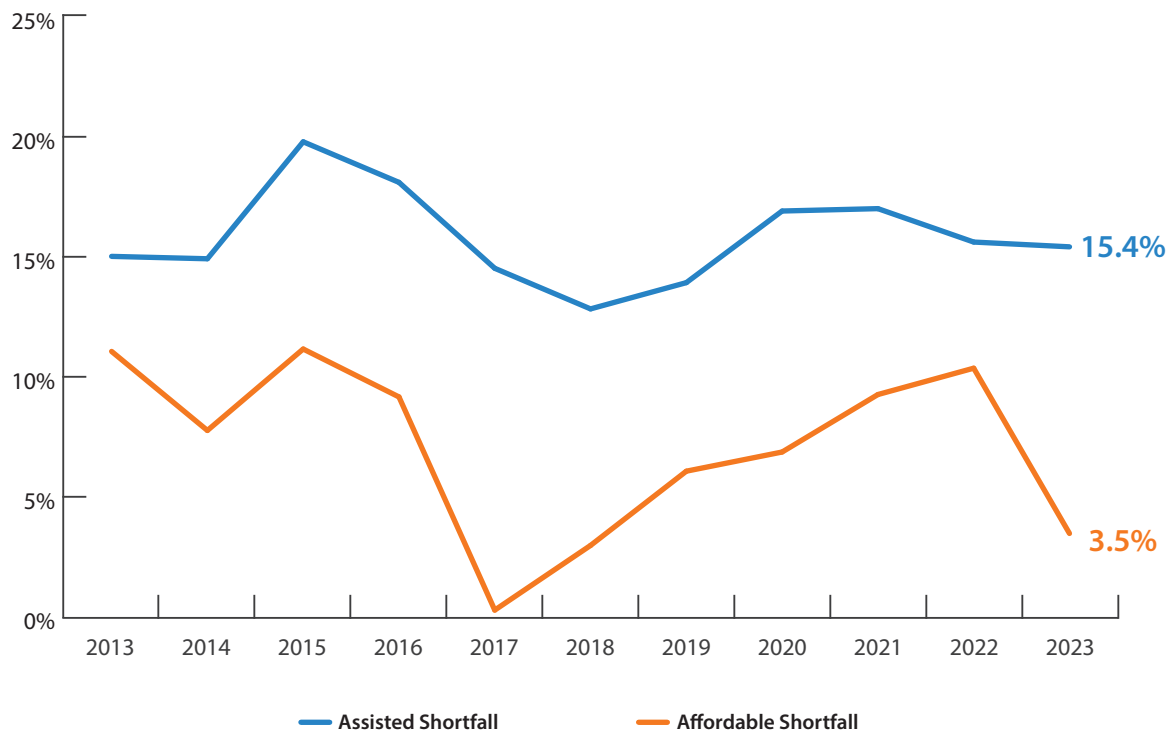
In 2023, there was an increase in housing completions by 77 per cent from 2022 and increase in number of new sales in the open housing market by 179.9 per cent from 2022. As a result, the overall gap between supply and demand for affordable housing has decreased to 3.5 per cent from 10.4 per cent in 2022.

On-going Regional initiatives have helped to increase the number of housing opportunities to prevent the shortfall of assisted housing widen. Since 2020, the gap between supply and demand for assisted housing has declined with a recent decrease from 15.6 per cent in 2022 to 15.4 per cent in 2023. However, the overall assisted shortfall continues to remain relatively unchanged. This is due to continued increases in the Average Market Rent and overall average price of new and resales that outpace the assisted household income.

Key factors influencing these trend lines:

- Average Household incomes in Halton is higher relative to other surrounding municipalities such as the City of Hamilton and the Region of Peel;
- Resale home prices continue to outpace household income;
- Growth management policies resulted in steady increase of higher density housing completions and sales (i.e. apartments), which has helped to manage general affordability of housing;
- Average rent for one bedroom or more units are generally increasing at a higher rate than previous years, while almost no new purpose built rental housing has been built in recent years

Assisted and Affordable Shortfalls (Supply vs. Demand), 2013-2023



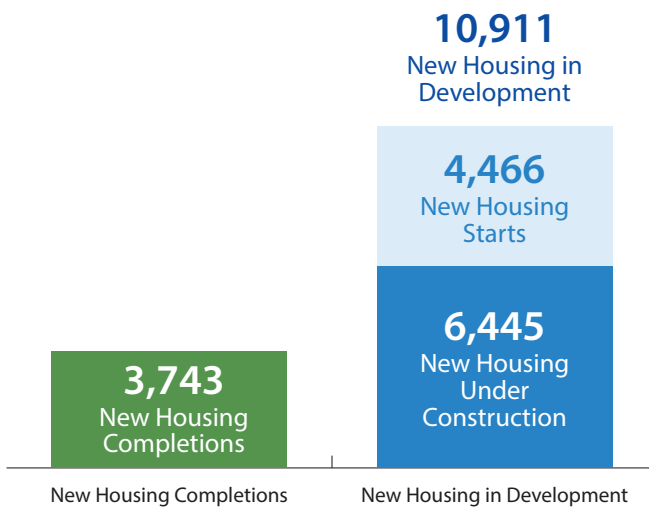
New Housing Development

New Housing Development

In 2023, there were 4,466 new housing starts (i.e. construction started) and 6,445 new housing under construction representing a total of 10,911 new housing in development. This was an increase from 9,987 total new housing under development in 2022.

Additionally, there were 3,743 new housing completions (i.e. construction completed) in 2023, which was an increase from 2,115 new housing completions in 2022.

New Housing Starts and Completions, 2023



Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2023 and Local Municipal Data

Regional Housing Mix Goal

The Region has an established target of at least 65 per cent of new housing units produced annually to be in the form of townhouses or multi-storey buildings (i.e. higher density housing forms). Provision of higher density housing forms provides the best opportunity to encourage and add more affordable housing to the open housing market in Halton.

In 2023, townhouses and apartments accounted for 74.6 per cent of the new housing completions with the remaining 25.4 per cent in the form of singles and semi-detached units.

New Housing Mix Goal, 2023

3,743 Total New Housing Completions



Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2023

This section of the report provides an overview of the types of housing being supplied in the regional and local municipal housing markets. The State of Housing report reviews new housing completions, under construction, and starts on an annual basis.

2023 New Housing Highlights

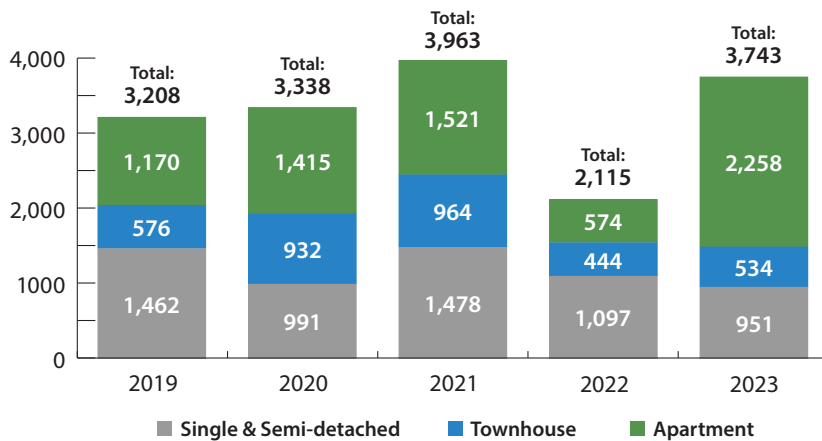
	2022	2023
New Housing Completions	2,115	3,743
Apartment	574	2,258
Townhouse	444	534
Semi-detached	134	4
Single	963	947
New Housing Under Construction	6,692	6,445
Apartment	4,843	4,103
Townhouse	744	1,501
Semi-detached	4	36
Single	1,101	805
New Housing Starts	3,295	4,466
Apartment	1,916	2,411
Townhouse	554	1,467
Semi-detached	2	34
Single	853	554

Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2023 and Local Municipal Data



New Housing Development

Five-Year Trends: New Housing Completions

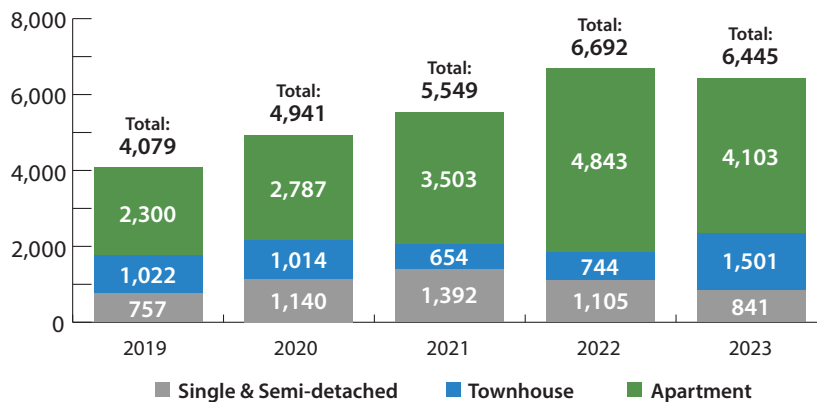


Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2019 - 2023

Over the last five years, Halton Region observed an average of 3,273 new housing completions on an annual basis. During the same period, majority of the average new housing completions were high-density housing forms (i.e. townhouses and apartments) at 63.5 per cent of the average completions.

Overall, trends suggest a gradual decrease in the share of single and semi-detached units compared to increasing share of townhouses and apartments.

Five-Year Trends: New Housing Under Construction

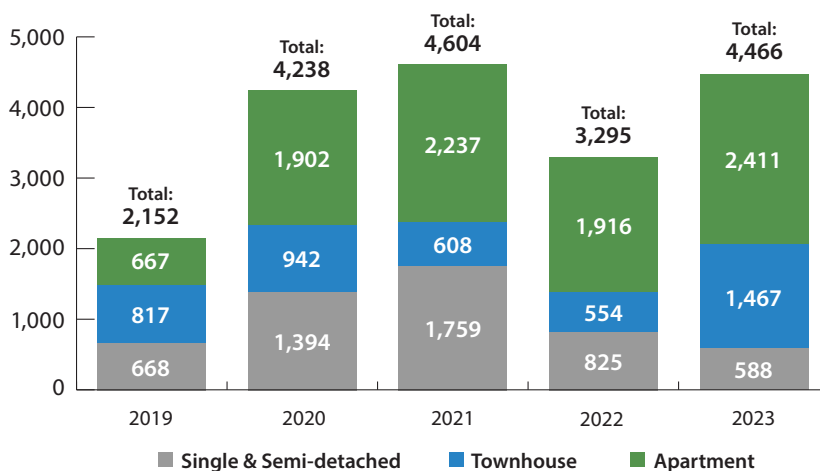


Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2019 - 2023

Despite a decrease in the total number of housing under construction in 2023, the overall level of new housing under construction remain at a high level compared to the earlier years of the five-year period.

Overall, 2022 saw the highest number of new housing under construction and the overall construction activity has continued to 2023.

Five-Year Trends: New Housing Starts



Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2023 and Local Municipal Data

Since the peak of new housing starts between 2020 and 2021, the overall new housing starts has declined but remains at a relatively high level when compared to the lowest level in 2019.

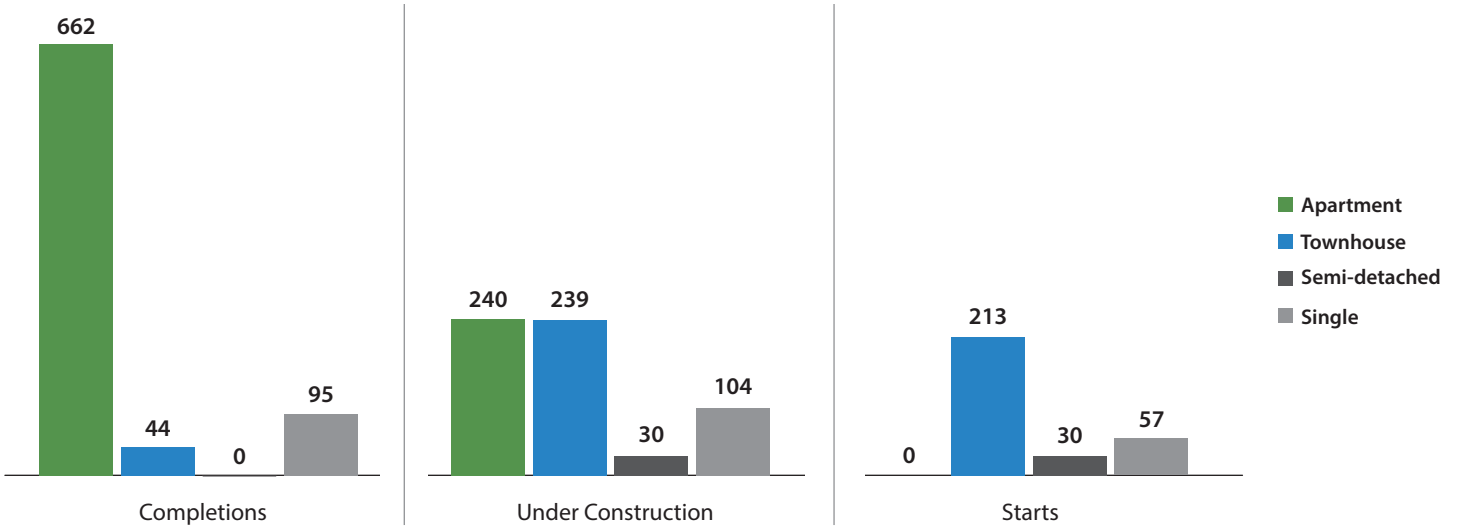
New housing starts continue to maintain the overall momentum to continue to contribute toward new housing under construction and completions in future years.

New Housing Development

New Housing Development Activities by Municipality

Burlington

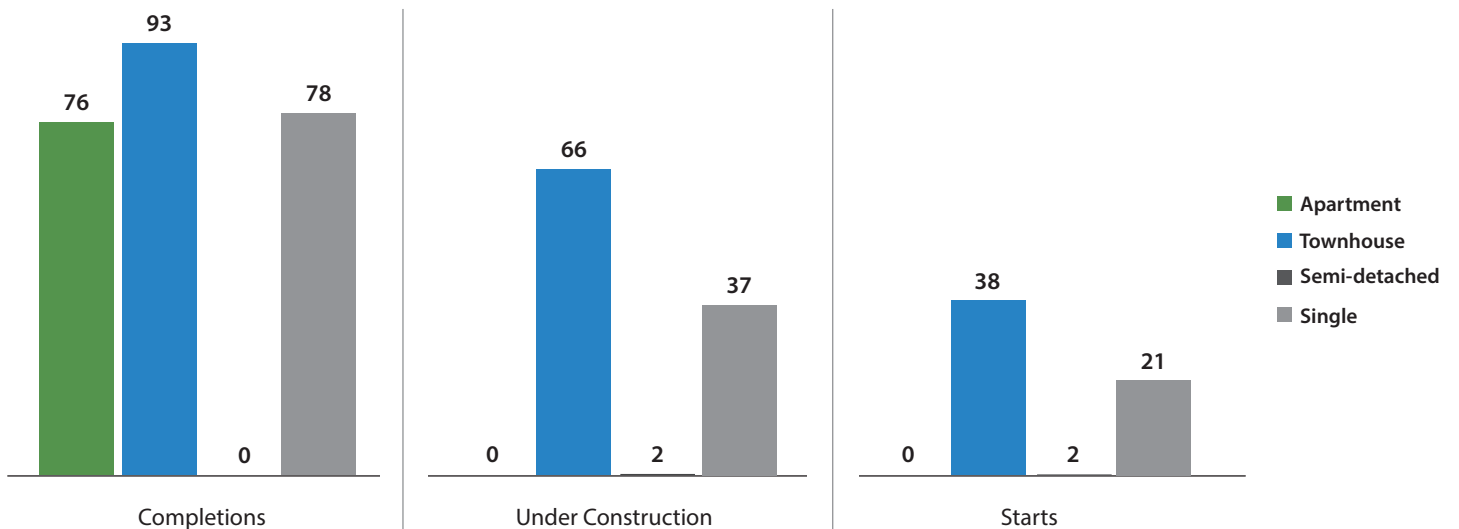
In 2023, Burlington had a total of 801 new housing completions and 913 new housing in development (300 new starts and 613 under construction). Overall, new housing development activities in Burlington consisted of 52.6 per cent in the form of apartments and 28.9 per cent townhouses. The remaining 18.4 per cent were singles and semi-detached.



Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2022 - 2023

Halton Hills

In 2023, Halton Hills had a total of 247 new housing completions and 166 new housing in development (61 new starts and 105 under construction). Overall, new housing development activities in Halton Hills consisted of 21.9 per cent in the form of apartments and 56.8 per cent townhouses. The remaining 40.4 per cent were singles and semi-detached.



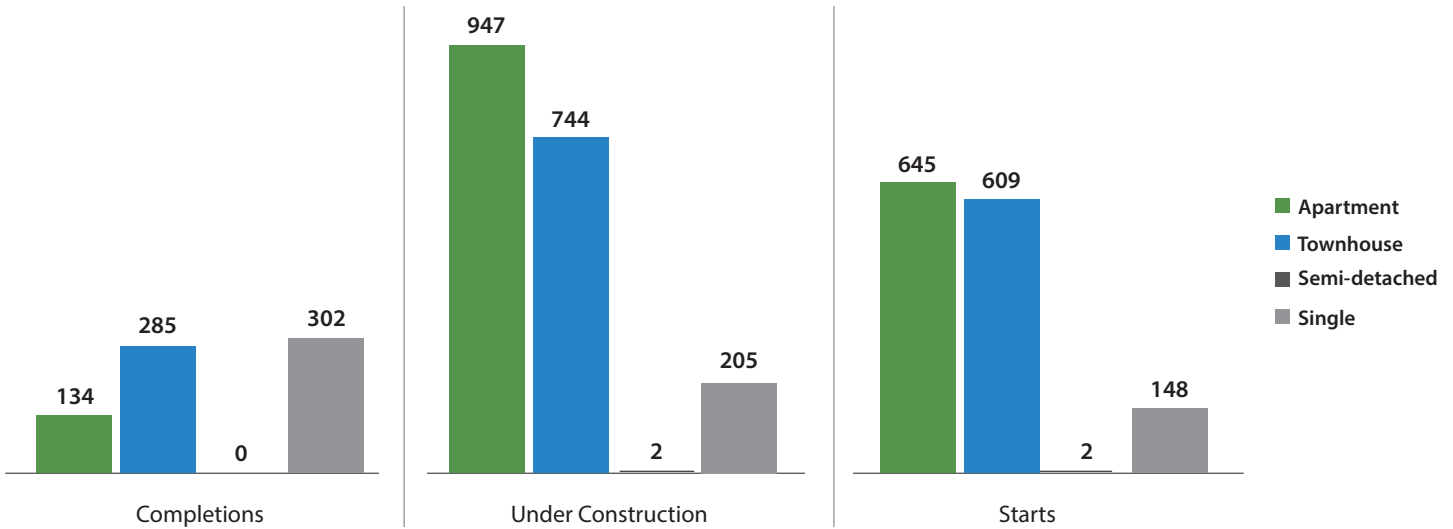
Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2022 - 2023

New Housing Development

New Housing Development Activities by Municipality (continued)

Milton

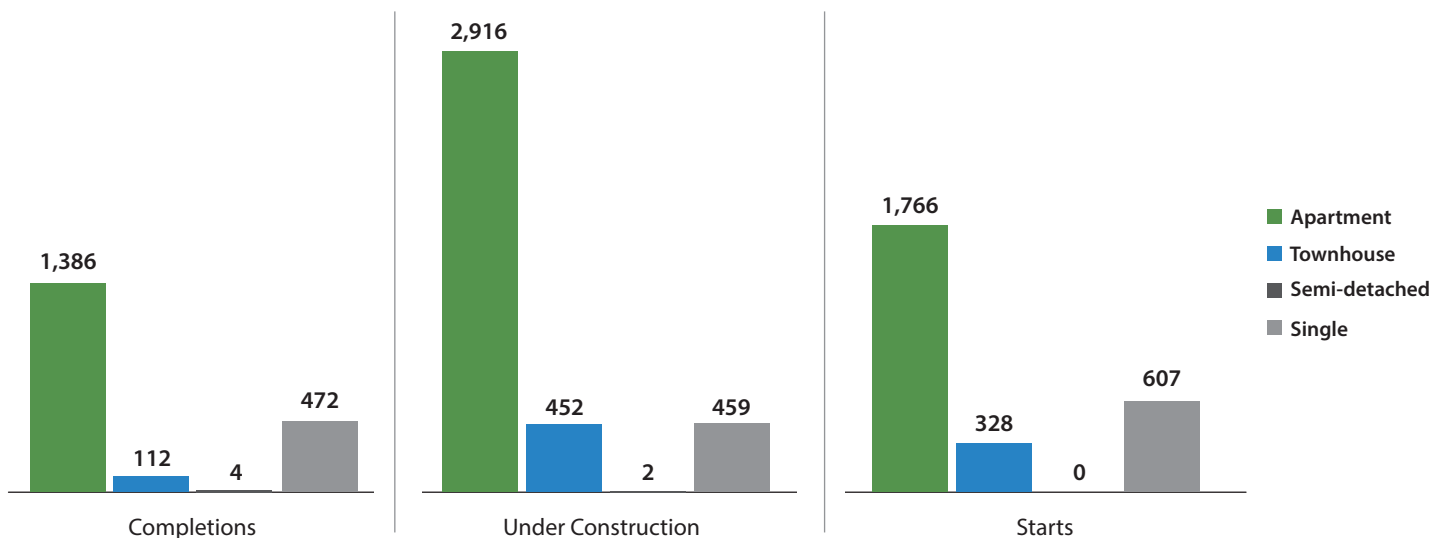
In 2023, Milton had a total of 721 new housing completions and 3,302 new housing in development (1,404 new starts and 1,898 under construction). Overall, new housing development activities in Milton consisted of 42.9 per cent in the form of apartments and 40.7 per cent townhouses. The remaining 16.4 per cent were singles and semi-detached.



Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2022 - 2023

Oakville

In 2023, Oakville had a total of 1,974 new housing completions and 6,530 new housing in development (2,701 new starts and 3,829 under construction). Overall, new housing development activities on Oakville consisted of 65.4 per cent in the form of apartments and 12.1 per cent townhouses. The remaining 22.5 per cent were singles and semi-detached.



Data source: CMHC Starts and Completions Survey, 2023 and Local Municipal Data

Housing Costs & Affordability

New and Resale Housing Costs

In 2023, there were a total of 9,456 new sales and resales of housing units identified in Halton based on MPAC sales data. Of the total, 25.4 per cent were new sales and 74.6 per cent were resales. The table below provides a summary of the new sales and resales by unit type, as well as their average price.

Summary of New and Resales, 2023

Unit Type		New	Resale	Total
Apartment	# of Units	1,343	1,239	2,582
	Average Price	\$502,083	\$728,463	\$610,714
Townhouse	# of Units	451	1,813	2,264
	Average Price	\$882,058	\$956,765	\$941,883
Semi-detached	# of Units	22	386	408
	Average Price	\$866,233	\$1,054,289	\$1,044,149
Single	# of Units	590	3,612	4,202
	Average Price	\$1,577,908	\$1,579,712	\$1,579,459
Total Sales	# of Units	2,406	7,050	9,456
	Average Price	\$840,453	\$1,241,143	\$1,139,190

Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2022 - 2023

New and Resale Housing Affordability

The Region has an established target of at least 30 per cent of new housing units produced annually within the region to be at or below Affordable Threshold (or the Affordable Maximum Purchase Price), as calculated on Page 4 of this Report.

Of the 2,406 new sales in 2023, 45.2 per cent of new housing sales were below the Affordable Maximum Purchase Price of \$541,900. Affordable new sales included 932 new market housing units and 156 new assisted program units funded by the Region.

45.2% of new sales in 2023 were under \$541,900

Of the 7,050 resales in 2023, only 3.8 per cent of the housing resales were below \$541,900. Price of resales may be higher than new sales as they are resold in the open market after the initial purchase price.

3.8% of resales in 2023 were under \$541,900

This section of the report provides an overview of the new and resale of housing units to assess how well the market is meeting the housing needs of Halton residents and those looking to live in the region.

2023 Housing Sales Highlights

	2022	2023
New Sales	1,656	2,406
Affordable ¹ New Sales	333	932
Resale	8,977	7,050
Affordable ¹ Resales	328	269
All Sales	10,633	9,456
Affordable ¹ All Sales	661	1,201
New Assisted Program Units ²	25	156

¹ Affordable threshold is based on the Affordable Maximum Purchase Price calculated on Page 4 of this Report.

² New assisted program units are captured at the time of funding commitment.

Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2022 - 2023



Housing Costs & Affordability

New and Resale by Unit Type and Affordability Thresholds

In the open housing market, housing forms (or the unit types) can influence the price of housing and the range of unit types available can vary at different price thresholds.

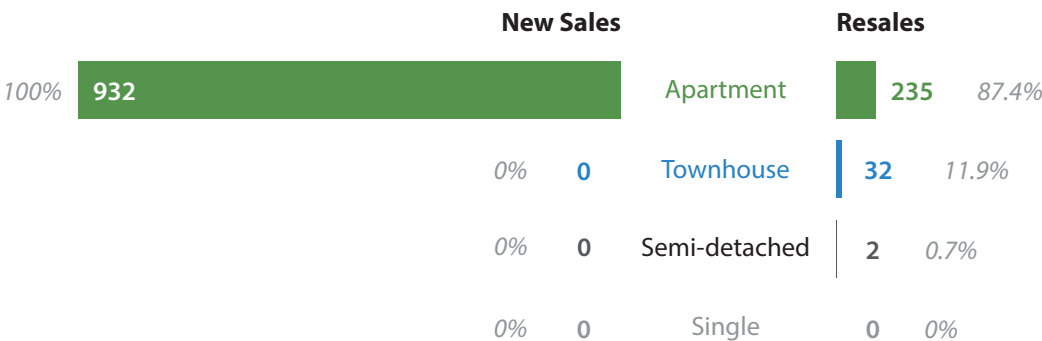
High density forms of housing typically provide for more affordable options relative to other unit types. In 2023, 100 per cent of the new sales and 87.4 per cent of the resales were apartment units below the Affordable Threshold of \$541,900.

Other forms of housing become more available between the Affordable Threshold and \$1 million with 42.1 per cent

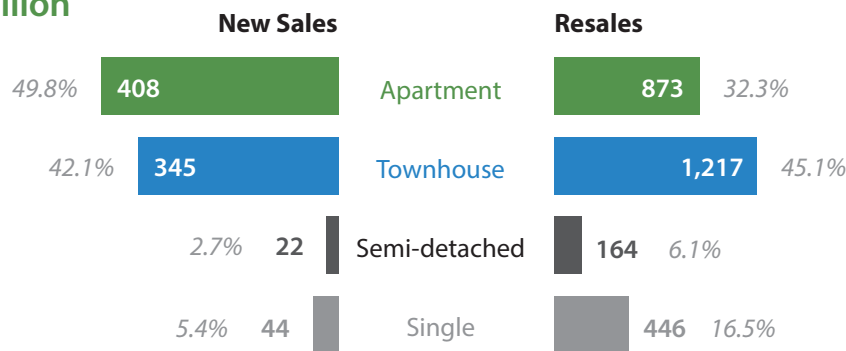
of new sales and 45.1 per cent of resales in the form of townhouse units in 2023. 8.1 per cent of new sales and 12.6 per cent of resales were singles and semi-detached units.

Majority of singles and semi-detached units were available at above \$1 million price threshold in the open housing market. Nearly 90 per cent of new singles and semi-detached units were sold at above \$1 million and nearly 85 per cent of resale singles and semi-detached units were sold at above \$1 million.

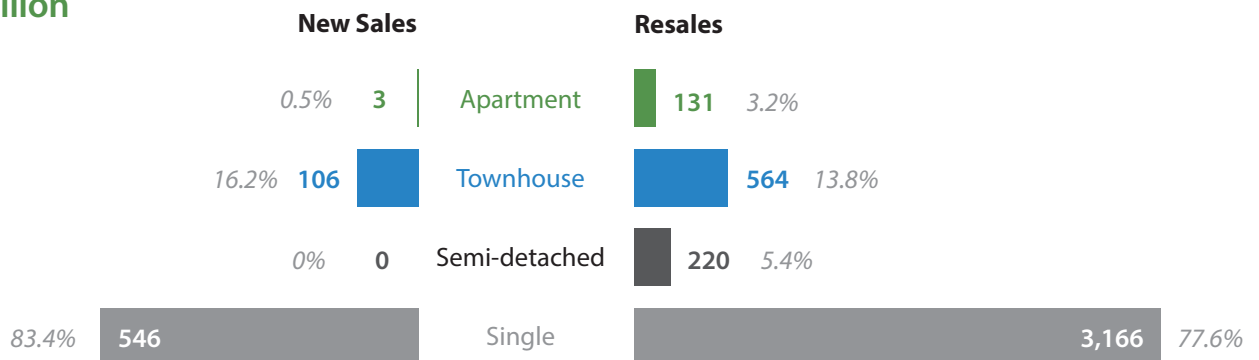
Below \$541,900 (Affordable Threshold)



\$541,900 to \$1 Million



Above \$1 Million



Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2022 - 2023

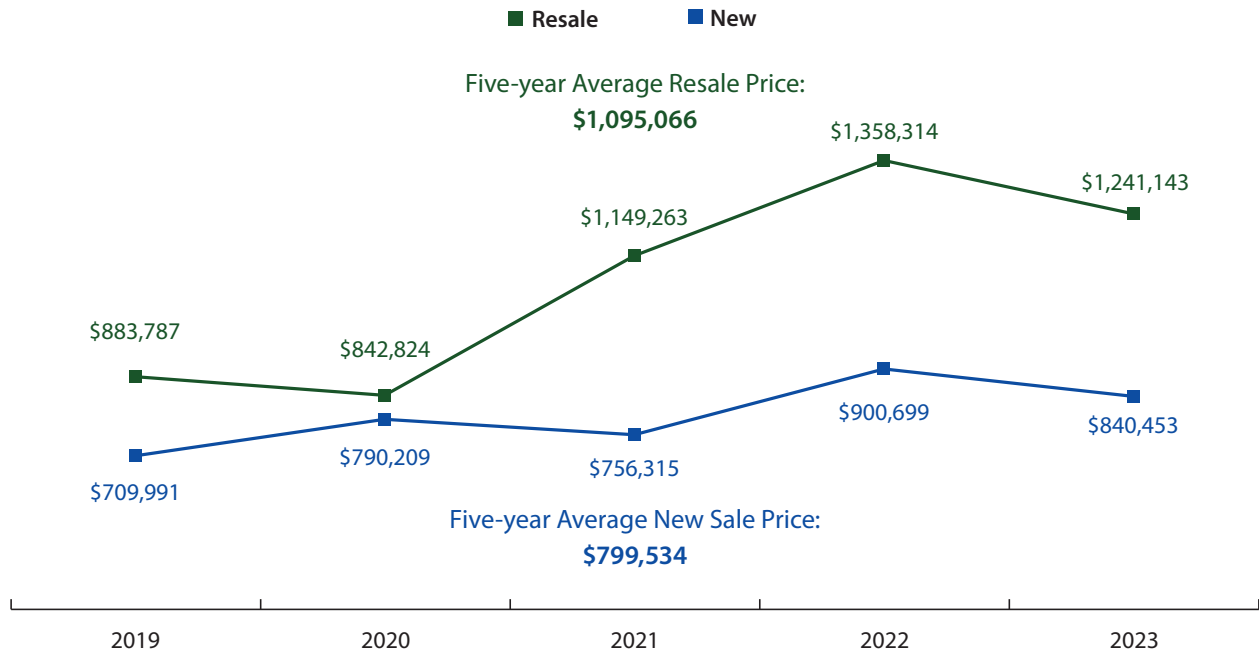
Housing Costs & Affordability

Five-year Trends: New and Resales in Halton

Since 2019, the average price of new and resales have gradually increased with a five-year average of \$799,534 for new sales and \$1,095,066 for resales. At its peak, the average price of new sales reached \$900,699 in 2022 and \$1,358,314 for resales during the same year. Despite a decline in average new and resale prices between 2022 and 2023, the average prices remain higher than the lowest point during the last five years.

Notably, the gap between average new and resale prices since 2019 has gradually widened during the last five-year period as shown in the graph below.

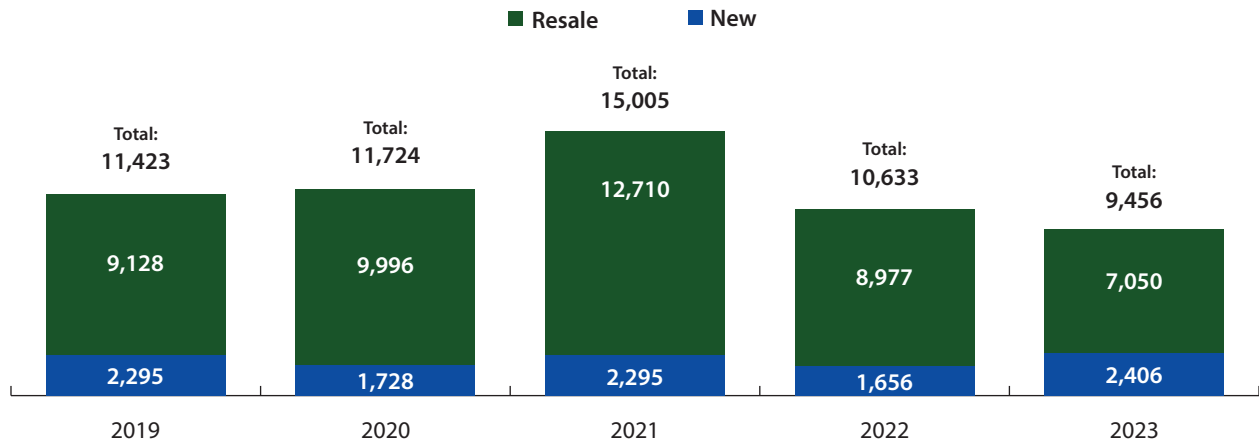
Average Price of New and Resales in Halton Region, 2019 - 2023



Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2019 - 2023

Over the last five-year period between 2019 and 2023, resales in the open housing market made up for the significant share of the housing sales in Halton at nearly 80 per cent of housing sales on an average basis during the period.

Number of New and Resales in Halton Region, 2019 - 2023



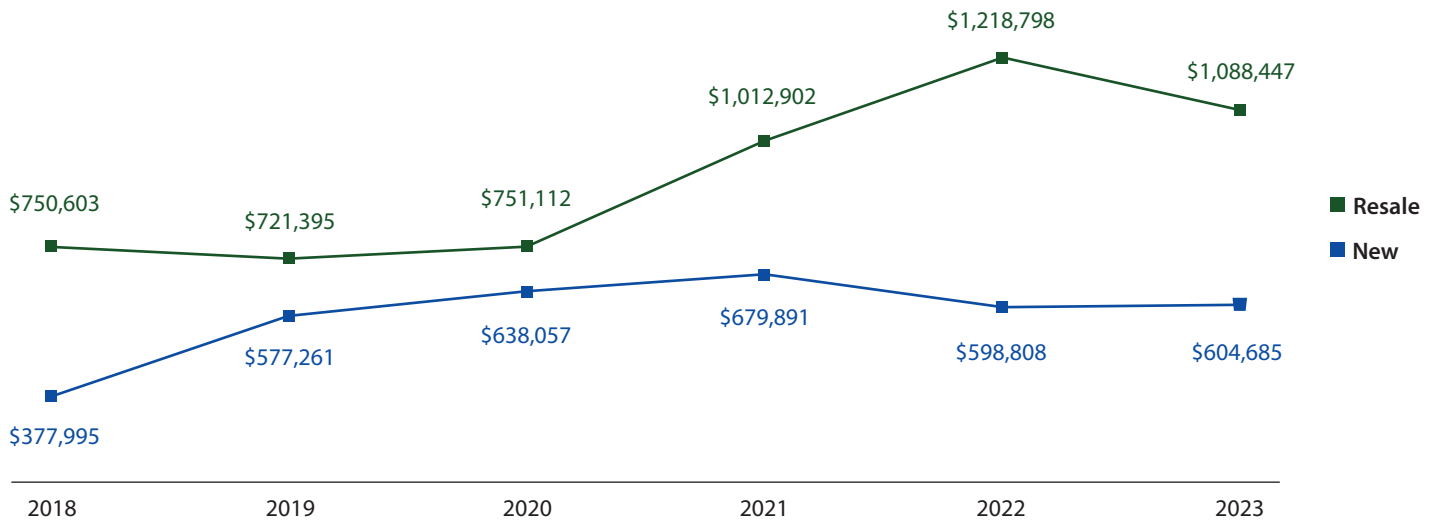
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Housing Costs & Affordability

New and Resales by Municipality

Burlington

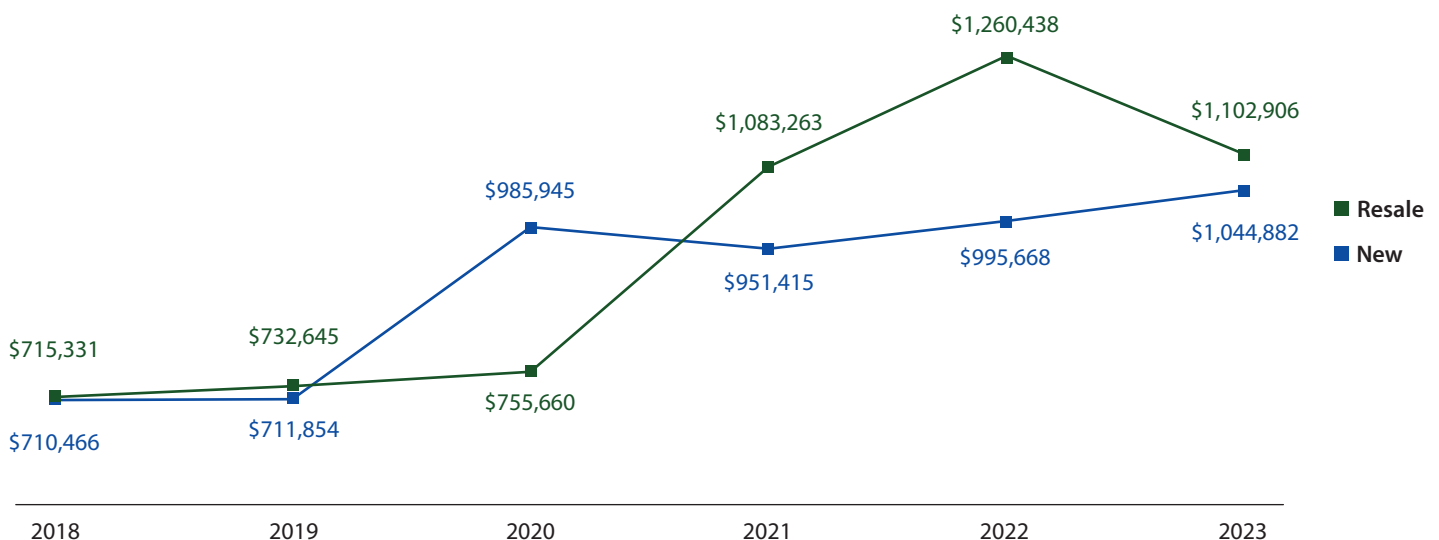
In 2023, the average prices of new and resales in Burlington were \$604,685 and \$1,088,647, respectively. The average prices in 2023 were lower than the last five-year averages. Average prices of new and resales over the last five years are summarized in the graph below.



Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2019 - 2023

Halton Hills

In 2023, the average prices of new and resales in Halton Hills were \$947,792 and \$986,922, respectively. The average prices in 2023 were higher than the last five-year averages. Average prices of new and resales over the last five years are summarized in the graph below.



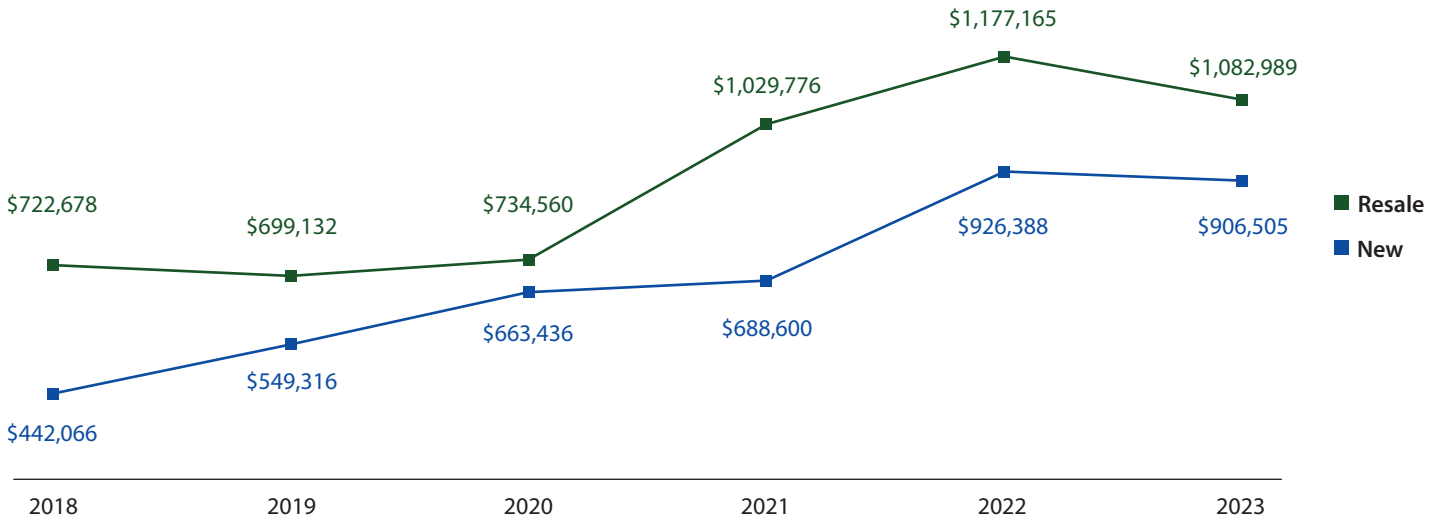
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Housing Costs & Affordability

New and Resales by Municipality (continued)

Milton

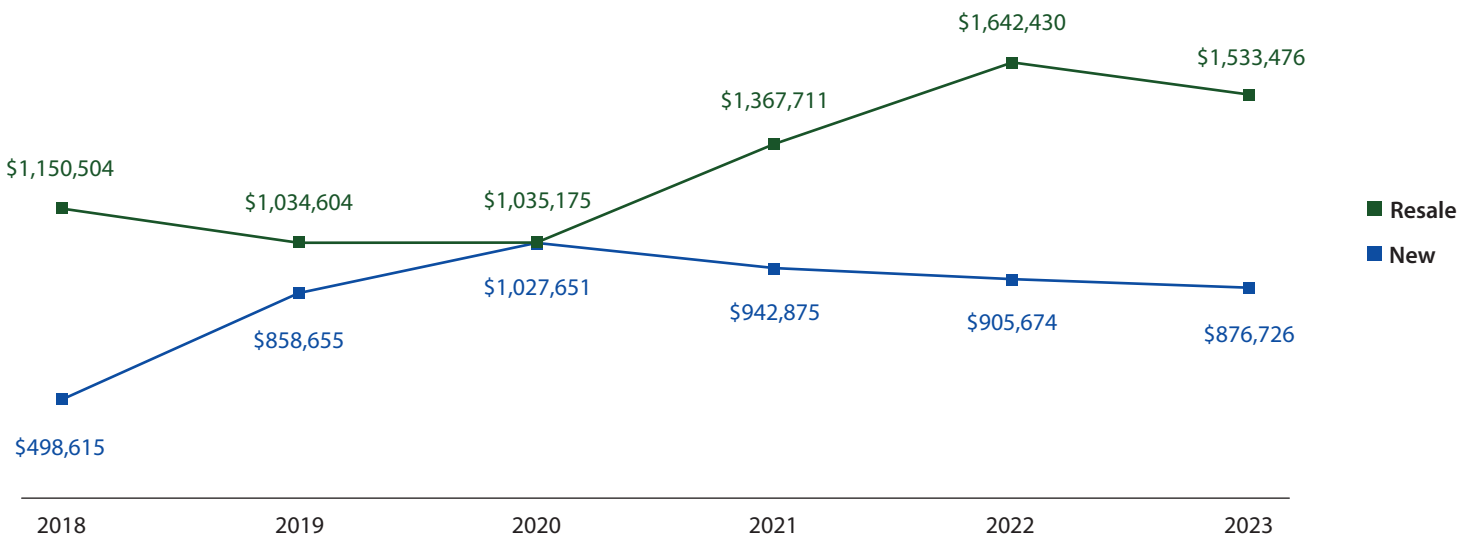
In 2023, the average prices of new and resales in Milton were \$821,036 and \$1,281,279, respectively. The average prices in 2023 were higher than the last five-year averages. Average prices of new and resales over the last five years are summarized in the graph below.



Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2019 - 2023

Oakville

In 2023, the average prices of new and resales in Oakville were \$821,036 and \$1,281,279, respectively. The average prices in 2023 were higher than the last five-year averages. Average prices of new and resales over the last five years are summarized in the graph below.



Data source: MPAC Sales Data, 2019 - 2023

Rental Housing

This section of the report provides an overview of the average rent, vacancy rates, and total number of rental units in Halton and the local municipalities.

2023 Rental Housing Highlights

	2022	2023
Average Rent (Private Townhouse and Apartment)		
	\$1,695	\$1,788
<i>Bachelor</i>	\$1,146	\$1,243
<i>1 Bedroom</i>	\$1,510	\$1,618
<i>2 Bedroom</i>	\$1,779	\$1,845
<i>3+ Bedroom</i>	\$1,821	\$1,947
Total # of Units (Private Townhouse and Apartment)		
	16,822	16,299
<i>Bachelor</i>	312	315
<i>1 Bedroom</i>	5,055	4,892
<i>2 Bedroom</i>	9,287	9,002
<i>3+ Bedroom</i>	2,168	2,090

Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report



Rental Unit Stock

Rental housing is an important form of affordable housing for many of Halton's residents. In 2023, there were a total of 16,299 private townhouse and apartment rental units in Halton. The number of rental units in decline from 16,822 in 2022.

Rental Market Vacancy Rate

Vacancy rates are an important measure to assess the health of the rental market with a three per cent or higher considered to represent a healthy rental market by providing an adequate competition and options at any given time.

In 2023, the overall vacancy rate for private townhouse and apartments in Halton Region was 1.6 per cent, which is an increase from 1.2 per cent in 2022. Although the rate is lower than some of the other regional municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area, a rate below three per cent suggests people continue to experience challenges in finding a suitable unit when searching for a rental housing within Halton Region.

Rental Market Vacancy Rates, 2023



Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report

Average Monthly Rent

Average Monthly Rent (AMR) is another means to measure the overall health of the rental market.

In 2023, the AMR in Halton Region was \$1,788, which is an increase of 5.5 per cent from \$1,695 in 2022. When compared to other regional municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area, Halton's AMR continues to be one of the highest.

Average Monthly Rents (AMR), 2023



Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report

Rental Housing

Five-year Trends: Vacancy Rates by Unit Size (2019 to 2023)

Over the last five years, vacancy rates in Halton Region continued to remain under three per cent. Since 2021, the overall vacancy rate has gradually increased to 1.6 per cent in 2023; however, it falls short of the highest vacancy rate of 2.3 per cent observed in 2020.

By unit size, 3+ bedroom units have consistently been one of the more difficult rental units to find with an overall lower

vacancy rate than other unit sizes. In 2023, 3+ bedroom units had the lowest ever vacancy rate at 0.5 per cent.

Based on the five-year trend, it suggests that in the last five years, 17 rental units have been typically available (or vacant) out of 1,000 units at a given time.

Vacancy Rates by Unit Size, 2019 - 2023

Unit Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Five-year Average
Bachelor	1.9%	4.4%	3.5%	0.8%	1.4%	2.4%
1 Bedroom	1.5%	2.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.9%	1.6%
2 Bedroom	2.2%	2.6%	1.4%	1.1%	1.6%	1.8%
3+ Bedroom	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	0.5%	1.0%
All Unit Sizes	1.8%	2.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%

Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report

Five-year Trends: Vacancy Rates by Municipality (2019 to 2023)

By municipality, Milton has observed the lowest overall vacancy rates in the last five years, followed by Halton Hills. This suggests there are more people actively looking to rent in Milton and Halton Hills than Burlington or Oakville as low vacancy rates can also suggest higher demand for rental housing at a given time.

Burlington has experienced a relatively consistent level of vacancy rates over the last five years whereas Oakville has experienced a gradual decline in the overall vacancy rate.

Vacancy Rates by Municipality, 2019 - 2023

Municipality	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Five-year Average
Burlington	1.7%	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%	1.6%	1.5%
Halton Hills	1.5%	1.9%	0.7%	2.8%	n/a*	1.7%
Milton	1.6%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%	2.4%	1.4%
Oakville	2.2%	3.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%	2.0%
Halton Region	1.8%	2.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%

*Suppressed and not published by CMHC due to unreliability of data

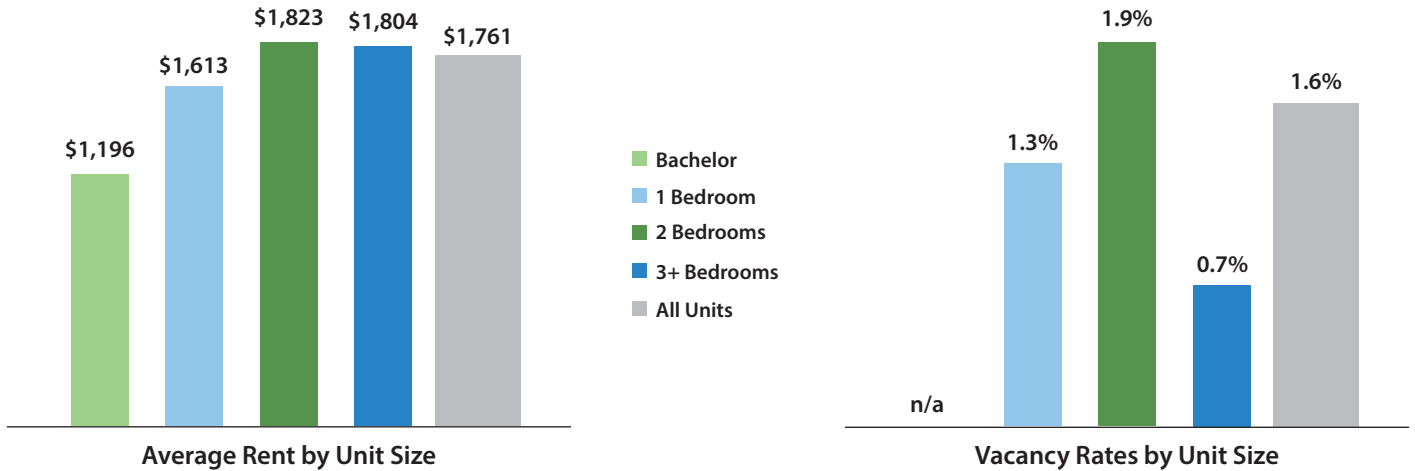
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Rental Housing

Average Rent and Vacancy Rates by Municipalities

Burlington

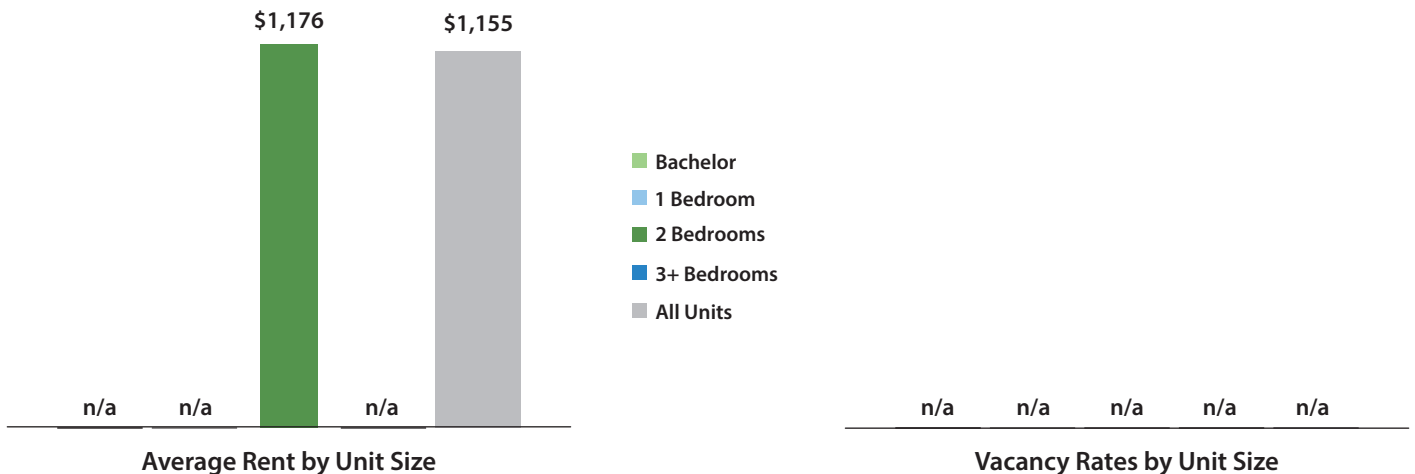
In 2023, Burlington had a total of 10,110 rental units. Of those, 1.2 per cent were bachelor units and 29.6 per cent were 1 bedroom units. The remaining 55.3 per cent and 13.9 per cent were 2 bedroom and 3+ bedroom units, respectively. Average rents and vacancy rates for the rental units in Burlington in 2023 are summarized in graphs below.



Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report

Halton Hills

In 2023, Halton Hills had a total of 437 rental units. Of those, 5 per cent were bachelor units and 35.9 per cent were 1 bedroom units. The remaining 55.6 per cent and 3.4 per cent were 2 bedroom and 3+ bedroom units, respectively. Average rents and vacancy rates for the rental units in Halton Hills in 2023 are summarized in graphs below.



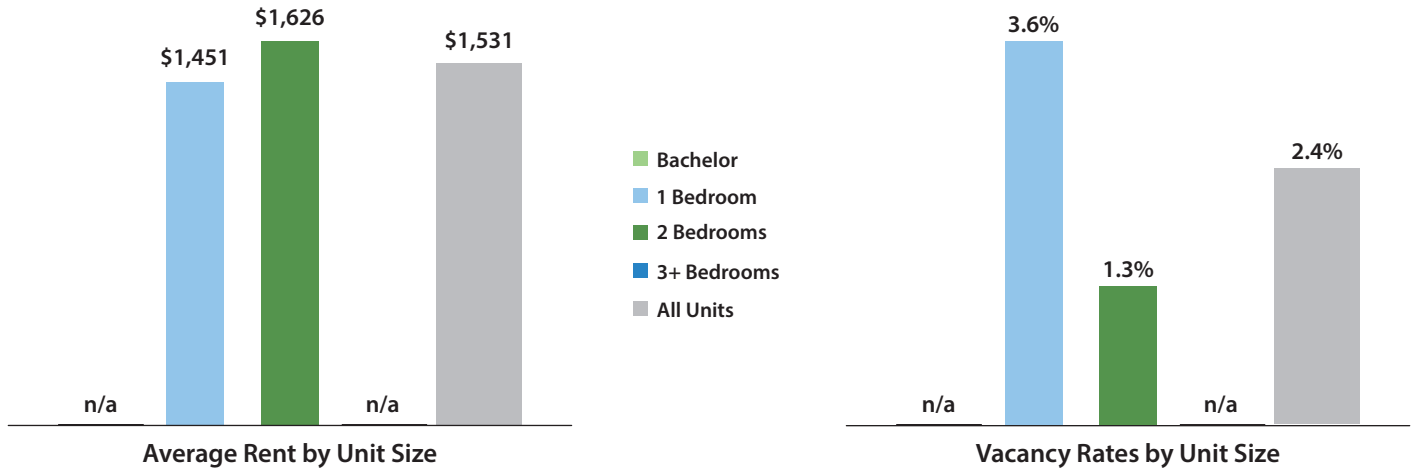
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Assisted Housing

Average Rent and Vacancy Rates by Municipalities (continued)

Milton

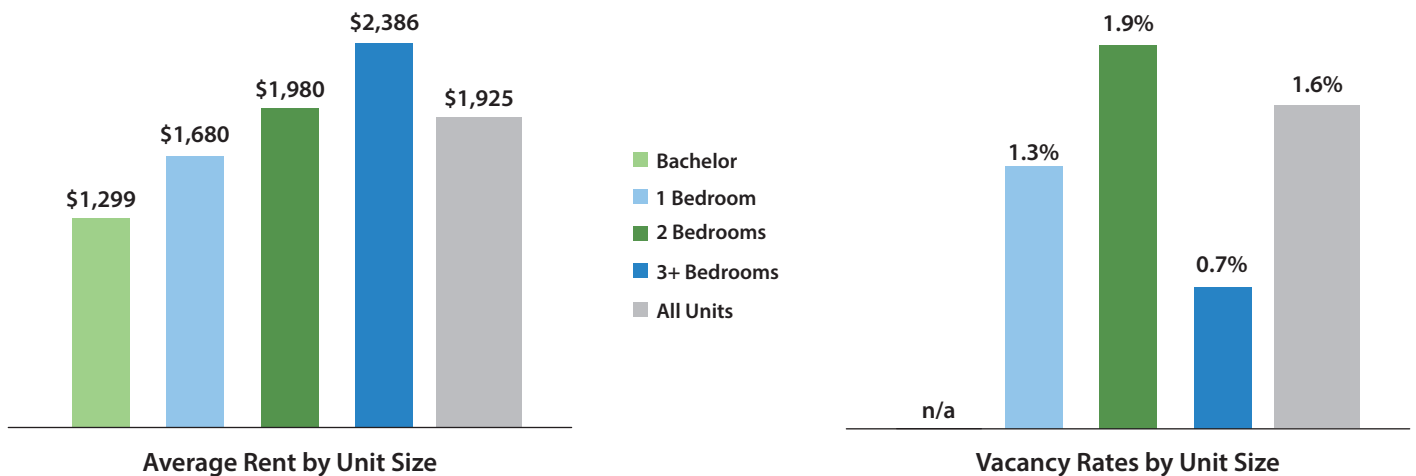
In 2023, Milton had a total of 612 rental units. Of those, 1.3 per cent were bachelor units and 42.8 per cent were 1 bedroom units. The remaining 53.3 per cent and 2.6 per cent were 2 bedroom and 3+ bedroom units, respectively. Average rents and vacancy rates for the rental units in Milton in 2023 are summarized in graphs below.



Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report

Oakville

In 2023, Oakville had a total of 10,110 rental units. Of those, 1.2 per cent were bachelor units and 29.6 per cent were 1 bedroom units. The remaining 55.3 per cent and 13.9 per cent were 2 bedroom and 3+ bedroom units, respectively. Average rents and vacancy rates for the rental units in Oakville in 2023 are summarized in graphs below.



Data source: 2024 CMHC Rental Market Report

Assisted Housing

This section focuses on the non-market side of the housing continuum where government-funded programs and services are needed to enhance affordability for Halton's residents.

2023 Assisted Housing Highlights

2023

Total new assisted housing opportunities since 2014	1,181
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Total community rental housing units	3,815
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Total rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance	3,081
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Emergency housing crisis resolutions	2,268
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Special needs housing administered (Wheelchair accessible units)	232
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Assisted Housing in Halton

Halton Region plays a direct role in the assisted and special needs housing area, recognizing that people move back and forth across the housing continuum, depending on their personal circumstances.

Assisted housing plays an important role in helping low and moderate income individuals and families obtain housing that is stable and secure. Assisted housing mostly relates to rental accommodation operated by non-profit and co-operative housing providers (community housing).

The assistance may come in the form of capital programs, operating subsidy to housing providers and rental subsidy to eligible households.

Community Housing Administered by Halton

Halton Region administers 3,815 community housing units. Most of these units are governed under social housing legislation (3,513 or 92 per cent). The 3,815 units are located in 55 housing communities, owned and operated by 22 non-profit co-operative and private sector housing providers, including Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC).

Halton Region provides rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance to 3,081 households living in these communities. RGI recipients are placed from the Halton Access to Community Housing (HATCH) waitlist.

Community Housing Financially Supported by Halton

With the modernization of the community housing sector in Ontario, and new provincial legislation recently introduced via the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020*, we will begin to see community housing providers meeting their mortgage obligations. Halton Region will continue to enter into bi-lateral agreements with these providers to sustain the stock of existing government assisted housing and create additional housing options for Halton residents.

Preserving and modernizing the existing stock of community housing is one of three long-range policy objectives of Halton's Comprehensive Housing Strategy. As community housing providers reach the end of their legislated obligations, Halton has an interest in ensuring that assisted housing stock remains available to current and future Halton residents in need. The Region will formalize new partnership arrangements with community housing providers. Progress has already been made. Halton has been successful in negotiating a renewed relationship with three Halton community housing providers who reached the end of their legislated obligations. A total of 89 assisted housing units have been retained to-date.

Assisted Housing

New Assisted Housing Opportunities Since 2014

Halton Region's Comprehensive Housing Strategy Update-2014-2024 (CHS) set a 10-year target to create 550 to 900 new housing opportunities (new capital units and rent supplements / housing allowances).

The upper target of 900 units was achieved and exceeded four years ahead of schedule. As reflected in the graph below, Halton Region has created a total of 1,181 new housing opportunities as of year-end 2023, including:

- 457 new brick and mortar purpose built rental units – including 148 supportive housing units;
- Over 700 additional rent supplements, housing allowances and portable housing benefits;
- various emergency and transitional housing solutions.

Looking retroactively to when Halton Region first created its CHS in 2008, Halton Region has created 2,075 new housing opportunities to date. This includes

- 745 new brick and mortar purpose built rental units - including 148 supportive housing units;
- over 1,300 rent supplements, housing allowances and portable housing benefits;

Going forward, the Region will continue to support the creation of additional assisted and supportive housing opportunities to ensure that vulnerable Halton residents have access to the housing they need.

In November, 2021 Regional Council approved an Assisted Housing Portfolio which commits to create up to 600 additional new assisted and supportive housing units by 2031 with dedicated investment from the provincial and federal governments.

New housing opportunities are created by:

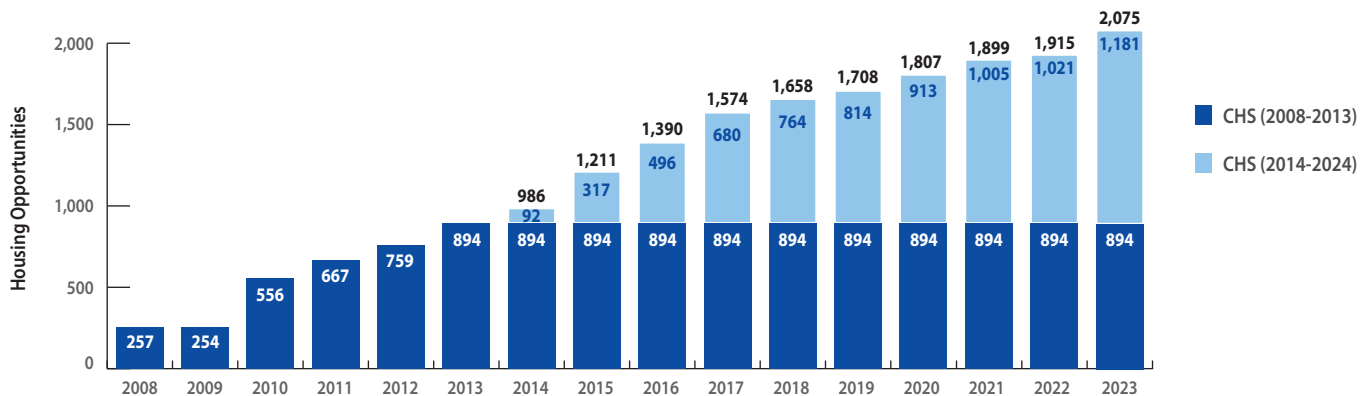
- partnering with local municipalities, private, non-profit, and cooperative housing developers;
- developing units on lands owned by Halton Region and Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC);
- purchasing units, buildings and land that generate net new housing stock to address the Halton Access to Community Housing (HATCH) wait list need; and,
- providing rent supplements and portable housing allowance to eligible Halton residents

2024 marks the final year of the current CHS. A new strategy (covering the period 2025-2035) will be brought to Regional Council in 2025 for approval. Upon proclamation of Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, the Region's direct role as it relates to affordable and market housing policy will change. The new strategy (2025-2035) will be focused on homelessness prevention, assisted and supportive housing. The Region will support the four local municipalities to achieve their housing targets and pledges and will look to create assisted and supportive housing through partnerships.

The new strategy will include an updated target for the creation of assisted and supportive housing opportunities in Halton and an updated 10-year financing plan. This financing plan will consider the loss of development charge revenue for assisted and supportive housing creation pursuant to Bill 23.

Continued advocacy to the federal and provincial governments for appropriate funding for assisted and supportive housing will be imperative. The Region cannot do it alone.

New assisted housing opportunities in Halton (total cumulative)



Assisted Housing

Portable Housing Benefits

Portable Housing Benefits provide an income tested housing allowance directly to qualified Halton applicants on the HATCH waitlist and are a permanent and portable housing solution.

In 2023, 100 Halton families were supported with Portable Housing Benefits.

Rent Supplement

Halton Region operates various rent supplement programs in partnership with private-sector landlords. Under these programs, eligible households are sourced from the HATCH waitlist and receive rental assistance.

The rent supplement total at the end of 2023 was 903, including 485 funded through the Halton Rental Assistance Program (HRAP). This program was created in 2012 and provides Halton Region with additional options to enhance the affordability of new housing initiatives.

Special Needs Housing

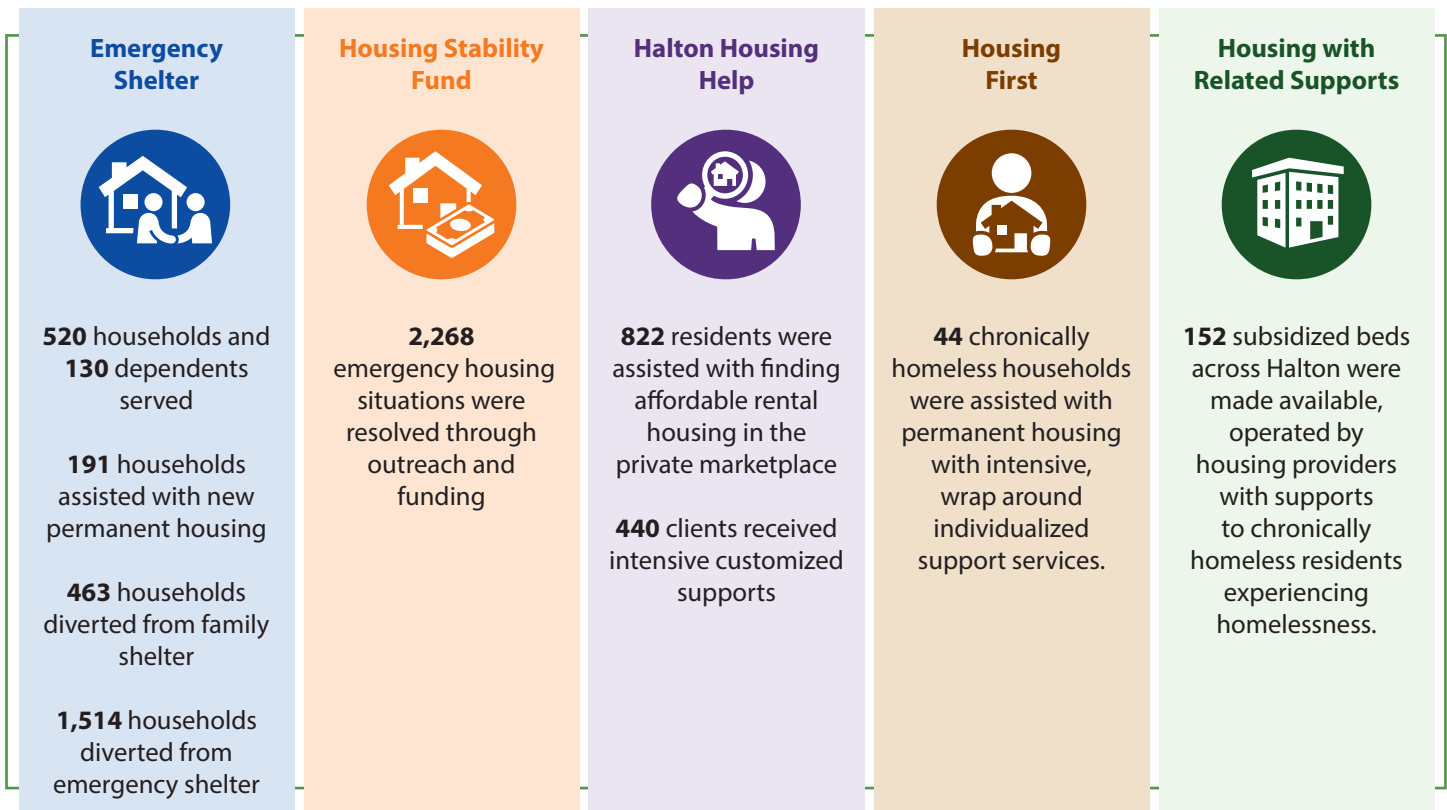
Special needs housing includes housing that is accessible for people living with physical disabilities and housing that is tied to the provision of personal supports (supportive housing).

In 2023, Halton Region administered 232 wheelchair accessible units (of which 214 can be accessed through the HATCH wait list).

Homelessness

The primary causes of homelessness and the need for emergency shelter primarily relate to unaffordable rents, limited supportive housing for individuals with mental health and addiction issues, family breakdown and loss of employment. Halton Region operates and/ or administers various support programs to proactively address these situations. Halton Region also continues to enumerate homelessness bi-annually in accordance with Provincial and Federal guidelines. In 2023, a minimum of 346 individuals were identified as experiencing homelessness for the first time. Halton Region will conduct its next homelessness enumeration in Fall, 2024.

2023 Homelessness Initiatives and Achievements



Affordable Rent Thresholds

Affordable Rent Thresholds by municipality and by unit size for Regional housing programs and initiatives for 2023 are based on CMH’s 2024 Rental Market Report. The appropriate CMHC market or sub-market boundary Average Market Rent (AMR) or Median Market Rent (MMR) figure for specific housing programs, initiatives and agreements will be determined by Halton’s Chief Planning Official or the Director of Housing Services for the programs for which they are responsible. Affordable rent thresholds may be established at alternate levels as required by Federal/Provincial funding programs or as deemed appropriate by Halton’s Chief Planning Official or the Director of Housing Services for the programs for which they are responsible.

Annual rent increases may be the lesser of the Provincial rent increase guideline or the corresponding figure for the specific agreement or program in the most recent State of Housing report.

City of Burlington

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%		50%	
	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR
Bachelor	\$1,196	\$1,176	\$1,076	\$1,058	\$957	\$941	\$837	\$823	\$718	\$706	\$670	\$658
1-Bedroom	\$1,613	\$1,630	\$1,452	\$1,467	\$1,290	\$1,304	\$1,129	\$1,141	\$968	\$978	\$903	\$913
2-Bedroom	\$1,823	\$1,820	\$1,641	\$1,638	\$1,458	\$1,456	\$1,276	\$1,274	\$1,094	\$1,092	\$1,021	\$1,019
3+Bedroom	\$1,804	\$1,661	\$1,624	\$1,495	\$1,443	\$1,329	\$1,263	\$1,163	\$1,082	\$997	\$1,010	\$930

Town of Halton Hills

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%		50%	
	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR
Bachelor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1 Bedroom	\$1,215	\$1,100*	\$1,094	\$990*	\$972	\$880 *	\$851	\$770*	\$729	\$660*	\$681	\$616*
2 Bedroom	\$1,176	\$1,140	\$1,058	\$1,026	\$941	\$912	\$823	\$798	\$706	\$684	\$658	\$638
3 Bedroom+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

*2023 data is suppressed and not published by CMHC due to unreliability. AMR and MMR from 2022 is used for reference.

Town of Milton

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%		50%	
	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR
Bachelor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1 Bedroom	\$1,451	\$1,415	\$1,306	\$1,274	\$1,161	\$1,132	\$1,016	\$991	\$871	\$849	\$813	\$793
2 Bedroom	\$1,626	\$1,525	\$1,463	\$1,373	\$1,301	\$1,220	\$1,138	\$1,068	\$976	\$915	\$910	\$854
3 Bedroom+	\$1,508*	\$1,500*	\$1,357*	\$1,350*	\$1,206*	\$1,200*	\$1,056*	\$1,050*	\$905*	\$900*	\$845*	\$840*

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Affordable Rent by Unit Type

Town of Halton Hills/Milton

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%		50%	
	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR
Bachelor	\$991*	\$900*	\$820*	\$810*	\$729*	\$720	\$638*	\$630*	\$547*	\$540*	\$510*	\$504*
1 Bedroom	\$1,410	\$1,396	\$1,269	\$1,256	\$1,128	\$1,117	\$987	\$977	\$846	\$838	\$790	\$782
2 Bedroom	\$1,416	\$1,300	\$1,274	\$1,170	\$1,133	\$1,040	\$991	\$910	\$850	\$780	\$793	\$728
3 Bedroom+	\$1,381	\$1,674*	\$1,243	\$1,507*	\$1,105	\$1,339*	\$967	\$1,172*	\$829	\$1,004*	\$774	\$938*

*2023 data is suppressed and not published by CMHC due to unreliability. AMR and MMR from 2022 is used for reference.

Town of Oakville

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%		50%	
	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR
Bachelor	\$1,299	\$1,285	\$1,169	\$1,157	\$1,039	\$1,028	\$909	\$900	\$779	\$771	\$727	\$720
1 Bedroom	\$1,780	\$1,722	\$1,602	\$1,550	\$1,424	\$1,378	\$1,246	\$1,205	\$1,068	\$1,033	\$997	\$964
2 Bedroom	\$1,980	\$1,920	\$1,782	\$1,728	\$1,584	\$1,536	\$1,386	\$1,344	\$1,188	\$1,152	\$1,109	\$1,075
3 Bedroom+	\$2,386	\$2,271	\$2,147	\$2,044	\$1,909	\$1,817	\$1,670	\$1,590	\$1,432	\$1,363	\$1,336	\$1,272

Halton Region

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%		50%	
	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR	AMR	MMR
Bachelor	\$1,243	n/a	\$1,119	n/a	\$994	n/a	\$870	n/a	\$746	n/a	\$696	n/a
1 Bedroom	\$1,618	n/a	\$1,456	n/a	\$1,294	n/a	\$1,133	n/a	\$971	n/a	\$906	n/a
2 Bedroom	\$1,845	n/a	\$1,661	n/a	\$1,476	n/a	\$1,292	n/a	\$1,107	n/a	\$1,034	n/a
3 Bedroom+	\$1,947	n/a	\$1,752	n/a	\$1,588	n/a	\$1,363	n/a	\$1,168	n/a	\$1,090	n/a







Annette Groves
Mayor

July 9, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: NIAGARA ESCARPMENT ENFORCEMENT

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 25, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Halton Hills request regarding Niagara Escarpment Enforcement.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Halton Hills request to the Province of Ontario to increase funding for the Niagara Escarpment Commission to immediately hire and train more compliance officers to attend to the backlog of complaints; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP of Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Region of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Groves
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Graham Milne, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Halton regionalclerk@halton.ca
Valerie Petryniak, Clerk and Director of Legislative Services, Town of Halton Hills
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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
July 9th , 2024

2024-153

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Anthony Rota and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-153 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 9th day of July, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

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July 9, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Downey
Ministry of the Attorney General
McMurty-Scott Building
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: STAFF REPORT 2024-0280: PROPOSED ILLEGAL LAND USE TASK FORCE

Dear Minister Downey,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 25, 2024, Council adopted a resolution regarding Staff Report 2024-0280: Proposed Illegal Land Use Task Force.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Terms of Reference attached as Schedule B to Staff Report 2024-0280 be approved;

That the continuation of enhanced enforcement measures through an official task force be endorsed;

That Councillor's Rosa and Maskell be selected to participate in the Illegal Land Use Task Force;

That a copy of this report be shared with the Honorable Doug Downey, Attorney General, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, MPP of Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Region of Peel, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, City of Vaughan, Town of Halton Hills, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Canadian National Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway, the Ontario Trucking Association, Ontario Real Estate Association; and

That staff be authorized to share enforcement information with external agencies, as necessary.

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A copy of Staff Report 2024-0280 is attached for reference. For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, Mayor and Council Office, directly by email at catherine.monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Staff Report 2024-0280

Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

Subject: Proposed Illegal Land Use Task Force

Submitted By: Joel Assaly, Analyst Municipal Law Enforcement, Community and Human Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Terms of Reference attached as Schedule B to Staff Report 2024-0280 be approved;

That the continuation of enhanced enforcement measures through an official task force be endorsed;

That Councillor's _____ and _____ be selected to participate in the Illegal Land Use Task Force;

That a copy of this report be shared with the Region of Peel, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, City of Vaughan, Town of Halton Hills, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Canadian National Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway, the Ontario Trucking Association, Ontario Real Estate Association; and

That staff be authorized to share enforcement information with external agencies, as necessary.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The illegal land use enforcement task force was established in 2021 dedicated to proactively identifying and investigating illegal truck depots;
- This report presents a new governance model and terms of reference to guide the implementation of the illegal land use task force;
- June 2024 a call for participation will go out for the community to volunteer on the task force;
- September 2024 Council will appoint the community representatives and elected officials to sit on the task force at which point the illegal land use task force will convene to establish objectives and priorities;
- January 2025 the illegal land use task force will report back to Council with an end of Q4 update.



DISCUSSION

Background

In recent years, the Town of Caledon has seen a concerning rise in the illegal parking and storage of tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles, particularly in the south but with indications of the issue spreading throughout the Town of Caledon.

In February 2020 Council approved Staff Report 2020-0033 including a “Trucking Task Force” workplan which included four additional staff as well as resources for a communications strategy and to cover the cost of prosecutions. The implementation plan included a three phase approach:

- Phase 1 – communication and education strategy;
- Phase 2 – proactive enforcement with support from zoning examiner, and solicitor;
- Phase 3 – tracking and reporting progress.

Implementation of the task force began in 2021 applying the communication and education strategy followed by the proactive enforcement initiative. Proactive enforcement involved By-law officers canvassing the Town and identifying illegal trucking depots while following up with enforcement action. The communication and education strategy was on-going throughout the proactive enforcement phase.

Staff Report 2023-0327 brought to council Jun 6, 2023 provided council with an update and recommendation to expand the task force’s mandate to include other types of illegal land uses. That report also provided recommendations to advocate the provincial government for amendments to the *Municipal Act* to strengthen municipal enforcement powers.

May 1, 2024 staff presented a workshop to Council attached as Schedule A to this report. The workshop details the history of the problem and actions to date and suggests a plan moving forward to formalize the Illegal Land Use Task Force.

Since the implementation of the task force, Staff has received over 300 complaints, of which:

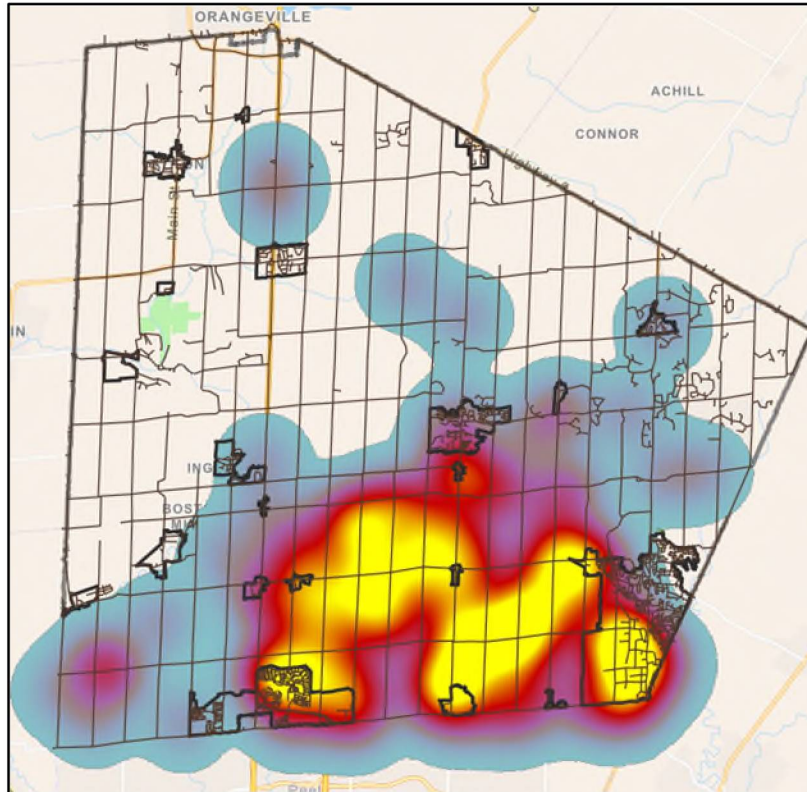
- 207 were investigated as truck depots;
- 61 completed prosecutions;
- 25 currently in prosecution; and
- 28 active files.

Since the last update to Council from June 2023, Staff has been involved in the following enforcement actions:



- 44 new properties are being investigated; and
- 4 prosecutions have been initiated.

The majority of illegal truck depots in Caledon have been concentrated along Mayfield Road between Dixie Rd to Coleraine Rd and south of Boston Mills Rd.



Fines, Penalties and Court Orders

In pursuit of our overarching goal of achieving compliance, Enforcement and By-Law Services, along with Prosecutions, pursued significant financial penalties to serve as a deterrent for those who knowingly flout the Town's by-laws. Under the Planning Act, individuals, corporations, businesses, and directors may face charges for unauthorized land use or development activities. Upon conviction, penalties include:

Individuals: fines of up to \$25,000 for a first conviction, with an additional \$10,000 for each day the violation persists post-conviction.

Corporations: fines of up to \$50,000 for a first conviction, along with \$25,000 for each day of continued violation post-conviction.



Similarly, under the Municipal Act, individuals convicted of offences may face fines determined by municipal by-laws, with a maximum limit of \$100,000, and \$10,000 for repeated or ongoing violations. However, special fines can surpass these limits to nullify any economic benefits gained from breaching the by-laws.

In some cases, fines alone may not be enough to ensure compliance. Our By-law officers have the authority to seek court orders, including injunctions, which can halt ongoing violations and compel property owners to bring their land into compliance. If an injunction is issued and ignored, we can then pursue a contempt order. This could result in harsher penalties, including imprisonment, additional fines, and even the seizure of the property.

Current Challenges

After approximately three years of proactive enforcement action, prosecutions and a variety of court decisions. Staff has identified a variety of factors which promote an environment of non-compliance and blatant defiance.

Continued Expansion of Truck Depot: Despite enforcement efforts, the illegal expansion of truck depots and other forms of illegal land uses persist, exacerbating the problem;

Violations Despite Presence of By-law Officers: Violations such as fill importation occur even when by-law officers are present on-site, indicating a blatant disregard for regulations;

Ineffectiveness of Fines as Deterrents: Existing fine amounts are insufficient to deter illegal activities, as they are viewed merely as a "cost of doing business" by offenders.

Lengthy Legal Processes and Low Penalties: Legal proceedings often span several years, culminating in relatively low fines of \$25,000, which fail to adequately address the severity of the violations and do not impose the financial burden expected to deter activity;

Property Ownership Changes and Evasion: Some properties change ownership after receiving violation notices, complicating enforcement efforts and allowing offenders to evade accountability. Challenges in tracking and locating rightful property owners creates delays and strains resources;

Limitation Periods Due to Court Delays: Court delays contribute to limitation periods, posing challenges in pursuing legal action against offenders;



Difficulty in Identifying and Serving Summons to Owners: It is often challenging to track down property owners, particularly when they are corporations or located outside of Ontario, delaying the service of summonses;

Lack of Clear Responsibility: Operations are sometimes owned by corporations, with no clear individual in charge, further complicating enforcement efforts and accountability measures.

Next Stage: Re-Imaging the Task Force

Recognizing the continued expansion of illegal land uses and non-compliance with Town by-laws, our experiences have discovered that traditional enforcement models have not been as effective an approach as anticipated. Small monetary penalties, and lengthy compliance times are perceived as a manageable business expense by business operators.

Addressing the intricate and varied challenges inherent in such investigations necessitates a well-coordinated, interdisciplinary approach to combat illegal land use. Recognizing that this issue extends beyond mere enforcement, it calls for a collaborative effort among internal and external stakeholders to strategically devise effective solutions.

The purpose of the Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF) will be to proactively identify and provide solutions to address illegal land uses in the Town of Caledon and will:

- Identify interagency collaboration opportunities;
- Prioritize community well-being;
- Proactive engagement;
- Data-driven decision-making;
- Enhance zoning and bylaw clarity;
- Advocacy; and
- Preservation of Natural Resources.

Scope of Activities

To fulfill its mandate, the ILUTF will actively engage internal (staff) and external stakeholders to navigate the following action items:

- Information Gathering and Education
- Enforcement and Compliance
- Parking Management
- Land Use Planning and Zoning
- Site Plan Approvals



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- Long-Term Planning
- Advocacy

Structure and Criteria

- CAO (Or designate)
- Subject Matter Experts (staff) from Planning, Legal, Municipal Law Enforcement, Communications
- Municipal Representatives: two elected officials (members of Council)
- Community Representatives: residents, business owners and stakeholders who may be directly or indirectly impacted by illegal land use activities.

Liaison Agencies

- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);
- Region of Peel;
- Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA);
- Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC);
- Credit Valley Conservation (CVC);
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA);
- Municipal Partners; and
- Industry Representatives.

The proposed Terms of Reference are attached to the report at Schedule B

NEXT STEPS

The next steps in implementing the Illegal Land Use Task Force include;

- A call for community and business representatives to participate in the task force; July 2024
- Council approval of task force members; September 2024
- Task Force meetings to begin fall 2024
- First Task Force update to Council Q1 2025

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Strategic Plan 2023-2035



Staff Report 2024-0280

This report is directly related to the following priority in Caledon's 2023-2035 Strategic Plan:

Community Vitality and Livability

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A to Staff Report 2024-0280

Schedule B to Staff Report 2024-0280



Town of Caledon Illegal Land Use Task Force

Workshop: May 1, 2024

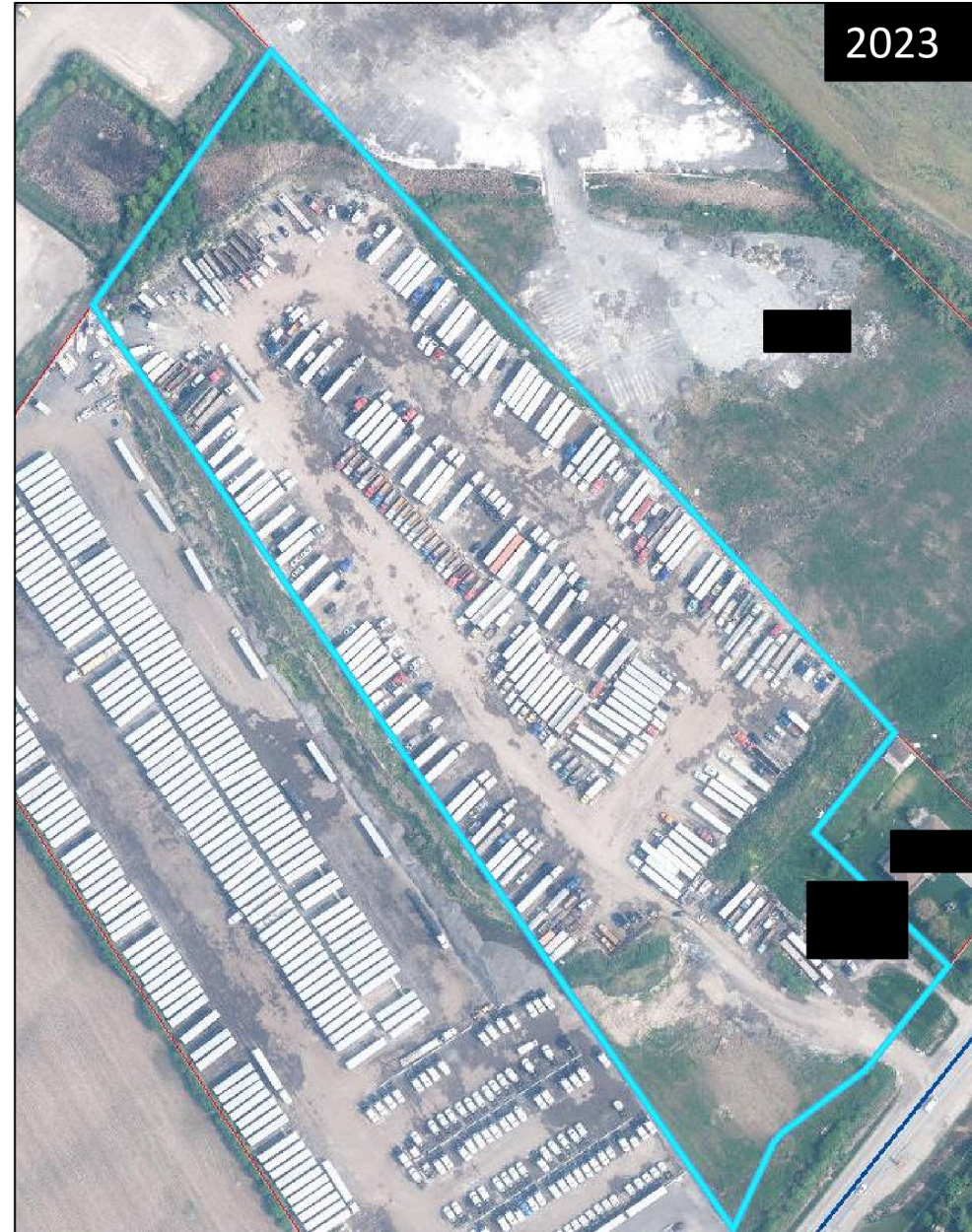
Presented By:

Commissioner: Catherine McLean

Policy Analyst: Joel Assaly



LAND USE and ILLEGAL LAND USE







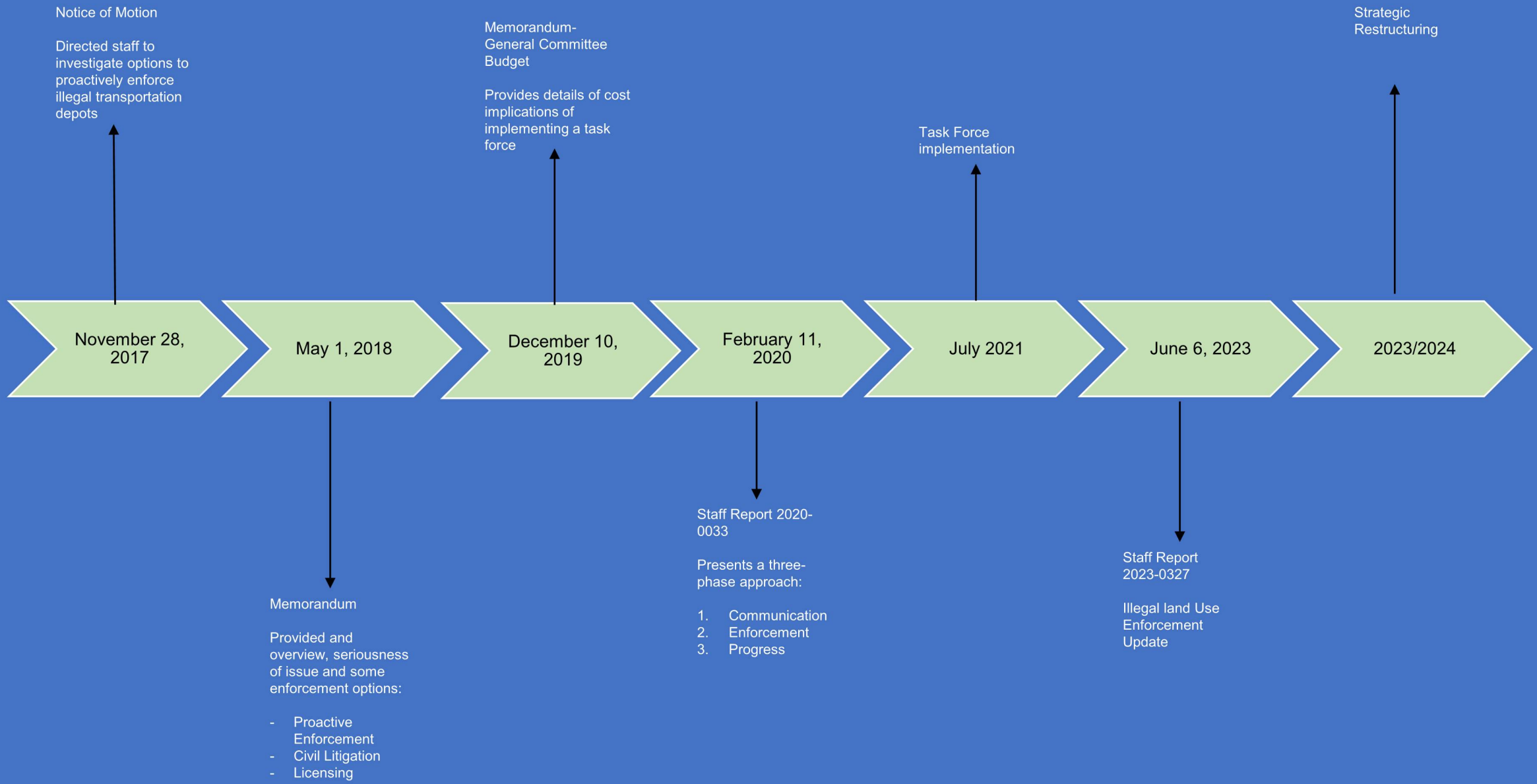
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TRUCK TASK FORCE TIMELINE





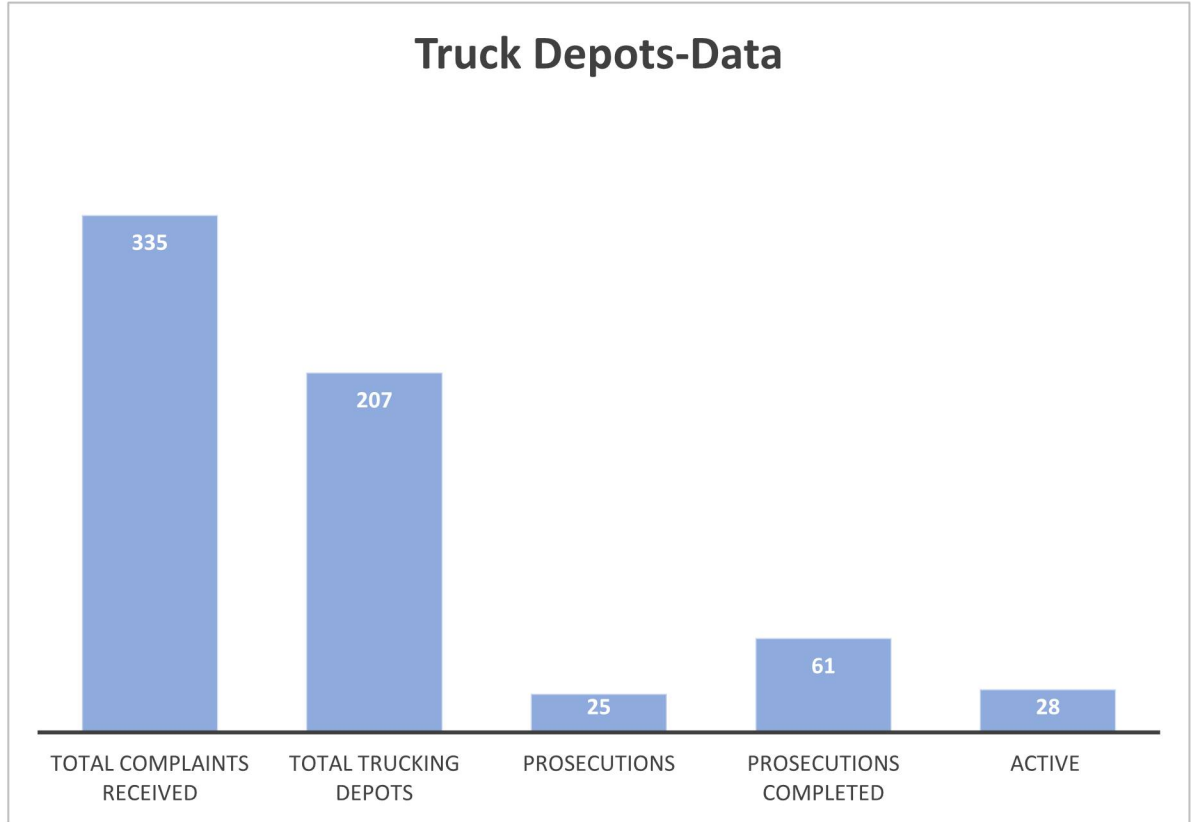
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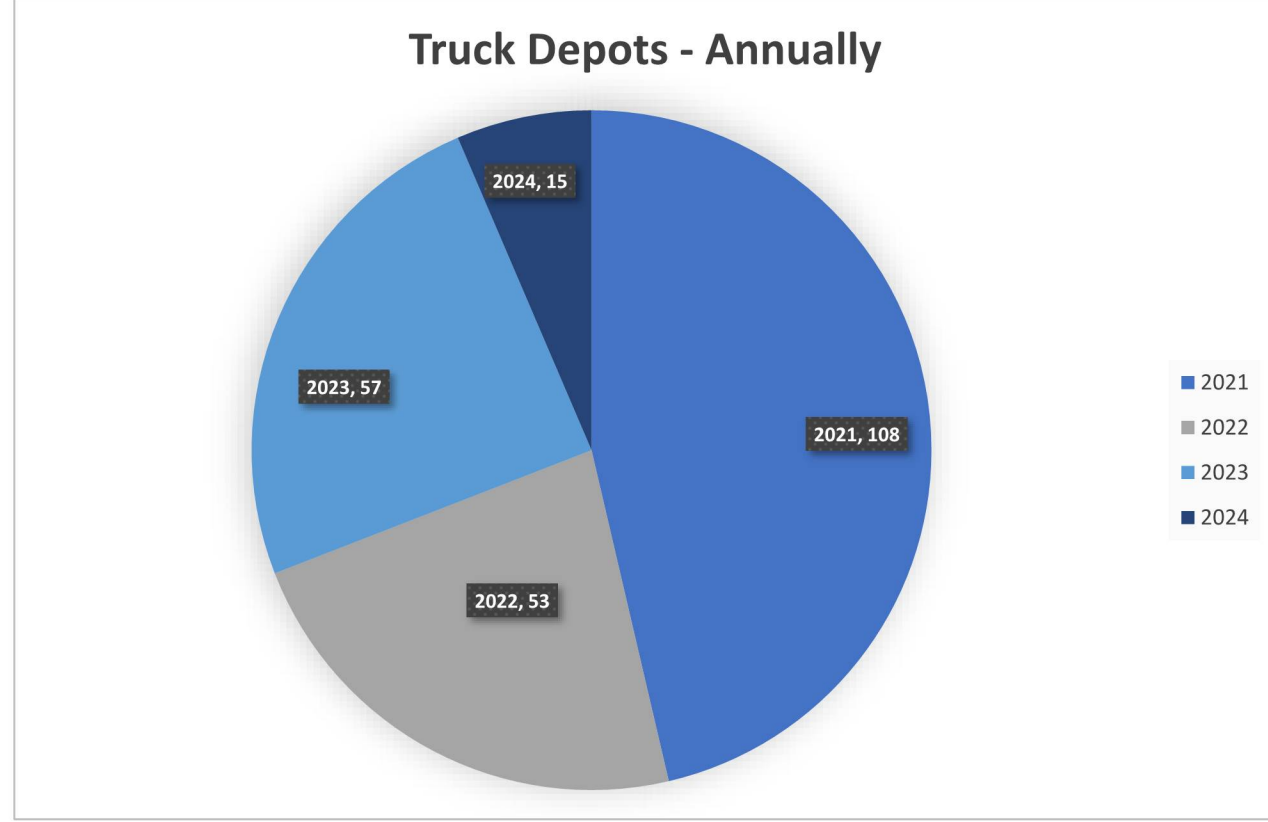


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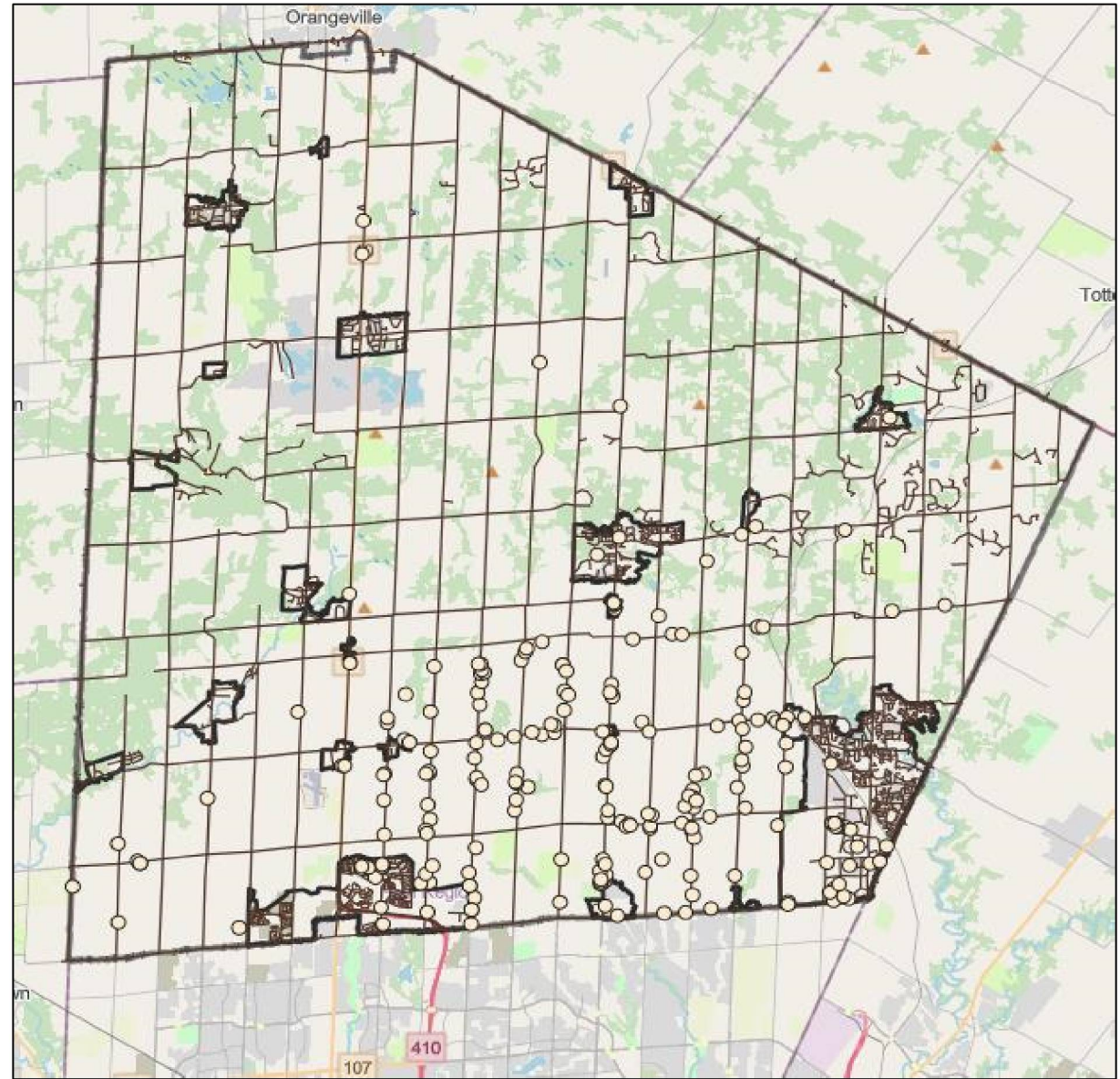
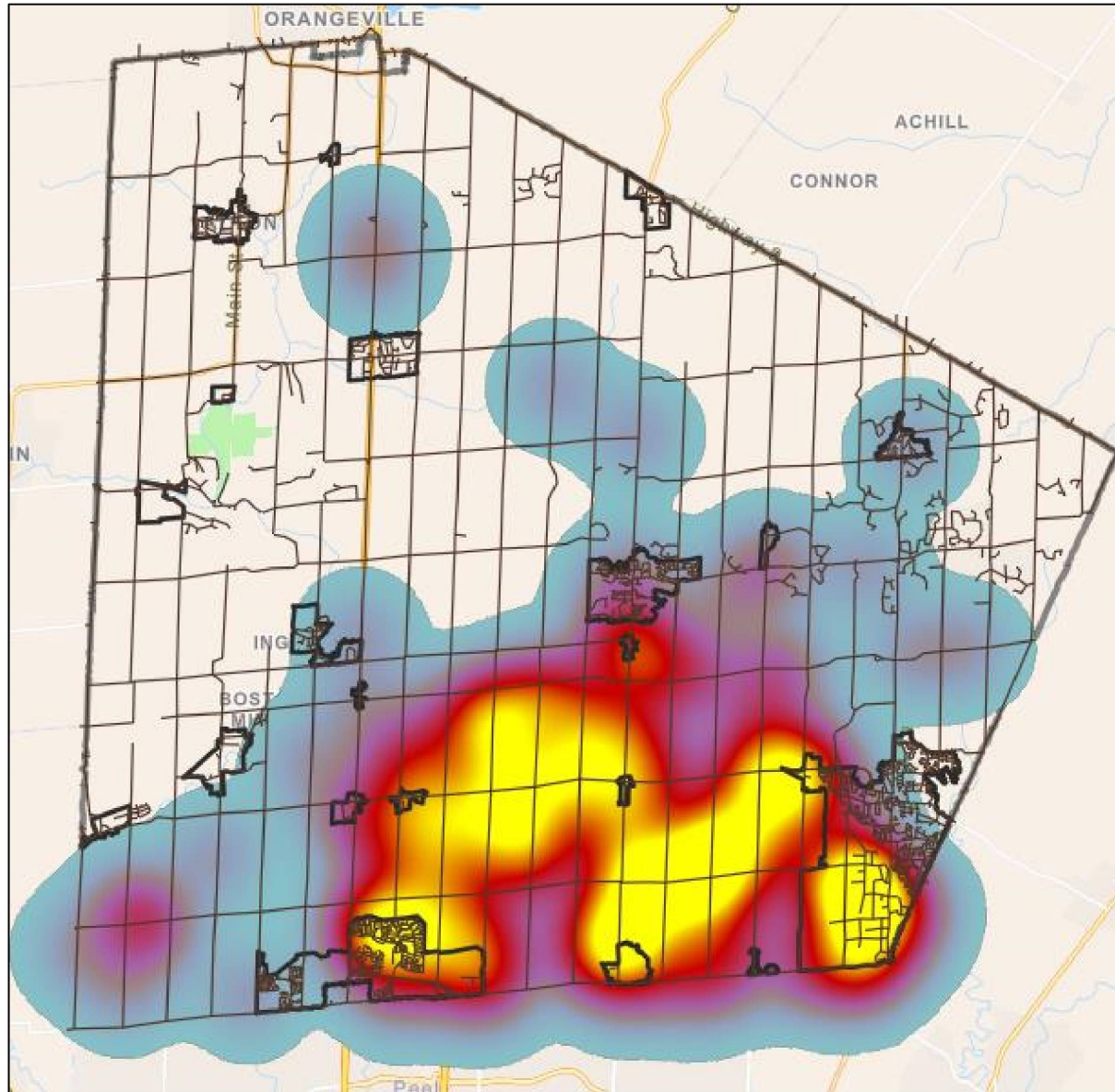
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Truck Depots - Annually



ILLEGAL TRUCK YARD LOCATIONS





PHASE 3: Tracking and Reporting Progress



NEXT STAGE: Re-imagine the Task Force



TASK FORCE STRUCTURE/COMPOSITION



TASK FORCE STRUCTURE/COMPOSITION

Questions and Discussion

Town of Caledon Illegal Land Use Task Force

Mandate

The Town of Caledon's Illegal Land Use Enforcement Task Force (the "ILUTF") has been established with the purpose of proactively identifying and addressing illegal land uses within the Town of Caledon.

Through collaborative efforts with municipal representatives, subject matter experts, and community stakeholders, the ILUTF aims to prioritize community well-being, enhance enforcement strategies, and advocate for policy changes to protect public health, safety, and environmental well-being.

Through collaboration with regulatory bodies, law enforcement, and stakeholders, the ILUTF will develop and propose comprehensive strategies for enforcement, prevention, and remediation. This includes promoting public education, enhancing zoning by-law clarity, advocating for stronger enforcement powers, and fostering collaboration with neighboring municipalities for a unified regional approach.

Scope of Activities

The Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF) aims to create communities where land use adheres to legal standards and regulations, fostering safety, integrity, and fairness. By addressing and mitigating illegal land use practices, the ILUTF ensures that all residents can enjoy their properties within a framework of legal compliance and community harmony. This involves aligning policies, enforcement strategies, and community engagement efforts to proactively identify and remedy instances of illegal land use. Through targeted interventions and collaborative initiatives, the ILUTF seeks to uphold the integrity of land use regulations while preserving the well-being of the community at large. By promoting adherence to zoning laws and environmental regulations, the ILUTF contributes to the sustainable development and preservation of the community for present and future generations.

To fulfill its mandate, the ILUTF will actively engage with municipal staff and external stakeholders. This collaborative approach will support access to diverse perspectives and expertise as the ILUTF navigates action items such as:

- **Information Gathering and Education**

The ILUTF will conduct comprehensive research and outreach efforts to enhance understanding of illegal land use issues among stakeholders, continue to promote awareness, compliance, and responsible land management practices.

- **Enforcement and Compliance**

Developing and implementing robust enforcement strategies to deter and address illegal land use violations.

- **Parking Management**
Investigating parking challenges and collaborating with stakeholders to develop solutions for safe and legal parking options.
- **Land Use Planning and Zoning**
By evaluating existing land use policies and zoning regulations, the ILUTF identifies areas for improvement, advocates for necessary changes, and promotes land use practices that align with community needs and objectives.
- **Site Plan Approvals**
Enhancing transparency and efficiency in reviewing and approving site plans that adhere to zoning regulations.
- **Long-Term Planning**
Through forward-looking initiatives, the ILUTF anticipates future trends, challenges, and opportunities related to illegal land use, guiding the development of sustainable, resilient, and equitable land use policies and practices.
- **Advocacy**
The ILUTF advocates for legislative reforms, policy changes, and resource allocations necessary to strengthen enforcement capabilities, enhance regulatory frameworks, and address systemic issues contributing to illegal land use within Caledon and beyond.

Role and Conduct of the Committee

The Terms of Reference for the Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF) shall be reviewed by Council on an ongoing basis to ensure the role and need of the committee is relevant and appropriate.

The Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF) will provide recommendations, advice, and information to Council regarding matters within its mandate.

The ILUTF is not authorized to give directives to Staff without Council approval. However, the ILUTF may request information from Staff, and Staff may provide data if it can be reasonably accommodated within existing workloads and resources.

Where an ILUTF member believes he or she has a conflict of interest in a particular matter, they shall disclose their conflict of interest and the general nature thereof prior to the item or matter being considered. As a result of disclosure, the member shall remove themselves from the table for the duration of the time that the matter is being considered and during in-closed session, remove themselves from the room and not take part in the discussion or the vote on any recommendation in respect of the matter. They shall not attempt in any way to influence the voting on any such question or recommendation.

Additionally, the ILUTF must adhere to the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code, Town of Caledon Policies and Procedures, and any other applicable statutes, ensuring that every individual, including fellow committee members and corporate employees, is treated with dignity, understanding, and respect for their right to equality and a safe, harassment-free environment.

In the performance of their duties, a committee member shall not:

- a) place him or herself in a position where a member is under obligation to any person who might benefit from special consideration or favour or who might seek preferential treatment in any way;
- b) accord preferential treatment to relatives or to organizations in which the member, their family member, have an interest, financial or otherwise;
- c) deal with an application to the Town for a benefit or interest from any matter which they can influence decisions; and
- d) benefit from the use of information acquired during the course of their official duties which is not generally available to the public.

Illegal Land Use Task Force Composition and Appointment Qualification

The ILUTF shall be composed of the following:

CAO (Or designate);

Two (2) Ward Councillors;

Staff representatives including but not limited to individuals from Planning; Zoning; Legal; Communications; Municipal Law Enforcement

Liaison Agencies

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Region of Peel

Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)

Industry Representatives

Qualifications

1. All members at large must be over the age of eighteen (18) years;
2. Available to contribute up to 10 hours per month in addition to regular meetings;
3. Previous experience on a committee, task force, or tribunal would be an asset;
4. Community Representatives:
 - i. Ideally comprised of representatives from multiple Wards.
 - ii. Ideally include representatives who work in a Caledon business or own a Caledon business.
 - iii. Experience in real estate and trucking industry.
 - iv. Understanding of Region and Town policies and processes.

Terms of Appointment

A member's term on the ILUTF shall be concurrent with the Town of Caledon's Term of Council (four (4) years). All members will be requested to re-apply for ILUTF membership at the end of every four-year term.

Attendance

Any member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, without leave of absence, terminates their membership. The Coordinator shall notify the member of the status change and by the stated application process, recruit a new member to fill the vacancy.

Any member may request a leave of absence during their term, through the ILUTF Coordinator if:

- Said member is overcome by an illness or injury and are unable to attend/participate in regular meetings but will not be absent for more than six (6) consecutive meetings (one year).
- Said member must tend to a family member that is ill or injured as the primary caregiver and are unable to attend the meetings but will not be absent for more than six (6) consecutive meetings (one year).
- Or any additional circumstances that arise and are discussed with the Coordinator in advance

Given a two weeks notice, any member may terminate their participation in the ILUTF by submitting a written resignation to the Coordinator. Upon acceptance of the resignation Town staff shall begin the process to recruit a new member to fill the vacancy as indicated re: Vacancies.

Vacancies

Given a two weeks notice, any member may terminate their participation in the ILUTF by submitting a written resignation to the Coordinator. Upon acceptance of the resignation Town staff shall begin the process to recruit a new member to fill the vacancy as indicated re: Vacancies.

Should a vacancy exist within the composition of the Task Force, Town Staff will proceed to fill the vacancy following the provisions laid out within Corporate Procedure – Filling Committee Vacancies Procedure.

A vacancy that occurs within six (6) months of a municipal election shall not be filled in order to recognize that new appointments will be made upon expiration of the Term of Council.

Meetings

ILUTF shall meet monthly. Members shall expect to be involved in additional assigned activities per month excluding regularly scheduled meetings.

The Chair may, at any time, call a special meeting. Staff shall coordinate a special meeting as directed by the Chair, based on the Committee members availability, and notifying the Committee of the item for discussion.

Additional meetings can occur based on file urgency or as the task force deems necessary which will be arranged by the appropriate staff. Members will be notified of any additional meetings via email correspondence allowing as much prior notice as possible.

Meetings shall be held either virtually, Town Hall or hybrid or at a location as determined by the ILUTF Chair, based on restrictions and availability.

Meeting summary notes, agendas, and handouts shall be prepared by a Town staff person prior to each meeting and distributed via email correspondence.

Orientation Session

Following the appointment process of each ILUTF member, appointed members shall participate in an orientation session at the beginning of each term conducted by the Town's Municipal Law Enforcement Department.

Orientation Sessions will include legislative training requirements and committee procedures for the conduct of meetings.

Orientation Sessions will be conducted for new appointments taking place throughout the term of the committee, as needed.

Support Staff

Committee meetings shall be attended by staff representatives of the appropriate departments to provide resource, support and general liaison, as applicable. The affected Department Director shall determine the representative from the Department who shall attend the committee meetings.

The day-to-day support of committees (such as coordination of meeting schedules, the preparation of committee agendas and minutes, and the communication of committee actions) shall be provided by Staff in the Legislative Services Section.

(Procedure By-Law Schedule B Section 9)

Expenditures

Any annual budget allocation shall be at the sole discretion of Council and subject to the annual budget process and shall be aligned with the mandate of the ILUTF. All ILUTF expense information is considered to be public information and shall be made available upon request.

Expenses associated with communication and/or promotional efforts being undertaken by the ILUTF within its mandate, are to be approved by Corporate Communications for consistency in messaging and proper branding, prior to those expenses being incurred.

(Procedure By-Law Schedule B Section 10)

Chair and Vice-Chair

The presiding officer of all committees shall be referred to as "Chair". The committee shall recommend the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair at their first meeting of the term.

(Procedure By-law Schedule B section 11)

Agendas and Reporting

ILUTF agendas shall be compiled of items aligned with the ILUTF mandate. In consultation with the Chair and Staff Liaison for the ILUTF, Staff within the Legislative Services Section will prepare the Agenda. The following headings shall be on the Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- Receipt of Minutes
- Regular Business
- Adjournment

The following headings may be added, as required:

- Presentations
- Delegations
- Administration (Training/Education)
- Correspondence
- Confidential Session.

Agendas shall be distributed electronically, unless otherwise requested.

All unfinished business on the Agenda shall be carried forward to the next committee meeting.

(Procedure By-Law Schedule B Section 12.5 to 12.8).

Minutes

Support Staff shall record, without note or comment the minutes of each meeting, including the following information:

- (a) the place, date and time of meeting,
- (b) the name of the presiding officer(s) and record of attendance of the members,
- (c) the receipt of minutes of prior meetings, and
- (d) all recommendations made at the meeting.

Meeting minutes will be provided at the next Council Meeting following standard Council Agenda circulation timeframes.

Working Groups

The ILUTF may form working groups as needed. Working group meetings may proceed at any time and are not subject to the standard requirements (notice, agendas, minutes, etc.) of committee meetings.

Reports to Council

Reports and recommendations to Council by the ILUTF will be placed on the next applicable General Committee Meeting Agenda, as deemed appropriate for consideration.

(Procedure By-Law Schedule B Section 14)

Rules of Order and Debate

The Chair shall:

- (a) maintain order and preserve the decorum of the meeting;
- (b) rule whether a Motion or proposed amendment is in order;
- (c) rule upon all other procedural matters and debate;
- (d) maintain a speaker's list of those members who have signaled the Chair that they wish to speak or ask questions, and recognize such members in the order in which they appear;
- (e) call a Member to order where appropriate.

No Member shall:

- (a) speak disrespectfully, use indecent, offensive or insulting language;
- (b) speak on any subject other than the subject in debate;
- (c) where a matter has been discussed in a meeting or part of a meeting closed to the public (in-camera) and where the matter remains confidential, disclose the content of the matter or the substance of deliberations of the in-camera meeting;
- (d) disobey a decision of the Chair on questions of order or practice or the interpretation of the Rules.

Where a Member persists in any such conduct contrary to the provisions of this section, after having been called to order by the Chair:

- (a) the Chair shall forthwith put the question that the member be ordered to leave their seat for the duration of the Meeting, and adjournments, amendments or debates shall not be allowed upon such question;

(b) if the question carries, the Chair will order the Member to leave for the remainder of the Meeting, unless the Member wishes to apologize to the rest of the Committee, at which time the Chair may permit the Member to return to their seat.

The following matters and motions may be introduced orally without written notice and without leave, and to be decided without debate:

- (a) a point of order;
- (b) a point of privilege;
- (c) a motion to adjourn;
- (d) a motion to refer;
- (e) a motion to defer/postpone;
- (f) a motion to table the question;
- (g) a motion to vote on the question.

Except as provided above, a motion regarding an item on the Agenda shall be presented by the mover, and voted on. A tie vote is a lost vote.



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VIA: Email

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June 18th, 2024

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Smith:

At its meeting of June 12th Hamilton City Council, endorsed the Town of Halton Hill's resolution respecting Niagara Escarpment Enforcement, as follows:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario established the Niagara Escarpment area in 1973 and the Niagara Escarpment Plan in 1985 which protects a swath of land 725 KM long from Bruce to Niagara;

AND WHEREAS the governance for the Niagara Escarpment Plan, offices and staff is under the direct control of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) which receives funding from the Province of Ontario, specifically the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;

AND WHEREAS in whole or part, 23 local Municipalities, 7 Regions and the City of Hamilton all fall in the Niagara Escarpment catchment area;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities within the area are restricted in which areas they can enforce for violation of the Niagara Escarpment plans;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara Escarpment Commission lists 1 Compliance Specialist and 1 Compliance Supervisor to cover an area of 195,000 Hectares and a distance of 725 KM which despite their best efforts means some areas may not receive any coverage for investigations;

AND WHEREAS it is not uncommon for investigation of violations within the plan area to be substantially delayed due to a lack of NEC staffing and resources, undermining the Town's ability to enforce its by-laws, protect the natural environment and maintain peace and order in the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Town of Halton Hills requests the Province of Ontario to increase funding for the Niagara Escarpment Commission to immediately hire and train more compliance officers to investigate the backlog of complaints and violations that have been filed in the area, 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 enforcement resources in the area;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Ted Arnott MPP, Mayor Gord Krantz, Halton's Niagara Escarpment Commission member, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Region of Halton, City of Hamilton, the City of Burlington, Town of Milton and all Municipalities within the Niagara Escarpment area.

Regards,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

cc: Melissa Lawr, AMP, Deputy Clerk, Town of Halton Hills. melissal@haltonhills.ca
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July 8, 2024

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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Request to Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 17, May 15, 2024
Moved by: Councillor Boven
Seconded by: Councillor Teeple

WHEREAS the 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;

AND 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;

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Emo calls on 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; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and all other municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

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MPP-Greg Rickford, Kenora Rainy River District, greg.rickfordco@pc.ola.org

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July 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Operational Budget Funding

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 18, May 15, 2024
Moved by: Councillor Teeple
Seconded by: Councillor Whatley

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

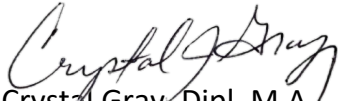
WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

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.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Emo call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 210

Date: June 20 2024

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

WHEREAS Ontario’s small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario’s large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

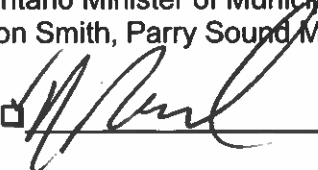
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby support Township of Pelee’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma; and finally

THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound- Muskoka; MPP Graydon Smith, Parry Sound Muskoka; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED 

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pateman, Heather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharer, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh supports the County of Renfrew and the Township of Pelee's resolution to:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally;

And that a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb

Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities, Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
2. County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Ms. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario (kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)
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Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (paul.calandra@pc.olg.org)
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Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Trevor Jones, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Leamington (trevor.jones@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org)
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THE CORPORATION OF THE
Township Of Pelee

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May 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 78

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives;



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and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee support the County of Renfrew's resolution to:



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Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

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If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

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The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh hereby support the Township of Pelee and Georgian Bay’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

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Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

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Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
2. Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Ms. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario (kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (paul.calandra@pc.olg.org)
Ms. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Trevor Jones, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Leamington (trevor.jones@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (roma@roma.on.ca)

May 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 77

Moved By: Mayor Cathy Miller

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support Township of Georgian Bay's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 13 May 2024

Item 12.(a)

Date: May 13, 2024

C-2024-165

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

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Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



July 3, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: Support of Resolution – Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-138-24

That Council for the Municipality of Leamington support the resolution from St. Catherines regarding the need for provincial regulations to restrict the keeping of Non-native wild animals.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

Attached: St. Catherines Resolution

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Dave Epp, MP
Trevor Jones, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario

April 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and

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WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Local MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park, 5th Floor,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 18-24
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;
Durham Region Public Health
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Township of Amaranth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Martin".

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Health
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit
MPP Sylvia Jones
All Ontario Municipalities



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County of Frontenac

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Sent Via Email

2 July 2024

Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada)
Hon. Sean Fraser (Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities)
Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Kinga Surma (Ontario Minister of Infrastructure)
Hon. Paul Calandra (Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Scott Reid, MP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston)
Mark Gerretsen, MP (Kingston and the Islands)
John Jordan, MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston)
Ted Hsu, MPP (Kingston and the Islands)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – June 19, 2024 – Support for the Implementation of Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Frontenac, at its regular meeting held June 19, 2024, passed the following resolution, being Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given, clause a):

Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given

a) Support for the Implementation of Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

Motion #: 114-24 Moved By: Deputy Warden Vandewal
 Seconded By: Councillor Leonard

Be It Resolved That the correspondence from Hastings County and the Township of Stirling-Rawdon calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be received;




And Further That Council of the County of Frontenac supports the establishment of an intergovernmental working group which would include a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma facing small rural municipalities;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities, Romy Bowers, President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Reid, MP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Mark Gerretsen, MP, Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Ted Hsu, MPP, Kingston and the Islands, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at jamini@frontenacounty.ca.

Yours Truly,



Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Copy: File

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The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
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Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

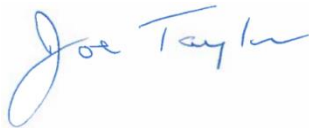
As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

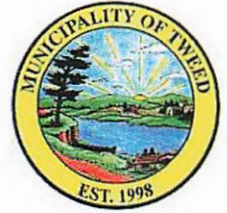
Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried