



THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:**

**Title:** Provincial Overreach into Municipal Decision-Making

**Date:** November 18, 2024

**Moved by:** Councillor J. Fogal

**Seconded by:** Councillor A. Hilson

**Item No.**

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WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced legislation that would require municipalities to apply for and receive approval from the province before the installation of new cycling lanes where the installation would cause the reduction of vehicle traffic lanes;

AND WHEREAS as part of this approval municipalities would be required to demonstrate that the proposed cycling lanes won't have a negative impact on vehicle traffic;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills has an approved Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) that was developed with significant public consultation and expert transportation expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Halton Hills ATMP does not recommend converting any lanes of traffic to cycling lanes we still reserve the responsibility to make future decisions based on local input from residents and local circumstances without seeking permission from the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario is urging the province to respect local decision-making when considering transportation improvements;

AND WHEREAS AMO has indicated there has been no indication of local consultation in the Province's arbitrary decision to remove bike lanes in the City

of Toronto;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Halton Hills expresses its support for AMO's position urging the province to respect local decision-making and jurisdiction as set out in the Municipal Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Town of Halton Hills does not support the provisions in Bill 212 with respect to the installation of cycling lanes;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to, Premier Ford, Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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Mayor Ann Lawlor

Supplementary Articles:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9266>

<https://www.amo.on.ca/policy/finance-infrastructure-and-economy/province-introduce-legislation-governing-bicycle-lanes>

<https://www.thetrillium.ca/municipalities-newsletter/doug-ford-says-only-12-of-torontonians-commute-by-bike-thats-not-true-9774236>