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**HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday February 19, 2025, in the Esquesing Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

Members Present: Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan, M. Rowe, R. Denny, A. Walker, T. Brown,

Regrets: Councillor J. Racinsky

Staff Present: L. Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, C. MacPherson, Heritage and Development Review Planner, A. Foster, Cultural Heritage Assistant, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

M. Rowe declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item No. 4(g) as he owns 5 Tweedle Street. He did not vote or participate in any discussion on this item.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2025.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0010

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Research and Evaluation Report - 10454 Regional Road 25 - Dufferin School (Speyside)

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 10454 Regional Road 25. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a c.1870s one-room Ontario Rural Schoolhouse. It is associated with the Speyside community, early communal developments, and pupils such as John Yaremko, the first Ukrainian Canadian parliamentarian. The property is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0011

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 10454 Regional Road 25 for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 11999 Fifth Line - Gibraltar School (Limehouse)

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 11999 Fifth Line. It meets 6 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a rare, unique, and representative example of c.1864 vernacular Ontario rural schoolhouse in the community of Limehouse. It is associated with early educational system in the community of Limehouse and pupils such as Reverend John McColl and Dr. James Lindsay. . The property is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0012

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 11999 Fifth Line for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 2 King Street - McCuaig-Feller House (Georgetown)

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 2 King Street. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of c.1912 residential building in the Edwardian architectural style. It is associated with local builder Robert John Waldie, the McCuaig family, and local politician Arnim “Ernie” Hulbert Feller. The property is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0013

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 2 King Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.d Research and Evaluations Report - 53 Charles Street - Pinegrove Cottage (Georgetown)

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 53 Charles Street. It meets 6 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a c.1887 Italianate residence in Georgetown. It is associated with the McDermid, Bell, and Hodinott families. It serves to define and maintain the late-nineteenth century character of the Park District. It is constructed of bricks from the old presbyterian church on Main Street. The property is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0014

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 53 Charles Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.e Research and Evaluation Report - 510 Main Street - Moffit Forster House (Glen Williams)

A. Foster provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 510 Main Street. It meets 4 out of the 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of c.1884 Georgian Revival residential architecture in Glen Williams . It is associated with Charles

Williams' son-in-law, Moffit Forster and later, the Korzack family. The property remains physically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0015

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 510 Main Street for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

4.f Property for Additional Consideration - 9 Queen Street (Georgetown)

C. MacPherson provided some background on 9 Queen Street noting that it was built in 1897 by GTR Station Master Edward McCannah, the first owner was GTR rail foreman Nathan Long and it was owned by John McBean from 1908 to 1958.

The house has been significantly modified over time with the construction of a one-storey addition on the front elevation, removal of board and batten, and alterations to the window openings. The owner is requesting that the property be removed from the register. For these reasons staff do not recommend additional research and evaluation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0016

THAT staff should not undertake additional research and evaluation for the property at 9 Queen Street at this time.

CARRIED

4.g Properties for Additional Consideration - Tweedle Street Properties (Glen Williams)

A. Foster provided some background on the Tweedle Street Properties (5, 7 & 9 Tweedle Street). The properties were workers' residences built by the Sykes and Ainley Manufacturing Company in 1907, they are representative of a vernacular workers' cottages with Gothic Revival influences in the community of Glen Williams. The properties remain physically, functionally, and visually linked to their surroundings and should be considered together. For these reasons staff recommend additional research and evaluation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0017

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend staff pursue research and evaluation of the property at 5, 7, and 9 Tweedle Street, Glen Williams.

CARRIED

4.h Update - 8 Albert Street (Georgetown)

L. Loney advised the committee that an objection to the Notice of Intent to Designate has been received for 8 Albert Street. The staff report will be on the March 24, 2025 Council Agenda.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

L. Loney advised that she will be away for the March meeting.

Economic Development will be attending an upcoming meeting to do a presentation on the Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

Ontario Heritage Conference is taking place in Prince Edward County June 19-21, 2025. Staff will look into the budget for 4-5 members to attend and report back at the March meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **February 5, 2025**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Staff Present: Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner
Ruth Conard, 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 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.

a) **Minor Variance 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

The Town Planner referenced the previous deferral of the decision, advised that Hydro and Engineering issues have been resolved, and noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner was 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.

b) Minor Variance D13VAR25.001H – 7 Jessop Court

Location: 7 Jessop Court, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

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

1. To reduce the side yard setback to the stairs accessing a basement from the minimum 1.2 m to permit a side yard setback of 0.76 m.

To accommodate proposed stairs accessing the basement of a single detached dwelling.

Owner(s): Tracey Arnold, **Agent:** Alana + Kelly Design, Alana Nielsen

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.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA

Board of Management Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 29, 2025 – 7:00pm (post AGM)

Location: Acton Salvation Army Community Church #114 Mill Street East – Community Room

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. [Read by Norman Paulsen](#)

Attendance:

Downtown Acton BIA Board of Directors:

Monica Parker-Galway, Chairperson – Profile Hair Salon
Chris Cambouris, Vice Chairperson – Titan Tek Biz
Micheal Albano – Ward One Councillor, Town of Halton Hills
Norman Paulsen – Acton Motors
Nicole Walker – Acton Optical
Patricia Daleman – Doane Grant Thornton LLP
Matthew Galliford – DABIA Office Coordinator

Witnessing Community Members:

Rob Smith – Owner, Black Creek Coffee Company (Acton)
Scott Brooks – Journalist, The Acton Monthly, Halton Hills Today (Freelance)
Lorie Cunningham – Downtown Acton BIA Volunteer
Victor Alksnis – Owner, Fresh & Clean Acton Laundromat

1. Chair's Welcome

2. Call to Order 8:19pm

3. Declaration of Pecuniary / Personal Conflict of Interest(s) [None declared](#)

4. Adoption of December 2024 Minutes

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

5. Motion to Approve January 2025 Agenda

1st: Chris Cambouris, 2nd: Norman Paulsen, All in favor: Yes

6. Coordinator's Report - Matthew Galliford

7. Financial Reports – Patricia Daleman

- [Direction has been given to post a Bookkeeping Assistance job listing on our social media platforms. Matthew will do so once the posting description has been approved. Nicole has asked that we have Zoom meeting in 2 weeks – Feb. 12, 2025 – 6:30pm to review candidates.](#)

8. New Business [Victor Alksnis asks if there is a crime prevention session or program available for business to receive info / education. Are there assistance programs for purchase of security devices? Proactive vs Reactive solutions.](#)

9. Motion to Adjourn 9:07pm 1st: Norman Paulsen, 2nd: Chris Cambouris, All in favor: Yes

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday February 19, 2025 - 7:00 pm - DABIA Office 25 Mill St. E.

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

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA

Board of Management Monthly Meeting

Wednesday January 29, 2025 – 7:00pm (post AGM)

Coordinator's Report

- Petty Crime in Acton: A person known to the downtown businesses has been targeting and stealing tip jars, loose change and unattended monies from local businesses and services. Please secure these types of cash items and be aware of the potential for theft.
- Three stores in Acton, one in the BIA have had the lower window of their entrance door smashed and accessible cash on hand stolen in overnight break-ins. Installation of security alarms /cameras would be recommended as a deterrent as well as posting at the entrance "No Cash Kept Overnight On Premises"

Let's all be aware of suspicious activities and look out for each other, report any crimes to Halton Regional Police.

-We will need to inspect and replace any needed flag, banner, hanging basket and holiday light pole mounts in the spring. Is this the responsibility of the Town as art of the MOU? Who replaces the required hardware?

- New flag, hanging basket and banner pole mounts will be need to added to the (new) beautification areas of Main Street from Agnes Street to Knox Street and on Mill Street West to Park Avenue.
- The 2024 Winter Lot Maintenance bill to the Town of Halton Hills has been paid. Under the MOU starting January 2025, the BIA are no longer responsible for the maintenance of the Willow Street North and South parking lots.
- Floral Beautification 2025 – We will continue with our plan to purchase the electric "vehicle" for watering and downtown maintenance from Coyote Carts in Acton as approved in 2024.

We will reach out to Red's garden Centre Acton as well as Meadowville Garden Centre and Flowershed with our request for tender to purchase the planter flowers and hanging baskets for the Downtown Acton BIA area 2025. Nicole Walker and Matthew Galliford will present to the Board once information is available.

- New Canada flags are required for the 2025 season. Do we want to consider new banners as well?
- The garbage receptacle in front of BMO at Mill Street East / Willow Street North was hit and destroyed by a truck January 29th (morning commute). The crash was attended by police and the damaged receptacle reported to Town Staff. ToHH Staff will install a replacement.
- A low hanging wire crossing the Mews Plaza lot from Trinity Church to a pole has been reported to Bell, Cogeco and Halton Hydro as ownership is unknown.
- Acton Fresh & Clean Laundromat received a 2024 My Main Street Grant. They are upgrading A/C HVAC and have installed an entrance handrail with a touchless door opener sensor device.
- The 2024 year-end Audit will commence the week of February 17, 2025.

-END OF REPORT-

**DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 29, 2025 – 7:00pm

Location: Acton Salvation Army Community Church #114 Mill Street East – Community Room

Truth and Reconciliation Land Acknowledgement – Reading: [Norman Paulsen 7:07pm](#)

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.

1. Chair's Welcome

Introductions

[Downtown Acton BIA Board of Directors:](#)

[Monica Parker-Galway, Chairperson – Profile Hair Salon](#)

[Chris Cambouris, Vice Chairperson – Titan Tek Biz](#)

[Micheal Albano – Ward One Councillor, Town of Halton Hills](#)

[Norman Paulsen – Acton Motors](#)

[Nicole Walker – Acton Optical](#)

[Patricia Daleman – Doane Grant Thornton LLP](#)

[Matthew Galliford – DABIA Office Coordinator](#)

[Town of Halton Hills:](#)

[Mayor Ann Lawlor](#)

[Erin Burger – Community Development Supervisor](#)

[Erin Kaiser - Manager of Economic Development and Innovation](#)

[Clark Somerville - Regional Councillor Ward 1 and 2](#)

[Community Members:](#)

[Rob Smith – Owner, Black Creek Coffee Company \(Acton\)](#)

[Scott Brooks – Journalist, The Acton Monthly, Halton Hills Today \(Freelance\)](#)

[Lorie Cunningham – Downtown Acton BIA Volunteer](#)

[Victor Alksnis – Owner, Fresh & Clean Acton Laundromat](#)

Opening remarks and Mayor's Welcome [7:08pm](#)

2. Call to Order [7:12pm](#)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary / Personal Conflict of Interest(s) [None registered](#)

4. Adoption of 2023 AGM Minutes ([see 2023 AGM Minutes on hand at meeting / emailed prior](#))

1st: [Nicole Walker](#) 2nd: [Chris Cambouris](#) All in favor: Yes

5. Motion to Approve 2025 AGM Agenda

1st: [Norman Paulsen](#) 2nd: [Michael Albano](#) All in favor: Yes

6. Coordinator's Report, 2024 Recap and Plans for 2025 – [Matthew Galliford](#)

[Recap video of the DABIA's 2024 community involvement and activities – duration 7:32 mins](#)

Information regarding the plans for the 2025 Downtown Acton beautification projects: Flowers and new Canada flags to be installed on both Mill Street (Park Avenue to Eastern Avenue) and Main Street (Agnes Street to Knox Street). Update on the BIA's purchase of an electric utility vehicle for flower maintenance, watering and general use for BIA transport of event signs and equipment.

Recap of the 2024 BIA events and information regarding the 2025 planned community events: holiday lights, BIA boundary signage, Outdoor Market, Leathertown Festival, moving the BIA Office to 25 Mill Street East, Trick or Treat on Mill & Main Streets, Santa Claus Parade participation and the various BIA Bucks contests.

Acknowledgement of our (BIA) 2024 Community Partnerships:

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| Acton Community Garden | Acton Firefighters Association |
| Halton Community Legal Services | Town of Halton Hills |
| Halton Health Services / Support House | Halton Region |
| Acton Agricultural Society / Fall Fair Board | Vintage Acton |
| Royal Canadian Legion #197 Acton | Heritage Acton |
| Halton Regional Police Service | Acton 1st Scouts |

Community Sponsors:

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| Coldwell Banker Escarpment Realty / Sara Brophy-Platts | |
| Leathertown Lumber | Cogeco |
| P& H Milling | 70 Below Treats |
| Titan Tek Biz | Luciano & Sarah's No Frills Acton |
| Desjardins / Robyn King | Acton Optical |
| Superior Glove | BMO Acton Branch |
| Twice The Deal Pizza | Terra Cotta Cookie Company |
| Profile Hair Salon | Halton Hills Electrical Contracting Ltd. |
| Town of Halton Hills | Sweet Mollys British Shop & Bakery |

7. Financial Reports – Patricia Daleman / Matthew Galliford

Presentation of the 2023 Annual Audit Report, 2024 YTD Report, 2025 Approved Budget

-Rob Smith raised the point that the vendor fees for the annual Leathertown Festival should be reviewed and potentially raised for 2025 as they are substantially lower than other community events in the surrounding areas and we could benefit from the income generation for other projects. He has suggested that we look to increase the outside vendor rates by 50% (+/- %)

8. Motion to Adjourn 7:51pm 1st: Chris Cambouris 2nd: Nicole Walker All in favor: Yes

9. Presentations:

- Town of Halton Hills Economic Development Office: CIP Program Information and Update
- Victor Alksnis spoke to the benefits of the programs / grants offered and supported by the Town of Halton Hills economic development partnerships. He has had the opportunity to make upgrades to his business due to these programs and grants.

NEXT Downtown Acton BIA AGM, January 2026, Date & Location TDB

Shop, Eat & Play Local - It's Worth the Drive!



**MINUTES OF THE
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

January 28, 2025

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on Tuesday January 29, 2025 in the Esquering Room, 1 Halton Hills Drive and via Zoom

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, A. Sommer, C. Patten (EP), J. Dougherty (EP), G. Price-Jones, N. Barros, R. Hendry (EP)
(EP – Electronic Participation)

Regrets: Councillor, A. Hilson, C. Lenz, B. Mandarino

Staff Present: I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Coordinator (E), M. Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect, M. Khashaypoor, Transportation Planning Technologist (E), M. Lawr, Deputy Clerk - Legislation
(E – Electronically Present)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor J. Fogal inquired about Item No. 4.c from the September 24th minutes regarding some of the trail projects that had been noted as delayed. M. Taylor advised that they are on staff's work program for this year.

Recommendation No. ACT-2025-001

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on September 24, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. **SNAP Walking Audit** – This item was pulled from the agenda.

b. Silver Creek Trail Feasibility Study Update

M. Taylor provided an update on the Silver Creek Trail Feasibility Study referencing sections from Park Avenue to Guelph Street, Guelph Street to railway, railway to Ewing Street, Ewing Street to Ontario Street and Ontario Street to Wildwood Road.

The Committee provided discussion and feedback regarding the trail sections, which will be considered by staff during the process of prioritizing the trail sections.

c. 2025 Trails budget & projects

M. Taylor reviewed the planned 2025 projects which include:

- Hungry Hollow Mountainview Rd access (had been delayed in 2024)
- Trail Development: Glen South (had been delayed in 2024)
- Hungry Hollow Management Plan 20yr Update (had been delayed in 2024)
- Glen Lawson Land Masterplan (had been delayed in 2024)
- Trails Revitalization
 - Hungry Hollow selected sections
 - Formalize Rosefield to Fagan

M. Taylor advised that the Upper Canada College trail development was not funded and will be included in budget asks again in 2026.

d. Mobility Master Plan

I. Drewnitski provided an overview to the Committee on the Town's Mobility Master Plan project. The purpose of the project and the key study principles were reviewed. The Key Study Principles were identified as:

- Connectivity
- Safety
- Sustainability
- Affordability

Councillor J. Fogal inquired about the Committee's role throughout this project. M. Khashaypoor explained that further updates on the project will be brought to future Committee meetings for discussion and feedback and all public consultation information will be provided to Committee members.

J. Dougherty inquired about how successes in the plan will be measured. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of setting targets on multimodal transportation.

e. Princess Anne Drive

I. Drewnitski presented the proposed upcoming bike lane project on Princess Anne Drive which would include bike lanes from Trafalgar Road to Halton Hills Drive. Staff are currently looking at the design feasibility and will bring forward an update to the next Active Transportation meeting.

f. Bike Month 2025

I. Drewnitski presented the proposed list of events for Bike Month this year, which will include:

- Scavenger Hunt
- Bike to School Week
- Bike it to the Market
- Bike to work day or Bike Day
- Safety Webinars
- Pop-up events throughout June

g. Proposed Downtown Bike Rack

M. Khashaypoor presented a proposed location for a bike rack installation downtown Georgetown and asked the Committee to provide suggestions and feedback on the two possible options for installation of the bike rack. The Committee agreed that the second option, installing the bike rack perpendicular to the fence allows for more useability of the bike rack. The Committee noted that there needs to be a minimum of 2.5 m from the curb to the rack when it is installed.

5. WORKING GROUPS

a. Bike It

Councillor J. Fogal and members of the Bike It working group presented the working group's 2024 events and successes such as group rides, Halloween Costume Bike parade, Annual Bike Swap event and Bike it to the Market.

1. 2025 Event Program

Councillor J. Fogal presented the proposed Bike It 2025 Event Program as follows:

- Annual Used Bike Swap
- Bike to School Week
- Bike it to the Market

- Group Rides
 - Georgetown Loop Community Bike Ride
 - Halloween Costume Bike Parade
 - Biking and Birding group rides
 - December Light Up Your Ride
- Bike Repair Café

Additional Requests included:

- a meeting with communications staff to look at how Bike It and Town staff bike events are communicated to the public on the website and through social media.
- A discussion with staff about cycling on sidewalks
- A poster of events
- Assistance with setting up a bike rodeo at a school as a pilot project
- Budget of \$1000 to purchase some promotional materials including a flag banner and temporary tattoos for kids. (from the Active Transportation budget)

The 2025 Event Program/Work Plan was approved by the Committee.

Recommendation No. ACT-2025-002

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee endorse the 2025 Bike It event program

AND FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Committee approve the budget ask of \$1000.00 from the Active Transportation budget for the events and promotional materials.

CARRIED

6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Mobility Master Plan (I. Drewnitski)

Princess Anne Drive (I. Drewnitski)

Smart Commute (M. Khashaypoor)

Bike Rack Program (I. Drewnitski)

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



**COUNTY OF WELLINGTON
NOTICE
Open House
and Public Meeting**



TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended, the County of Wellington will hold an Open House and Public Meeting to discuss proposed:

Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No.126 - Urban Boundary Expansions

THE LAND SUBJECT to the proposed amendment is in the entire County of Wellington and a key map is not provided. For convenience, a key map of specific lands in the Township of Centre Wellington is provided below.

THE PURPOSE and effect of proposed County Official Plan Amendment No.126 (OPA 126) is to revise the Official Plan as part of Urban Phase 3A of the County’s Official Plan Review. The proposed amendment would change, replace, delete or add policies and/or schedules related to the following key areas:

County-wide

- Address urban growth matters including intensification and density targets, phasing of new growth, agricultural impact mitigation, targeted 2024 Provincial Planning Statement updates, and other changes.
- Updated mapping for Sourcewater Protection Schedules as in approved Source Protection Plans and removal of policy duplication.

Centre Wellington

- Expansion of the urban area boundaries of Fergus and Elora/Salem and to identify new Designated Greenfield Area and Employment Area lands.
- Remove local planning policy for Community Planning Study Area.
- Remove Mineral Aggregate Resource Overlay related to urban expansions and buffer area.

Greenbelt

- Updated mapping for 2023 Provincially-expanded Greenbelt lands in Erin.
- Add policies to implement Provincial policy direction to maintain policy connections in the Greenbelt Plan to the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019).

OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

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| OPEN HOUSE | | PUBLIC MEETING | |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Date | March 3, 2025 | Date | March 13, 2025 |
| Time | 6:30 pm | Time | 10:30 am |
| Format | Online | Format | In Person |
| How to Participate | To participate in the online Open House please register through the link provided on the project webpage: www.wellington.ca/planwell To participate in the Open House by phone, you do not need to register and can join by calling the following number: Dial +1 647 558 0588 followed by the Webinar ID: 630 2207 8134 | How to Participate | To participate in the Public Meeting registration not required. |
| | | Location | The meeting will be held at the following location: County Council Chambers Administration Centre 74 Woolwich Street Guelph ON N1H 3T9 |

Written Submissions

Please send any written submissions to the County of Wellington Planning and Development Department by email at planwell@wellington.ca or by mail to the attention of Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning to the address below no later than **March 20, 2025** to be considered in the planning report. Please refer to file **No. OP-2020-01-04** when responding.

IF A PERSON or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Wellington to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Wellington before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS

In accordance with Section 17 (36.5) of the *Planning Act* there is no appeal of a decision where the Minister is the approval authority.

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NOTE: Any verbal or written comment/objection submitted to the County of Wellington regarding this application, which is being processed under the *Planning Act*, may be made public as part of the process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

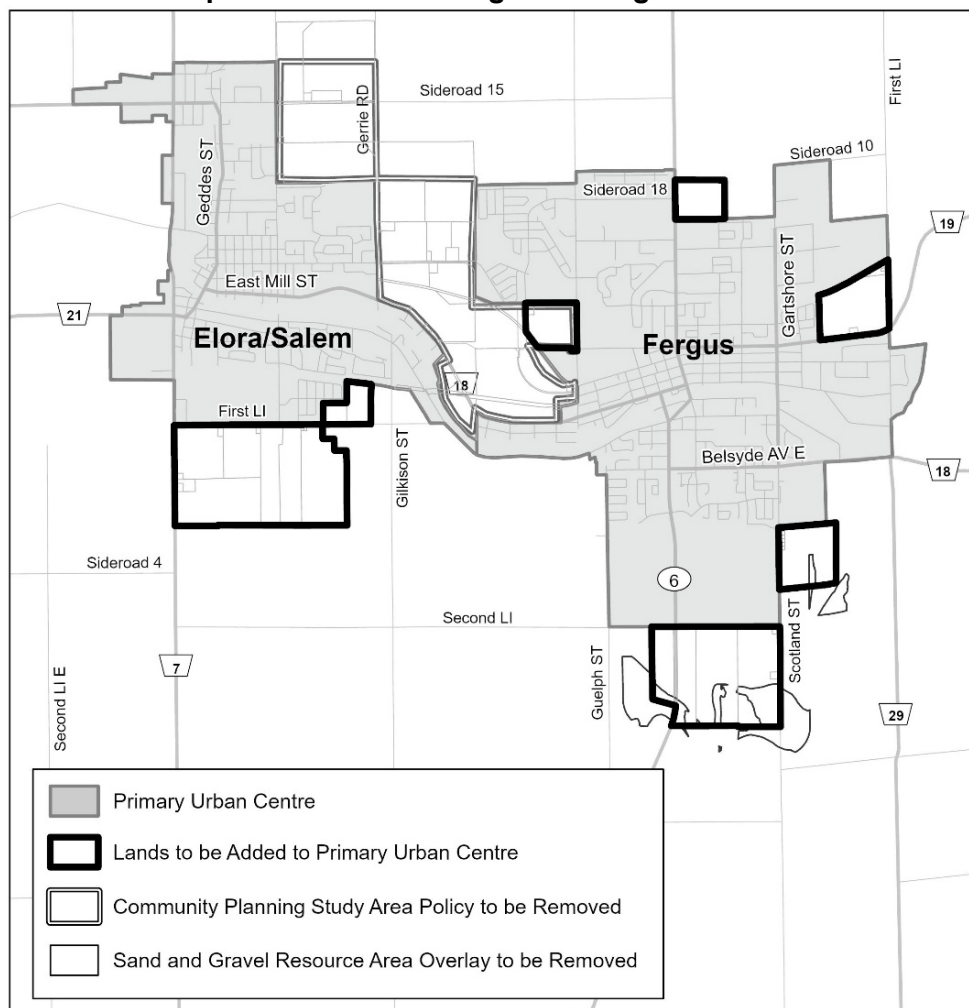
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Dated at the City of Guelph
this 13th day of February, 2025

Aldo L. Salis, MCIP, RPP
Director Planning and Development Department
County of Wellington

KEY MAP Proposed Centre Wellington Changes





February 20, 2025

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AMO Matters

AMO [has issued an RFP](#) to develop a comprehensive strategy that will enable AMO to support municipally elected officials and staff with the tools, resources, and education to foster civility and combat harassment in local communities. Deadline to submit proposals is March 20 at 4:00pm.

The Canadian Municipal Barometer (CMB) conducts an annual survey of mayors and councillors from over 1,000 municipalities across Canada. AMO is a partner of the CMB. You can contribute to their research on public opinion, representation, and multi-level governance by participating in this groundbreaking research initiative. You should have received emails inviting you to take the survey. If you have any questions, please email cmb@ucalgary.ca.

Education Opportunities

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[Administrative Assistant II, Growth Management - City of Hamilton.](#) Closing Date: February 26, 2025

[Fire Chief / Chief Building Official - Township of Dubreuilville.](#) Closing Date: March 14, 2025.

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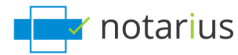
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[Analyst, Budget & Operations - City of Peterborough](#). Closing Date: February 24, 2025.

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[Waste Reduction and Diversion Specialist, Bilingual - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Closing Date: February 19, 2025.

[Procurement Category Specialist \(Construction-Related Procurements\) - City of Vaughan](#). Closing Date: February 17 2025.

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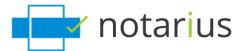
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[Council and Committee Coordinator - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: February 17, 2025.

[Director of Finance and Administration - Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board](#). Closing Date: February 21, 2025.

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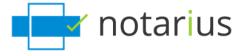
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VIA E-MAIL

February 12, 2025

Mayor Ann Lawlor and Council
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Dr.,
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Dear Town of Halton Hills,

RE: Sovereignty of Canada

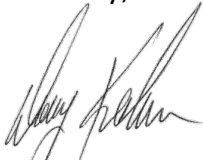
Please be advised that at the February 6, 2025 Regular Meeting of Perth County Council, Council members supported the Town of Halton Hills's position regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.

"Send a letter of support to the Town of Halton Hills regarding the Sovereignty of Canada copying the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister), The Honourable Mélanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs), Premier Doug Ford, and MP John Nater."

Perth County Council stands united with our provincial and federal leaders regarding the sovereignty of Canada. Council members support that Canada will remain a strong, free, independent country characterized by peace, order and good government.

Should you require any additional information or wish other consideration by Council in this matter, kindly advise.

Sincerely,



Doug Kellum
Warden

cc: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
MP John Nater, Perth-Wellington
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Lawr".

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010

Title: Sovereignty of Canada

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada’s Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

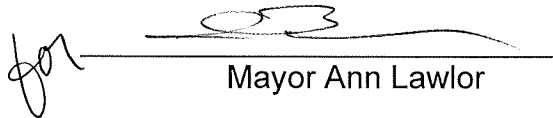
AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.


Mayor Ann Lawlor



Municipality of Killarney

February 13, 2025

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Email Only: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Attached hereto is Resolution #25-042 that was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting held February 12th, 2025.

The Municipality of Killarney categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

We look forward to your favorable reply regarding this request.

Sincerely,
THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

(Mrs.) Angie Nuziale,
Administrative Assistant

cc: *Town of Halton Hills*
Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
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MOVED BY: Dave Froats

SECONDED BY: Robert Campbell

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FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all those noted in the resolution passed by the Town of Halton Hills.

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| Resolution Result | Recorded Vote | | |
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| | Council Members | YES | NO |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED | Mary Bradbury | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED | Robert Campbell | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TABLED | Dave Froats | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT) | Nikola Grubic | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED | Michael Reider | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN | Peggy Roque | | |

I, Gilles Legault, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #25-042 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 12th day of February 2025.



Gilles G. Legault
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010
Title: Sovereignty of Canada
Date: January 20, 2025
Moved by: Councillor D. Keene
Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

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AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada's Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

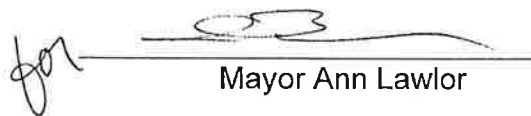
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Mayor Ann Lawlor

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 40 **FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

Moved by: Jon Zefu

Seconded by: John Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence items as copied and circulated;

AND FURTHER endorses the following motions:

- 4.1 Town of Hawkesbury, Municipal Accountability Act, 2024
- 4.2 Town of Halton Hills, Sovereignty of Canada
- 4.3 Peterborough County, Proposed US Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Carried Defeated Deferred

Sam Dunnett
Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

| Member of Council | Yea | Nay | Absent |
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| Bishop, Bill | | | |
| Hetherington, John | | | |
| Hind, Jon | | | |
| Kneller, Brad | | | |
| Mayor: Dunnett, Sam | | | |



*Knowing our heritage
we will build our future*



FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

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AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Fort and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 017

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: February 18, 2025

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| Councillor | G. ASHFORD | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor | J. BELESKEY | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor | P. BORNEMAN | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor | B. KEITH | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor | D. McCANN | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor | C. McDONALD | _____ | _____ |
| Mayor | J. McGARVEY | _____ | _____ |

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports Resolution 2025-0010 passed by the Town of Halton Hills rejecting any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada and stand united with the provincial and federal government for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent and characterized by peace, order and good government, and

Further That this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly, MP Scott Aitchison, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Vic Fedeli, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Town of Halton Hills.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

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Respectfully,

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Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010
Title: Sovereignty of Canada
Date: January 20, 2025
Moved by: Councillor D. Keene
Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

Item No. 12.2

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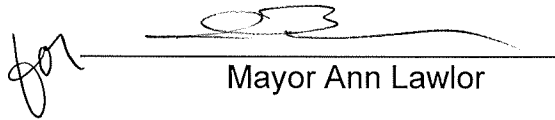
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Mayor Ann Lawlor

February 14, 2025

Sent by E-mail
melissal@haltonhills.ca

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

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

At its regular meeting held on February 11, 2025, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed a resolution expressing its support for the Town of Halton Hills. The resolution includes the following key points:

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

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Trusting Council's support will be beneficial in advancing this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MHudson".

Melanie Hudson, Clerk
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario | resolutions@amo.on.ca
Federation of Canadian Municipalities | info@fcm.ca

VIA EMAIL

February 6, 2025

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Meaghen Reid, Director, Legislative & Legal Services/Town Clerk, Town of Milton
Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville
Chandra Sharma, President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer, Conservation Halton

Please be advised that at its meeting held on January 22, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: CA-02-25/CS-03-25 – Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update

1. THAT the modifications to the Federal Pier as outlined in Report No. CA-02-25/CS-03-25 re: "Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update" be approved, including the costs associated with the change.
2. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-02-25/CS-03-25 to the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville and Conservation Halton for their information.

Please find attached a copy of the above-noted report for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
Graham.Milne@halton.ca

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| Report To: | Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council |
| From: | Bob Gray, Acting Chief Administrative Officer Garett Turcott, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services |
| Date: | January 22, 2025 |
| Report No.: | CA-02-25/CS-03-25 |
| Re: | Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update |

Recommendation

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Report

Executive Summary

- Halton Region, in partnership with the City of Burlington, is in the process of implementing the updated Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Master Plan (the “Master Plan”) as approved by Regional Council in Report LPS54-15.
- The Master Plan outlines proposed enhancements and improvements along the waterfront from Spencer Smith Park to the Burlington Lift Bridge in the City of Burlington with the objective of maximizing public accessibility and adding recreational, cultural, and tourism opportunities.
- This report provides an update on the ongoing implementation of the Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Master Plan including the initiation of the design of the beach and shoreline restoration works with construction anticipated to begin in 2026/2027.

- The City of Burlington is working towards an agreement with the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (the “HOPA”) which will enable upgrades required to permit public access to the Burlington Bay Canal Pier (the “Federal Pier”). The Federal Pier is included as Area 6 of the Burlington Beach Master Plan.
- This report seeks Council’s approval to the fund fencing as an addition to the Master Plan as it aligns with the intentions of the Region’s objectives and the addition will protect and enhance public safety.

Background

Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park is a significant natural and recreational landmark spanning approximately 35 hectares along the Lake Ontario shoreline in Halton Region and is celebrated for its dynamic ecosystem including sand dunes and beach habitats, serving as both a recreational destination and an ecological corridor.

The most recent update on the implementation of the Burlington Beach Master Plan was provided to Council in October 2023 through Report No. [CS-09-23/CA-09-23](#) re: “Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update”, which outlined recommended changes to the approved 2015 Master Plan. These changes, informed by detailed technical feasibility studies, refined the Master Plan to address environmental and engineering challenges, enhance climate resilience, and advance project implementation.

One significant change focused on the northern portion of the park, where erosion vulnerabilities made nature-based shoreline regeneration unfeasible. A hybrid grey-green approach, blending natural and conventional methods, was proposed instead. As a result, the original "The Living Shoreline" area was renamed "The Cobble Beach" to reflect this shift. Adjustments were also made to pathways and feature locations to mitigate storm impacts and flooding risks. The recently completed feasibility studies provide comprehensive guidance on foredune restoration and strategies to manage public access, ensuring the long-term success of dune rehabilitation. These updates emphasize ecological restoration, climate resilience, and sustainable park use while addressing the realities of site-specific challenges.

The Master Plan is divided into six distinct park character areas as shown in Attachment #1:

- Area 1: Spencer Smith Park
- Area 2: The Cobble Beach
- Area 3: The Strand
- Area 4: The Wind Beach
- Area 5: The Commons
- Area 6: The Skyway and Federal Pier

The Master Plan's development was designed to progress in stages over a 20-year timeframe. Enhancements to Spencer Smith Park (Area 1) are complete, and future efforts will focus on the remaining five areas of the Master Plan. The Federal Pier is included as Area 6 of the Burlington Beach Master Plan. Attachment #1 to Report No. CA-02-25/CS-03-25 provides a map of the Master Plan areas.

Discussion

Since the last update to Regional Council in October 2023 through Report No. CA-09-23/CS-09-23, staff have been moving forward with implementation of the Burlington Beach Master Plan. The following is an overview of the progress made on Master Plan implementation since the last update to Council:

Update on Master Plan Progress:

Phase 1 Works Initiated: Staff have recently initiated Phase 1 of the Master Plan works. Phase 1 will address the impacts of flooding and erosion on the beach's ecosystem. A successful vendor for the detailed design for shoreline protection and ecological restoration was identified in December 2024. The design will build on preliminary concepts identified through the feasibility studies completed in 2023 for the beach and dune restoration, which proposes a hybrid grey-green restoration solution, featuring engineered armour stone headlands and cobble beach nourishment. The design work requires complex permitting such as Ministry approval for protection of species habitats which will influence the design and features of this phase of work. Phase 1 is anticipated to proceed through to 2026, and is dependent on success of the permitting process, which will set the foundation for future park enhancements and features while ensuring long-term environmental sustainability.

Archaeological Field Work: The Stage 3 archaeological assessment began in the Spring of 2024 and is progressing well, with completion anticipated in early 2025. To date, the assessment has established the site's boundaries on the north, east, and west sides, and has uncovered deeply buried deposits at depths of approximately 90-120 cm below the surface. This area is likely to require further studies, and progress will be shared as work is completed.

Dune Grass Pilot: The pilot sand dune restoration has been successful and is in its third funding cycle from the Province through the *Building Beach Resilience Project*. On November 2, 2024, a team planted 1,100 beachgrass plants in the foredune of the Wind Beach and the area is now approximately 75% restored.

Burlington Bay Canal Pier (Federal Pier):

In the fall of 2020, Transport Canada advised the City of Burlington that the Federal Pier was intended solely for commercial use of the channel and lift bridge operation, rather than for recreational use, and restricted public access to the pier. Since that time, the City has been working towards an agreement with HOPA to enable municipal access and public use. As part of this work, a risk assessment was initiated in 2021 by the City of Hamilton's Risk Management Group, which highlighted trip hazards, unprotected pier edges, and the need for rescue equipment. To mitigate these risks, enhancements were proposed including resurfacing of the pier, installing barrier railings, adding benches, life safety equipment and waste receptacles.

Most of the works such as the resurfacing and benches are already a part of the works planned for this area, however the installation of barrier railings and life safety equipment, which are essential for addressing the safety issues identified in the risk assessment, were not contemplated in the Master Plan. HOPA has agreed to fund new bull rail barriers, which would normally be installed at the edge of the pier for boat tie-off. The City's proposed railings are being designed to match those on the Hamilton side which are higher (handrail height) than what HOPA is proposing in order to meet public safety requirements. HOPA has agreed to provide a financial contribution towards the new handrail barrier in the amount that would be incurred for the supply and installation of a bull rail. The total cost to move from bull nose rail to handrail height is approximately \$900,000. HOPA has committed a contribution of \$320,000 towards this cost. A Regional contribution of \$580,000 is required and it is in alignment with the intent of the works envisioned as part of the Burlington Beach Master Plan. As the costs will be used towards increased public safety, Regional staff recommend

the inclusion of the design and installation of the fencing and lifesaving equipment as a part of the Master Plan works, to be funded by the Region.

The City plans to expedite the implementation of these improvements in order to open the pier to public access. Upon Council approval of this report, the Region will fund the works on the Federal Pier, and given their relationship and agreement with HOPA, the City will oversee the design and construction of this work. It is important to note that these works focus solely on the enhancements listed above. This will mark the completion of these components of the Master Plan and Region's financial contribution to those elements however they do not include the planned Beacon 11 (Marine Heritage), informational signage, interpretive areas, or improvements to the Skyway area. These components will be addressed in a future phase of the Master Plan implementation.

Land Acquisition Strategy:

To date, the acquisition strategy as approved in Report No. [LPS59-15](#) re: "Burlington Beach Acquisition Implementation Strategy" has been highly successful where 22 of the 27 remaining privately-owned properties have been acquired through negotiated settlements including a recent acquisition in June 2024. Five properties remain to be secured.

The confidential Attachment #2 to Report No. CA-02-25/CS-03-25 provides further updates regarding the five remaining properties and outlines proposed next steps.

Burlington Beach is a large project and marks the last of the parks in the Regional Waterfront Park Program. Through 2025, staff will focus on advancing the implementation plan and various initiatives discussed in this report and will continue to work with the City to assess the most effective way to deliver the next stages of this project.

Financial/Program Implications

At present, the Burlington Beach capital budget has approximately \$7.05 million in approved funding for Master Plan implementation including the sand dune and headlands design and construction, work at the piers, and future implementation work. In addition, the land acquisition budget has approximately \$7.2 million remaining for property acquisitions, demolition work, and environmental remediation work.

The Regional portion of \$580,000 for the addition of handrail barriers on the Federal Pier can be accommodated through the existing available funds in the capital budget.

Staff will address and further refine capital and operating impacts related to the Master Plan and land securement through the 2025 Budget process and future staff reports if required.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Elliott
Director, Strategic Initiatives &
Government Relations

Garett Turcott
Acting Commissioner, Corporate
Services

Approved by,

Bob Gray
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions about the content of this report, please contact:
Wendy Elliott, Director, Strategic Initiatives & Government Relations
Garett Turcott, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services

Attachments:

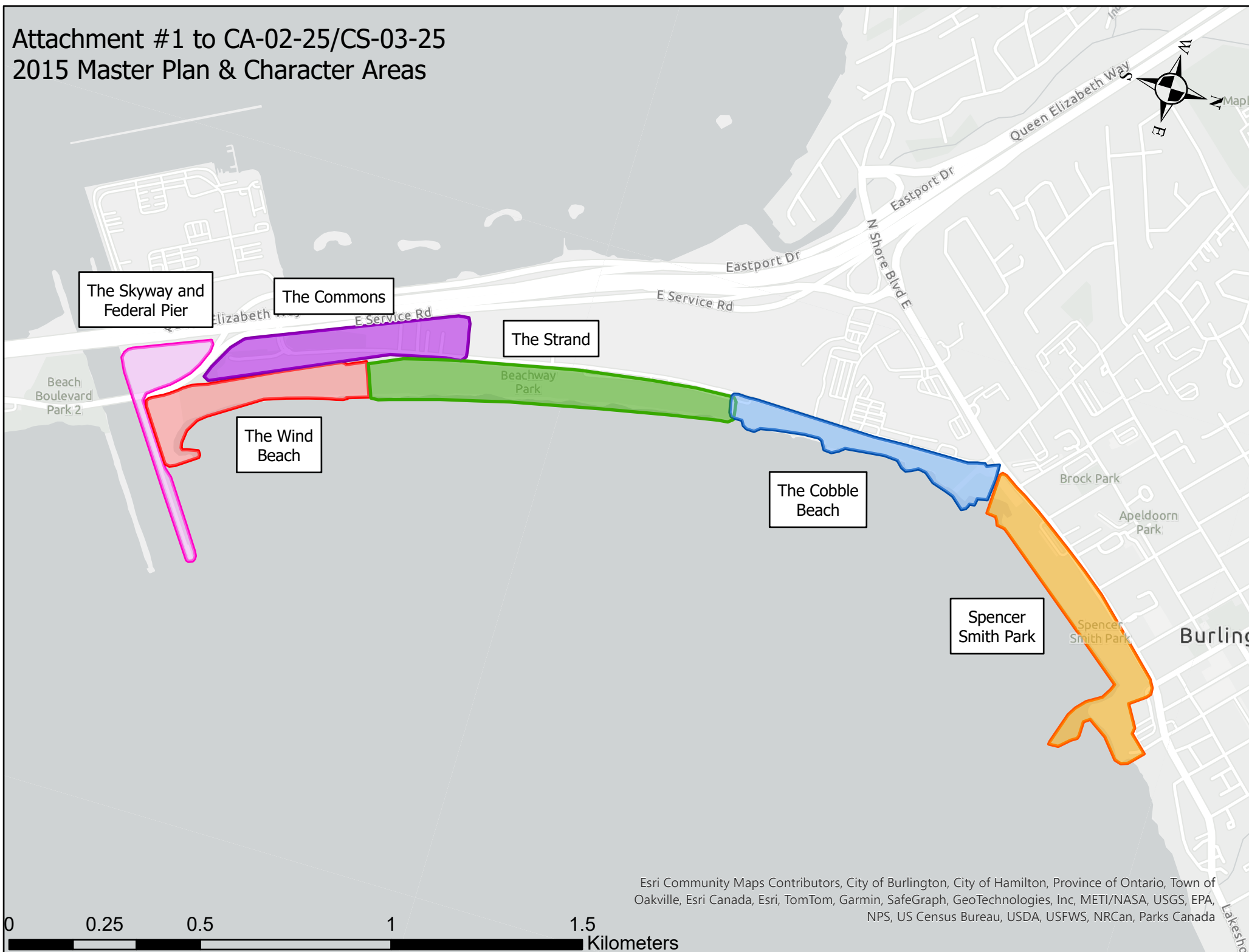
Attachment #1 – 2015 Master Plan Character Areas

Attachment #2 – Acquisition Strategy Update – Confidential pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 239(2)(c) – “a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Region of Halton”.

Additional Information:

None

Attachment #1 to CA-02-25/CS-03-25 2015 Master Plan & Character Areas



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VIA EMAIL

February 6, 2025

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Adlar Gross, Climate Change Program Lead, ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability
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Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville

Please be advised that at its meeting held on January 22, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: CA-01-25 – Corporate Climate Action Plan Progress Report

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. CA-01-25 re: “Corporate Climate Action Plan Progress Report” to the Partners for Climate Protection program and the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville for their information.

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| From: | Bob Gray, Acting Chief Administrative Officer |
| Date: | January 22, 2025 |
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Recommendation

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Report

Executive Summary

- On September 11, 2019, Halton Regional Council declared a Climate Emergency, recognizing the urgency and importance of climate action. This declaration included a commitment to progressing through the Partners for Climate Protection Program, a five-milestone process that supports municipalities in their climate action efforts.
- On November 22, 2023, through Report No. CA-16-23, Corporate Climate Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Target, Halton Regional Council endorsed the Region’s Corporate Climate Action Plan and greenhouse gas emissions target, fulfilling the criteria to meet Milestones 2 and 3 of the Partners for Climate Protection Program. This report highlights the initiatives and progress since the endorsement of the Corporate Climate Action Plan in November 2023.
- Milestones 4 and 5 of the Partners for Climate Protection Program are expected to be achieved in 2025. The implementation of Milestone 4 is currently now well underway as outlined in this report.
- A total of 34 actions are outlined in the Corporate Climate Action Plan. In 2024, progress was achieved in 31 of the 34 actions, with two actions completed, 11 actions in progress, 18 actions ongoing and three not yet started (see chart and

definitions below in report).

- The initiatives outlined below provide highlights of the Region's corporate climate action in 2024. They demonstrate both the breadth of projects and the broad corporate involvement in climate action across the Region's departments.
- A more fulsome inventory and status of corporate climate action by the Region in 2024 is provided as an attachment to this report to communicate the Region's progress.

Background

Halton Region has a long-standing commitment to climate action. On September 11, 2019, Halton Regional Council declared a Climate Emergency recognizing the urgency and importance for climate action (Attachment #2). This declaration included a commitment to developing short and long-term climate change goals, progressing through the Partners for Climate Protection program and the development of corporate climate change policies.

Halton Region participates in the Partners for Climate Protection Program, co-propelled by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI). The Partners for Climate Protection program has guided over 500 Canadian municipalities through a five-step milestone framework to support climate action. The five milestones are:

- 1) Creating a greenhouse gas emissions inventory;
- 2) Setting the emissions reduction target;
- 3) Developing the local action plan(s);
- 4) Implementing the plan(s); and,
- 5) Measuring progress – monitor, verify and report on greenhouse gas reductions.

On February 17, 2021, through Report No. PW-15-21/ST-03-21/LPS26-21 re: "Climate Change Response Update", Regional Council received an update from staff recognizing the Region's achievement of Milestone 1 and outlining how Halton Region will work towards achieving the remaining 4 milestones of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection Program.

On November 22, 2023, Halton Regional Council endorsed the Region's Corporate Climate Action Plan and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target through Report CA-16-23. As a result, Halton achieved Milestones 2 and 3 of the Partners for Climate Protection Program and confirmed the Region's commitment to advance its corporate

climate work.

The Corporate Climate Action Plan acts as a framework for the Region's corporate activities and is flexible to ensure it is responsive to technical advancements and shifting regulatory environments. It is based around three overarching goals:

- Achieve the Milestones of the Partners for Climate Protection Program;
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve Net Zero by 2045;
- Increase climate resiliency and preparedness.

The actions in the plan are further organized around four themes: Climate Ready; Climate Lens; Climate Finance; and Engagement and Advocacy with each theme having recommended actions for implementation.

While the Region has a long history of climate action work, the development and subsequent endorsement by Council of the Corporate Climate Action Plan and goal of achieving Net Zero by 2045 (Report No. CA-16-23) provided a coherent and structured framework to advance climate action collectively across the corporation in an efficient, effective and prudent manner.

Discussion

Implementing the Plan – Progress 2024

The Climate Action Response Team, an internal staff team, has been instrumental in implementing the Corporate Climate Action Plan. In this first year of implementation, there has been a focus on laying a strong foundation for the work ahead as well as advancing “on the ground” projects with direct results. Highlights of progress made in 2024 towards achieving the Goals and Actions outlined in the Corporate Climate Action Plan are provided below, demonstrating the broad engagement in climate action across the corporation. The Corporate Climate Action Progress Report is provided in Attachment 1 and provides a more detailed inventory of the breadth of climate action initiatives undertaken by the Region in 2024.

Goal 1: Achieve the Milestones of the Partners for Climate Protection Program

- In 2023, the Region achieved Milestones 2 and 3 of the Partners for Climate Protection Program by setting a corporate greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of Net Zero by 2045 and developing a Corporate Climate Action Plan. Currently, staff are advancing Milestone 4 by implementing the actions within the Corporate Climate Action Plan and it is anticipated that the Region will achieve this Milestone in 2025, subject to review by the Partners for Climate Protection program.

- Halton Region is also making significant progress towards fulfilling Milestone 5, which requires the region to monitor the impacts of its climate action strategies. As acknowledged in Report No. CA-16-23 and the Corporate Climate Action Plan, the current inventory does not fully represent all the contributors of greenhouse gas emissions. An update is currently underway which will include Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions from across the corporation. This work will be completed with the support of regional staff across departments and in alignment with the Partners for Climate Protection program.
- Advancing a comprehensive emissions inventory also aligns the Region's compliance with regulations such as Ontario Regulations 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) and 25/23 (Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation Demand Management Plans) by supporting reduction efforts and the completion of targets and goals as outlined within these regulations. It is anticipated that the first iteration of this new inventory will be completed in 2025.
- Progress and achievements on the Region's corporate climate action will continue to be communicated annually and it is anticipated that the Region will achieve the final Milestone in the Partners for Climate Protection Program in 2025.

Goal 2: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- To support the tracking, modelling, and communication of the Region's greenhouse gas emissions, a dashboard tool has been procured and is expected to be implemented in 2025.
- Reducing the Region's greenhouse emissions not only supports net zero goals but can also contribute to cost savings through energy reductions, and increased efficiency. In 2024, several initiatives advanced the reduction of corporate emissions, including:
 - The Halton Community Housing Corporation was awarded \$7 million from the Federal government to undertake energy efficiency measures, with an additional \$16.9 million committed by the Region through the annual capital budget. HCHC is currently on track to meet the goal of achieving a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the end of 2025 for its building portfolio. This has been accomplished through a series of sub-projects on fuel switching and building optimization.

- Advancing a renewable energy generation study to identify the most effective renewable energy solution for wastewater treatment plants.
- The inclusion of requirements for alternative fuel sources in the next waste collection RFP has been endorsed by Regional Council, as outlined in Report No. PW-14-24. This initiative aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by integrating cleaner fuel options into the Region's waste collection fleet.
- Work is continuing towards deeper emissions reductions at the Region's facilities through the implementation of measures identified through the Region's Conservation and Demand Management Plan (2024–2028), including: lighting retrofits, HVAC upgrades, building automation systems, water heating improvements, window and building envelope upgrades, and various heat recovery and energy efficiency improvements.

Goal 3: Increase Climate Resilience

The effects of a changing climate in Halton are causing shifts in precipitation patterns, extreme wind events, and increased temperature ranges. One of the goals of climate action is to prepare for and mitigate risks and impacts to the Region's assets, infrastructure, services and operations. In 2024, many departments were actively engaged in managing some of these impacts such as the flooding and elevated temperatures Halton experienced this past summer. Initiatives supporting the Region's adaptation actions include:

- Through completion of updates to Halton's 2021 Asset Management Plan and departmental Master Plans, adaptation strategies are being identified to reduce vulnerability in municipal infrastructure to climate hazards such as extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall, seasonal flooding, and freeze-thaw cycles.
- On October 23, 2024, Regional Council approved the updated Regional Emergency Management Program and Response Plan (Report No. CS-27-24). This update incorporates a climate impact lens that will enhance the Region's flexibility in its emergency responses. The recent implementation of an Emergency Management Monitoring Tracker supports efficiency in the Region's responses by providing data on extreme weather events occurring in Halton.
- Regional investments in climate action and potential external funding opportunities were reviewed and are now being tracked.

- The Climate Change and Health in Halton Region Report was completed to better understand the health risks associated with current and projected future climate change variability in the context of existing inequities and the unique sensitivities of Halton residents.

The highlights noted above represent only a few of the many initiatives that were implemented over the past year through the work of departments across the corporation, enacted through the Climate Action Response Team. A full inventory of 2024 climate action initiatives are available in the attached Corporate Climate Action Progress Report (Attachment 1). Figure 1 highlights a summary of this progress made towards the 34 actions in the Plan, with a brief description defining each category provided in the coloured key below the chart. In 2024, progress was achieved in 31 of the 34 actions, with two actions completed, 11 actions in progress, and 18 actions ongoing. Three actions are not yet started.

Corporate Climate Action Plan Progress 2024

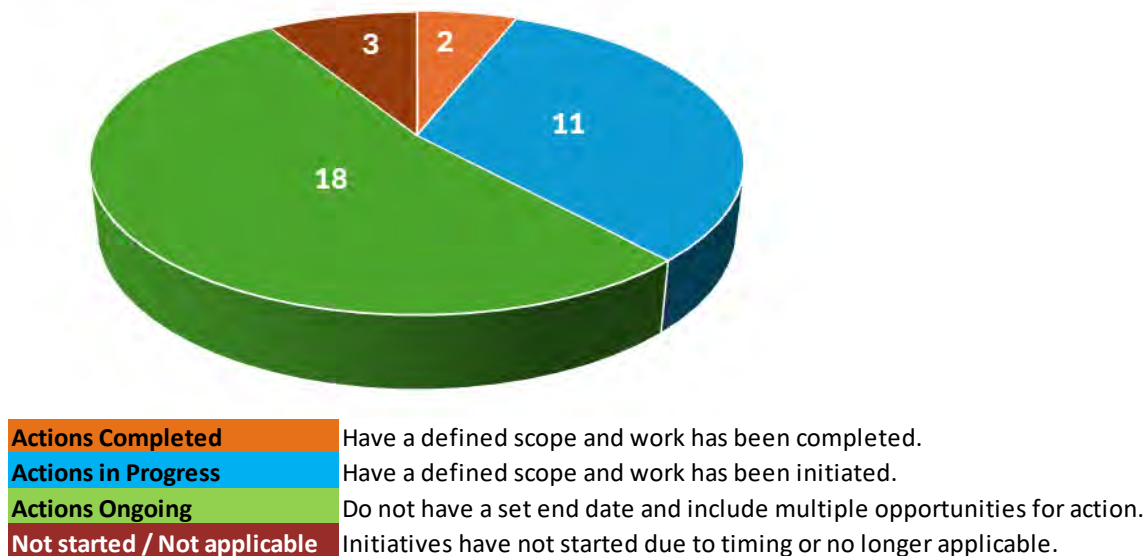


Figure 1: Corporate Climate Action Plan progress 2024

As outlined in Report CA-16-23, staff are committed to reporting progress annually on the Region’s Corporate Climate Action Plan to reflect the Region’s climate response efforts in both mitigation and adaptation, track the progress of the Climate Action Response Team, and highlight achievements across the four major themes of the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

Financial/Program Implications

Halton Region has taken an active approach to climate change through investments in the annual Budget and Business Plan. Future investments will be brought forward for Regional Council's consideration through the annual budget process.

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Attachments:

Attachment #1: Corporate Climate Action Progress Report

Attachment #2: Copy of Regional Council Notice of Motion, September 11, 2019, Declaration of Climate Change Emergency

Additional Information:

None

HALTON REGION CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Progress Report 2024



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Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

Boozhoo, She:kon , Tanshi, Greetings!

Halton Region acknowledges the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as well as the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Anishinabek on which we gather.

In stewardship with Mother Earth and the enduring Indigenous presence connected to these lands we acknowledge the Indigenous Nations of the past, present and future.

In the spirit of ally-ship and mutual respect, we will take the path of Truth and Reconciliation to create change, awareness and equity as we strive to elevate the collective consciousness of society.

Miigwetch, Nia:wen, Marsi, Thank you



Halton Region's Corporate Climate Action Plan: Progress Report

Halton Regional Council declared a climate emergency on September 11th, 2019, recognizing the urgency of addressing the economic, environmental, and social challenges posed by climate change.

In response Regional Council endorsed the Corporate Climate Action Plan (report number CA-16-23) and Corporate emission reduction target of Net Zero by 2045 in November 2023. The Plan acts as a guiding framework, supporting the Region in advancing climate change adaptation and mitigation work to increase resiliency and achieve the Corporate emission reduction target of Net Zero by 2045.

This Report ensures transparency in the Region's climate efforts. It assesses progress, identifies improvements, and explores additional actions. The Report highlights the Region's progress over the last year and covers mitigation and adaptation efforts. It tracks the Climate Action Response Team's progress, and showcases the achievements in the four key themes of the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

Halton Region's 2023-2026 Strategic Business Plan prioritizes climate change and environment as one of its strategic themes. The Corporate Climate Action Plan, with its four key themes, guides Halton's efforts in supporting the Strategic Business Plan's priorities, emphasizing the need to advance action to transition to a resilient, low-carbon future.

The need for accelerated action is clear. To support this transition and implementation of the Corporate Climate Action Plan, the Climate Action Response Team was updated. The Climate Action Response Team plays a vital role in providing oversight, accountability, and strategic direction to the Region's climate change work. Collaboration across departments is integral to the Climate Action Response Team, driving a connected approach to advance the corporate emissions reduction goal of Net Zero by 2045. The Climate Action Response Team is positioned to support the Region's climate change goals and targets now and into the future.



HALTON REGION'S CORPORATE VISION



A welcoming and inclusive community that is sustainable, economically strong, equitable and safe.

HALTON REGION'S CORPORATE CLIMATE MISSION



A resilient corporation that achieves Net Zero by 2045 that provides a safe and healthy community for all Halton residents now and into the future.

GOALS



- Achieve the Milestones of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions to Achieve Net Zero by 2045
- Increase Climate Resiliency and Preparedness

THEMES



Climate Ready



Climate Lens



Climate Finance



Engagement and Advocacy

ACTIONS



Mitigation

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Energy Conservation and Sources
- Waste Management
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and Facilities

Both

- Finance
- Asset Management
- Climate Change Considerations
- Partnerships
- Climate Literacy
- Natural Environment
- Water Conservation

Adaptation

- Emergency preparedness
- Safeguarding our Corporate Assets & Service Deliverables
- Human Health
- Flooding Protection
- Climate Migration

IMPLEMENTATION



- Reporting and Transparency
- Capacity Building
- Brokering Partnerships
- Readiness and Timing

Climate Change Impacts and Risks in Halton

Since the release of Halton Region's Corporate Climate Action Plan in November 2023, the Region has and will continue to experience the impacts of our changing climate.

Between 1971 – 2000, the annual average temperature in Halton was **7.5 °C**; in high emissions scenarios this average is expected to increase to **10.1 °C** between 2021 – 2050, **12.3 °C** between 2051 – 2080 and **14.0 °C** between 2071 – 2100. Rising temperatures result in increases in direct heat-related illnesses and deaths and exacerbate pre-existing health conditions affecting the cardiac, respiratory, and cerebrovascular systems. Extreme precipitation in July 2024 resulted in flood events that led to significant damages to properties and infrastructure. Warmer temperatures, changes in precipitation, and other factors are increasing the risk of exposure to vector borne diseases such as Lyme disease and West Nile virus. Blacklegged ticks collected in Halton during active tick surveillance displayed an increase in the positivity rate of Lyme disease from 0% in 2018 to 17% in 2023, which increases the risk of Lyme disease in humans. We are also seeing a mismatching of ecological timings affecting numerous native species.

These climate impacts have direct results on both risks and opportunities to regional programs and services. It is important to effectively respond to the following potential impacts:

- changing policies and regulations, such as carbon pricing and increased regulations around greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- impacts to the Region's infrastructure;
- escalating energy costs; and
- potential risks around litigation for failures to mitigate or adapt.



An effective and proactive response will help eliminate these risks and provide opportunities for increased efficiency, cost savings and additional access to funding.

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Climate Change Risks in Halton



Freezing Rain/Ice Storms



Tornadoes



Flood – Urban



Critical Infrastructure Failure – Watermain Network, Pumping Stations



Energy Emergency (Supply) – Power Outages



Air Quality



Flood – Riverine



Extreme Temperatures – Cold Waves, Heat Waves



Human Health Epidemics



Windstorms



Financial Risks

Adapted from the Region's Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA)

Climate Change Opportunities in Halton Region



Align with [Moody's](#) best practice policies to maintain the Region's AAA Credit rating. This will allow the Region to access the best possible capital financing rates and minimize long-term infrastructure and capital financing costs.



Explore and implement opportunities to optimize buildings and fleet operations.



Increasing the resiliency of corporate assets, services, and operations.



Cost savings through shifting to low emission energy sources.



Advancing mitigation measures will allow the Region to generate offset credits that can be utilized to meet climate change targets.



Increased partnership opportunities between Regional departments and partners.



Increase the adaptive capacity of Regional services that serve the community.



Access to climate financing opportunities.



Advocate for a safe and healthy community for all Halton residents now and into the future.



Demonstrating climate leadership and advancing climate advocacy.



Integrate Indigenous knowledge and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) practices to shape and advance climate solutions.

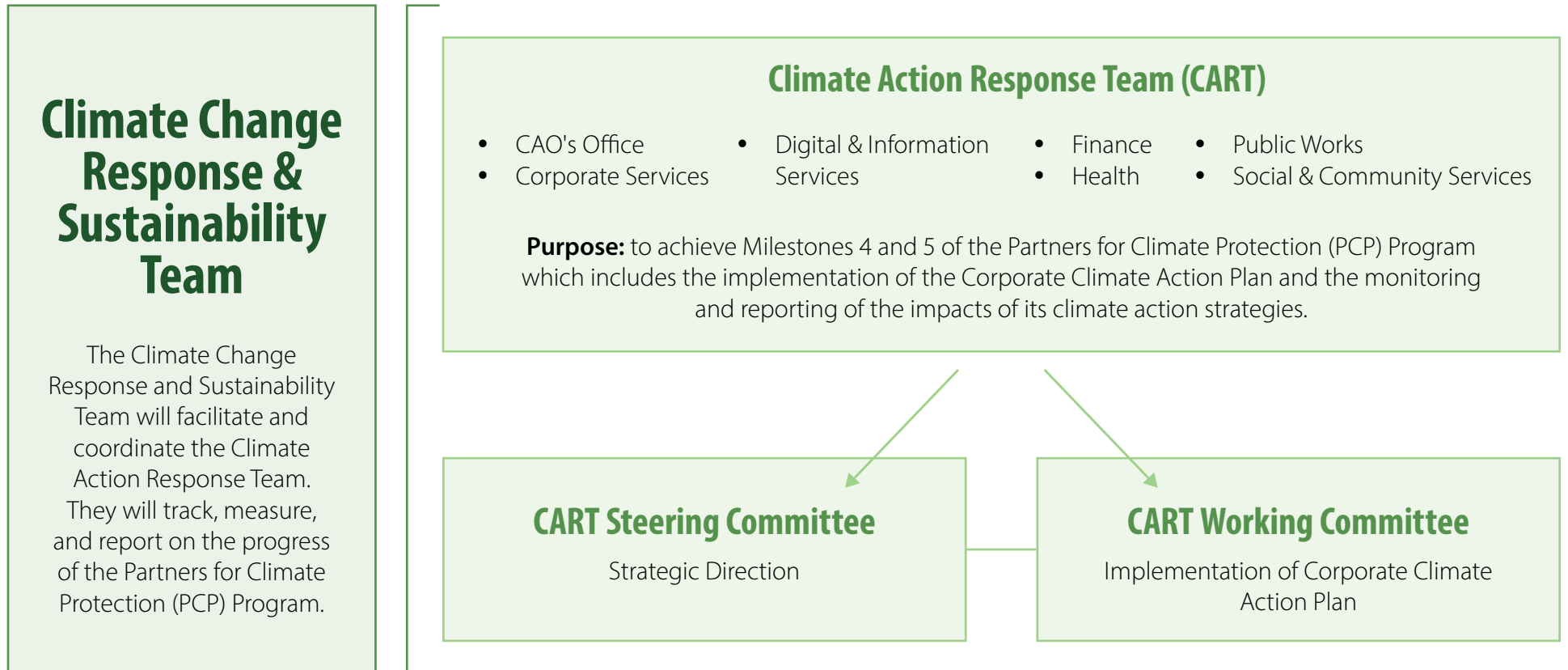


Advance renewable energy sources and improved methods of energy management to sustain reliable energy sources.

Climate Action Response Team (CART)

In order to advance Milestones 2 and 3 and support the Region’s climate response, Halton Region established the Climate Action Response Team in 2022. This group achieved its set out goals in November 2023 through the endorsement of the Corporate Climate Action Plan and Corporate emissions reduction target by Regional Council.

In 2024, the Climate Action Response Team was updated for a new purpose: the implementation of the Region’s Corporate Climate Action Plan (Milestone 4) and the monitoring and the reporting of the progress of this work (Milestone 5). To support the accomplishment of this new purpose, the Climate Action Response Team now contains a new governance structure that includes: Steering Committee, Working Committee, Subcommittees, and Action Tables.



Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions and Targets

In November 2023, Halton Regional Council endorsed the Region's Corporate emissions reduction target of Net Zero by 2045 with an emissions baseline year of 2019. However, as indicated in the Corporate Climate Action Plan, the Region acknowledges that this baseline inventory does not fully represent all the contributors of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The 2019 baseline emissions inventory focused primarily on emissions from electricity use, natural gas consumption, fuel consumption and corporate waste. Progress from 2019 can be found within the Region's 2024 – 2028 Conservation and Demand Management Plan as part of Ontario Regulation 25/23: Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation Demand Management (CDM) Plans.

As detailed within the 2024 – 2028 Conservation and Demand Management Plan, since 2019 the Region has:

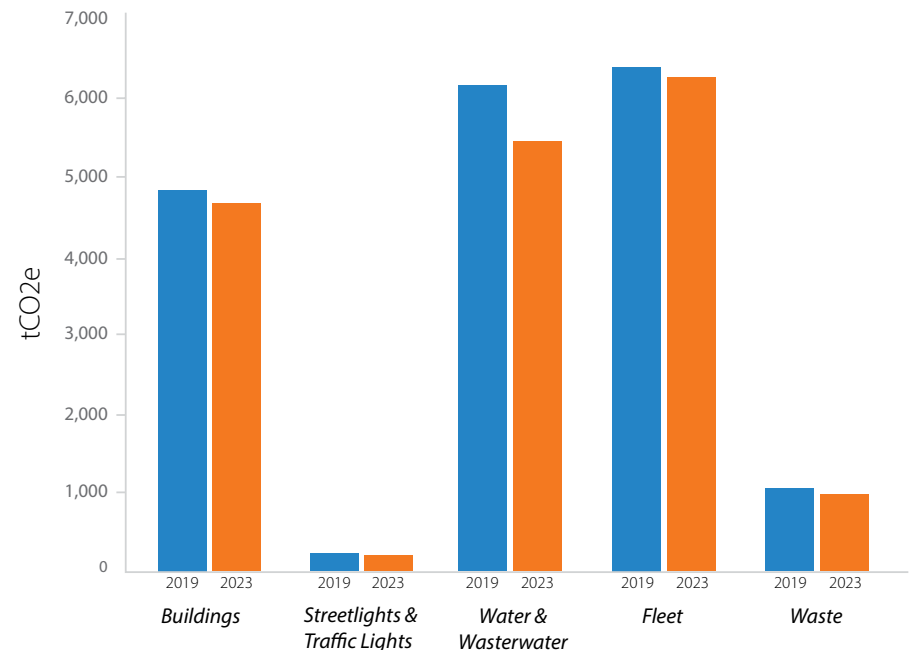
- reduced energy consumption by **8%**; and
- reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by **1,115 tonnes**.



A breakdown of emissions from 2019 to 2023 can be found in the figure on the right.

The Conservation and Demand Management Plan outlines several initiatives that will be implemented between 2024 and 2028 that will reduce energy consumption and subsequently emissions.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Corporate - 2019 (baseline) vs 2023 (normalized)



Data Normalization: The process of adjusting data to a standard scale to allow for comparison.

Diagram taken from Halton Region's 2024-2028 Conservation and Demand Management Plan (December 2024).

The Region has an opportunity to do better and is currently developing a comprehensive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory which will include Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. This work will be completed with the support of Regional staff across departments and in alignment with global best practices.

The emissions update will be an ongoing process as technology, science, regulations, and policies progress.

Advancing a comprehensive emissions inventory also supports regulations that include Ontario Regulations 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) and 25/23 (Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation Demand Management (CDM) Plans).

It is anticipated that the first iteration of this new inventory will be completed in 2025.



Halton Region's Themes

The 2023-2026 Corporate Climate Action Plan is the strategic foundation for Halton Region's efforts to accelerate its climate response. It is structured around four key themes: Climate Ready, Climate Lens, Climate Finance, and Engagement and Advocacy. Each theme includes Halton's commitment to advancing climate actions and achieving the Region's Net Zero goal by 2045. This progress report tracks the progress of actions under each theme and progress of fulfilling the Region's climate commitments.

Many of the activities undertaken as part of the Region's climate action are multisolving - meaning they can address more than one action. This is highlighted in the tables in Appendix 1, that lists the 2024 activities and their alignment with the actions set out in the Corporate Climate Action Plan, further demonstrating the interconnected benefits of climate action work.



Theme 1: Climate Ready

Climate Ready allows the Region to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, safeguarding corporate assets, and service deliverables. This theme advances greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction efforts and ensures that the Region is planning, preparing and poised to respond to future climate impacts. To ensure a holistic approach to address the complexity of climate change, both mitigation and adaptation have been integrated within this theme.

PROGRESS UPDATE OF ACTIONS:

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|--|---|---|----------|
| CR1 | Incorporate climate change considerations into asset management planning | Increase the resiliency of corporate assets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through completion of updates to Halton's 2021 Asset Management Plan and departmental Master Plans, adaptation strategies are being identified to reduce vulnerability in municipal infrastructure to climate hazards such as extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall, seasonal flooding, and freeze-thaw cycles. Halton Region's Asset Management Policy is being updated. | 2026 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|--|---|---|----------|
| CR2 | Optimize building efficiencies | Reduce energy usage across corporate facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The micro-hydro turbine at the Mid-Halton Wastewater Treatment Plant was upgraded, resulting in greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions of 19 tCO₂e. A Consultant has been engaged to prepare detailed designs for optimizing operational efficiencies of the Halton Waste Management Site. A Buildings Action Table has been established as part of the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to support and coordinate building efficiency and optimization. In 2024, Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) was awarded \$7 million from the Federal government (CMHC) to undertake energy efficiency measures, with an additional \$16.9 million committed by the Region through the annual capital budget. HCHC is currently on track to meet the goal of achieving a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by the end of 2025 for its building portfolio through a series of sub projects on fuel switching and building optimization. | 2045 |
| CR3 | Advance greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and reduction efforts | Move forward with Council direction, the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, and Strategic Business Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Region's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions baseline inventory is being updated and will include Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. This will provide a more comprehensive and accurate inventory and support the Region's alignment with best practice for reporting. The Region updated its Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan in 2024, in compliance with O.Reg.25/23. The CDM Plan outlines the Region's strategy for managing energy use to 2028 and reports on progress made between 2020-2024. Measures that have been implemented include lighting retrofits, HVAC upgrades, building automation systems, water heating improvements, window and building envelope upgrades, and various heat recovery and energy efficiency improvements. | 2045 |
| CR4 | Explore opportunities for greater efficiencies of water & wastewater treatment plants, facilities, and landfill site buildings and processes | Explore opportunities for greater efficiencies of wastewater/ water treatment plants, facilities, and landfill site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compactors and dozers used to bury the waste at the landfill sites were replaced with new equipment that allows operators to use GPS technology to more efficiently utilize space at the landfill. An Environmental Assessment is underway to determine the optimal location for a proposed facility that would process biosolids from the wastewater treatment plants into compost. | 2045 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|--|--|---|----------|
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the Climate Action Response Team a Sewage Heat Recovery Subcommittee was established to develop a framework. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) upgrades to the Region's water meter system have been initiated. This new technology enhances water usage tracking, promotes conservation efforts, and eliminates the need for meter readers to drive through communities to collect data, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The pilot project in Burlington has successfully installed new water meters and radio transmitters at 280 homes and businesses. Similar pilots in Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills are expected to be completed by 2026. | |
| CR5 | Measuring, tracking, monitoring, and mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions | Ensure the Region is making progress with its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction efforts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A study is underway to assess opportunities and make recommendations to support mitigation of nitrous oxide (NOx) emissions at the Region's wastewater treatment plants. The data from this project will help refine Halton Region's greenhouse (GHG) emissions inventory and support future emission reduction strategies. In 2023, 100 tCO2e of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions were reduced through lighting, control, and mechanical retrofits at various corporate and Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) facilities. | 2045 |
| CR6 | Electrify (rightsizing) corporate fleet | Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as a result of fuel usage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hybrid vehicle options have been included in recent tenders. An RFP has been issued to advance a Green Fleet Implementation Strategy. | 2040 |
| CR7 | Increase internal electric vehicle (EV) Infrastructure | Support the switch to electric vehicles (EV) for the Region's corporate fleet | | 2040 |
| CR8 | Advance a Regional electric vehicles (EV) strategy | Increase electric vehicles (EV) uptake across the Halton Community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not started. | 2040 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|------|---|--|--|----------|
| CR9 | Conclude a renewable energy generation study | Explore reducing the Region's reliance on natural gas and electricity grids and ensure resiliency to climate impacts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advancing a renewable energy generation study to identify the most effective renewable energy solution for wastewater treatment plants. This study includes an evaluation of three alternative solar technologies—solar wall thermal systems, ground-mounted systems, and superstructures over wastewater tanks. | 2025 |
| CR10 | Establish climate change and health vulnerability assessments | Identify the top climate risks for Halton Region and the Halton Community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Climate Change and Health in Halton Region Report was completed to better understand the health risks associated with current and projected future climate change variability in the context of existing inequities and the unique sensitivities of Halton residents. The report covers seven key climate-related health impact categories of concern: extreme temperature; UV radiation; extreme weather; food- and water-borne illnesses; food systems and food security; air quality; and vector-borne disease. Public Health programs and policies that address current and projected health risk are also identified in the report. | 2024 |
| CR11 | Ensure Regional infrastructure and assets are resilient | Ensure that corporate services and assets can serve the Halton Community during extreme weather events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update of the Region's 20-year Forest Management Plan is currently in progress, led by local forestry consultant Williams & Associates Forestry Consulting Ltd. The Plan is being completed in alignment with maintaining the Region's Forest Stewardship Council certification through the Eastern Ontario Model Forest's Forest Certification Program. | 2045 |
| CR12 | Update Regional Emergency Response Plan | Increase the Region's ability to respond to extreme weather events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Region's Emergency Management Program and Regional Emergency Response Plan was updated with an emphasis on climate change impacts. These updates will enhance the flexibility of the Region's emergency responses, ensuring that services are restored quickly and disruptions to residents and businesses are minimized under extreme weather events. | 2024 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|------|--|---|--|----------|
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) has been updated to include a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of community capabilities. This assessment identifies key hazards faced by Halton Region including severe weather. Opportunities to further align the HIRA with Climate Action Response Team (CART) objectives is being explored. | |
| CR13 | Update Emergency Preparedness Actions | Maintain business continuity for Halton Region to ensure services and operations are functional during extreme weather events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Emergency Management Monitoring Tracker has been developed and is now operational, providing data on emergency events occurring in Halton Region. The newly formed Volunteer Severe Weather Watch Halton group has been trained and established, replacing the previous Halton CANWARN team. | 2025 |
| CR14 | Explore circular economy initiatives for applicability to the Region's services and operations | Increase efficiency and reduce waste | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are underway to transition the Waste Diversion Fund into a Community Circular Economy Fund, broadening the scope of the current funding program for non-profit organizations that operate reuse programs to include circular economy initiatives. A proposal is being presented to the Council for approval in Q4 2024. A mattress recycling program is being researched to evaluate its costs. This program aims to recycle and repurpose the materials used in mattresses, further supporting the principles of the circular economy. | 2040 |
| CR15 | Fuel switching | Decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical and structural assessments have been completed for nine regional facilities. Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels will be installed as part of scheduled roof replacements. Design work will begin in Q4 2024, with construction planned for 2025. The use of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and battery energy storage is being explored to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from energy use at water and wastewater facilities. The inclusion of requirements for alternative fuel sources in the next waste collection contract has been endorsed by Regional Council, as outlined in report PW-14-24. This initiative aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Region's contracted waste management vehicles by integrating cleaner fuel options. | 2040 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|------|---|--|---|----------|
| CR16 | Update Regional Community Emergency Notification System | Ensure Halton residents are notified of imminent or ongoing extreme weather events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action has been addressed through upgrades and improvements to the Federal Alert Ready public emergency notification system. | N/A |

Theme 2: Climate Lens

A climate lens provides a pathway to integrate climate change considerations, impacts, risks, and vulnerabilities into all decisions, reports, policies, and initiatives. By operationalizing climate change into processes, the Region will be poised to create better climate solutions and encourage behavioral change across the organization. The Region's interpretation of a climate lens builds upon this definition by recognizing that inequalities exist in climate action. The inclusion of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) efforts and the incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge will elevate a deeper understanding of climate change across Regional staff, departments and divisions.

PROGRESS UPDATE OF ACTIONS:

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|--|--|--|----------|
| CL1 | Explore establishing Climate Considerations into all Council Reports | Currently, many other municipalities and Regions include a climate considerations component in their Council reports, including Burlington, Halton Hills and Oakville. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not started. | 2028 |
| CL2 | Explore Climate considerations to be incorporated into internal policies and reports | It is recommended Halton aligns with current practice and ensures that climate impacts, risks, and vulnerabilities are considered as part of the decision making process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of the Region's climate related policies and benchmarking was initiated in 2024 and will continue into 2025 to determine needs and next steps. A number of presentations, external meetings, and educational activities have engaged key regional staff to support knowledge mobilization around the evaluation and integration of an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) lens to enhance reporting mechanisms, ensuring alignment with broader sustainability and corporate responsibility goals. | 2028 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|---|--|---|----------|
| CL3 | Explore the use of a project tracker to measure, track, report and communicate Regional climate change work | Mechanism for the Region to monitor progress and effectively communicate its climate change work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Climate Dashboard Subcommittee was established as part of the Climate Actions Response Team (CART) to explore the procurement of a Climate Dashboard. A Dashboard has now been approved and implementation has been initiated. | 2025 |
| CL4 | Integrate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) into climate change efforts | Ensure equity across the Region's climate change initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A briefing note has been completed to address the implications of Bill C-226 and its focus on climate equity. An EDI lens was included as part of the Climate Change and Health in Halton Region Report. | 2026 |
| CL5 | Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge into climate change efforts | Elevate a deeper understanding of climate change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive and nature-based learning activities were organized for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) camp day on August 21. These activities aimed to foster a deeper connection to nature, promote environmental stewardship, and support Indigenous knowledge-sharing. Regional climate staff provided a Climate workshop to members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. As part of Earth Week events in 2024, a webinar featuring climate change champion, renowned Inuit leader, author and nobel prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier was held for Regional staff. | 2026 |



Theme 3: Climate Finance

Respected organizations such as the [Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada](#) note the importance of involving finance professionals in preparing for climate change. Additionally, [Moody's](#), a major financial risk assessment agency, supports the critical role of climate finance in making better, faster decisions to support an organization's bottom line. Halton Region has a long standing commitment to financial stability and a reputation for prudent management. A focus on climate finance supports the means to ensure credible forecasting and increment preparation and sets the Region up to benefit from partnerships, external funding sources and investments.

PROGRESS UPDATE OF ACTIONS:

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|---|---|---|----------|
| CF1 | Explore the advancement of a carbon budget, offering a data driven approach to understanding our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions based on recognized accounting principles | Supports Halton Region advance climate change initiatives and targets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A finance white paper has been completed for Regional staff to support knowledge mobilization on key topics, including financing climate action, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions accounting, offset credits, and carbon budget. | 2028 |
| CF2 | Explore the use of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) | Provide Halton Region with a standardized and transparent framework to assess and communicate the impacts of climate related risks and opportunities. It proactively sets the Region up for potential regulatory disclosure requirements as well as access to significant funding opportunities that require Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Climate Finance Subcommittee has been established as part of the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to advance the planning and implementation of a carbon budget and developing a transparent climate disclosure framework. An Offset Credits Subcommittee was established as part of the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to develop a Climate Offset Credit Framework that would provide high level guidance on navigating the Region's use of Offset credits. The Framework is pending approval. | 2026 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
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| CF3 | Explore alignment with Moody's climate change recommendations | <p>Supports the Region in ensuring that the Region's credit rating accounts for climate change risks.</p> <p>Supports Halton Region to determine financial quantification of climate risks and their impact on the Region's credit rating</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review and tracking of Regional investments in climate action has been developed. • A review and tracking of external funding opportunities for climate action has been developed. • A number of presentations, external meetings, and educational activities have engaged key Regional staff to support knowledge mobilization around the alignment of climate and financial interests. | 2026 |
| CF4 | Establish a green procurement policy | To reduce Halton's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, support climate friendly options for products and services, and encourage innovation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A green procurement policy is currently under review to determine next steps with a target to implement by 2025. • Regional staff are in regular communication with other municipalities on their sustainability and climate related purchasing policies as well as participating in communities of practice. | 2025 |

Theme 4: Engagement and Advocacy

Engagement and Advocacy builds Regional capacity to increase climate literacy, knowledge mobilization, broker partnerships, reinforce mutually beneficial activities, and strengthen corporate climate action.

PROGRESS UPDATE OF ACTIONS:

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|--|---|--|----------|
| EA1 | Advance partnerships that align with Regional climate change initiatives | Advance collective synergies and opportunities that will reinforce mutually beneficial work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Adaptation Table has been established through the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to coordinate departmental efforts, create efficiencies in resources and data sharing, support external funding opportunities and advance adaptation and resiliency actions for the Region’s assets, services and operations. | 2045 |
| EA2 | Work with local municipalities to ensure alignment and mutually reinforcing activities | Ensure there is no duplication of work and elevate the work already being done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe Weather Workshop featuring a speaker from Climate Environment and Climate Change Canada was hosted in July 2024 for Regional staff and partners. The session provided a greater understanding of extreme weather events and necessary precautionary measures in a changing climate. | 2045 |
| EA3 | Work with diverse stakeholders to deepen climate action | Collaboration will help advance climate change work across the region | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional staff actively participate in knowledge exchange, information sharing and communities of practice on climate-related initiatives for public services, including water and wastewater treatment. This is facilitated through representation in key industry organizations such as the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO), the Water Environmental Association of Ontario (WEAO), and the Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA). | 2045 |
| EA4 | Develop a corporate climate change communication strategy | Clearly communicate work to Regional staff and the Halton Community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A climate communications workplan is developed annually and includes the development and management of an internal and an external website. The advancement of a climate communications strategy is being explored in 2025. | 2026 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
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| EA5 | Provide climate change training opportunities | Increasing climate change literacy will create climate change leaders to advance climate change work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A climate training program for Regional staff is currently under development with an anticipated roll out in 2025. Advanced best practices for climate action through staff participation in conferences, courses and webinars, including those organized by Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Green Municipal Fund (GMF), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Six Nations of the Grand River, and Evergreen. Staff conducted research and participated in continuous learning opportunities to ensure the Region remains up to date on the rapidly evolving field of climate actions including trends, knowledge, technology, regulations and policies and financial considerations. | 2025 |
| EA6 | Outreach and engagement to foster climate knowledge | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Week (April) was celebrated at Halton Region with two events – an Electric Vehicle showcase and panel, featuring staff owned vehicles and a webinar featuring Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a renowned Inuit author and nobel prize nominee. | 2045 |
| EA7 | Create experiential opportunities to deepen learning | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "50 Trees for 50 Years" event held on September 19 celebrated the Region's 50th anniversary and incorporated the planting of 50 trees sourced from Kayanase Greenhouse, a restoration and native plant business led by members of the Six Nations of the Grand River. Councillor Fawn Sault of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation attended the event and a commemorative plaque in English, Anishinaabemowin/Ojibwe and Haudenosaunee/Mohawk was installed at Halton Regional Centre (HRC) to mark the occasion. | 2045 |
| EA8 | Knowledge mobilization to increase climate literacy | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 white papers, 29 briefing notes, 3 rationale documents and 3 business cases were developed by staff to advance knowledge mobilization on climate related issues of relevance to the corporation. The Compendium, an internal searchable database was developed and is currently being updated for Climate Action Response Team (CART) members. It provides curated, Regionally-topical information for staff to keep abreast of current trends, information, best management practices, regulations and policies and technology related to climate. A range of targeted communications and outreach efforts have been implemented to promote Lyme disease and other tick-borne disease awareness: subscription e-newsletter for physicians was distributed in May 2024; an E-fax was sent to all Halton physicians on tick-borne diseases in May 2024; a follow-up E-fax was sent to Halton pharmacists on Lyme disease in July 2024; and a continuing medical education (CME) event was held in June 2024. | 2045 |

| # | ACTIONS | PURPOSE | 2024 PROGRESS | TIMELINE |
|-----|--------------------------------|---|---|----------|
| EA9 | Emergency preparedness actions | Help the Halton Community understand measures they can take to protect themselves from climate change risks and impacts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Enhanced Basement Flooding Prevention Subsidy Program was launched. This program provides residents with financial assistance for home improvements that reduce flood risk, including downspout disconnection, weeping tile disconnection and sump pump installation, backwater valve installation, and sewer lateral lining and repair. A Emergency Preparedness Public Education materials are being updated to enhance public understanding of severe weather events and clarify the key responsibilities of residents and businesses in preparing for and responding to emergencies. | 2026 |



Moving Forward

The need for accelerated action is clear. Halton Region remains committed to combating climate change and transitioning to a resilient, low-carbon future. The Climate Action Response Team will continue to act as the Region's climate change implementation body; ensuring the implementation of the Corporate Climate Action Plan through its various committees, subcommittees, and action tables. This implementation will evolve over time, with Subcommittees and Action tables being retired and new ones being enacted. This will support the Region in increasing the Corporation's resiliency and achieving its target of Net Zero by 2045.

The Region is optimistic as it faces the global challenge of climate change and as it advances towards the path of a strong, healthy, and resilient corporation that is equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

Glossary

Adaptation: Preparation and adjustment in natural or human systems to reduce the negative impacts of a changing climate, which moderates, harms, or takes advantage of beneficial opportunities.

Adaptive Capacity: The ability of a system to adjust to the effects or impacts of climate change while mitigating potential damages, taking advantage of opportunities, or coping/responding to consequences.¹

Carbon Budget: The cumulative amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions allowed over a period of time while remaining within a certain temperature threshold. Exceeding this limit will result in higher temperatures.²

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂): A naturally occurring, heat-trapping gas that is a by-product of burning fossil fuels and biomass, and is released from other human activities such as land-use changes, deforestation, and other industrial processes.¹

Carbon Footprint: The total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that are released into the atmosphere each year caused by an individual, family, organization, company, event, or service.¹

Carbon Pricing: A fee placed on emitting carbon and/or an incentive that is offered for emitting less carbon.³

Carbon Sequestration: The process of capturing and removing carbon from the atmosphere and storing it in a reservoir. Terrestrial or biological carbon sequestration is where plants and trees absorb carbon dioxide, release the oxygen, and store the carbon.¹

¹ [Glossary of Climate Change Terms | Climate Change | US EPA](#)

² [Carbon Budget Explained - Carbon Tracker Initiative](#)

Climate: The long term and average weather conditions for a specific area.¹

Climate Action Response Team (CART): Established in September 2022, this was the initial cross departmental team whose function was to support and drive the development of the Region's Corporate Climate Action Plan.

Climate Action Response Team (CART) Implementation Body: Established as part of the 2023-2026 Halton Corporate Climate Action Plan, this entity is comprised of members from across the corporation and will be responsible for driving the implementation of the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

Climate Equity: Ensures everyone, regardless of income, race and other characteristics receives a just distribution of environmental benefits and climate protection while simultaneously removing unequal burdens.⁴

Climate Change: The long term changes in current climatic conditions such as temperature, wind patterns and/or precipitation.¹

Climate Change Response and Sustainability Team (CCRST): Regional staff team under Strategic Initiatives and Government Relations responsible for coordinating the metrics and annual reporting of the 2023-2026 Halton Corporate Climate Plan to Council and the public, with the support of CART.

³ [About Carbon Pricing – United Nations Climate Change](#)

⁴ [Defining Climate Equity | Louisiana Government](#); [Climate Equity | UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation](#)

Climate Justice: Acknowledges that the impacts of climate change are greater on low-income communities, communities of colour and immigrant communities who are the least responsible for climate change emissions around the world.⁵

Climate Literacy: An understanding of human influence on climate and the influence of climate on human systems and society.⁶

Climate Ready: Actions under this theme will allow Halton Region to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, safeguarding corporate assets and service deliverables.

Data Normalization: The process of adjusting data to a standard scale to allow for comparison.

Decarbonization: The process of reducing carbon dioxide emissions to achieve a lower output of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.⁷

Ecological Mismatch: Ecological mismatch is a concept that refers to the consequences of climate change to the natural environment. It occurs when the timing of natural events, such as the blooming of plants or the migration of animals, is disrupted by changes in the environment. This can cause problems for species that rely on these events to survive and reproduce.⁸

Electric Vehicle (EV): Contain a battery instead of a gasoline tank, and have an electric motor instead of an internal combustion engine.⁹

Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure: Charging equipment for electric vehicles including public and private charging stations.¹⁰

⁵ [What is Climate Justice? | University of California Center for Climate Justice; Climate Justice | MIT Climate Portal](#)

⁶ [What is Climate Literacy? – Georgia State University](#)

⁷ [What is Decarbonisation? - TWI](#)

⁸ <https://naturalresources.anthro-seminars.net/concepts/ecological-concept-ecological-mismatch/>

Emissions: The release of greenhouse gases (GHG) into the Earth's atmosphere.¹

Emissions Baseline Year: A reference point in time against which future emission reductions are calculated.¹¹

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): An advocacy group bringing together around 2,000 municipalities across Canada.¹²

Fleet Rightsizing: A management practice used to build and maintain a vehicle inventory that reduces emissions without compromising fleet activities.¹³

Fossil Fuel: Comes from decomposing plants and animals that have been turned into crude oil, coal, natural gas, or heavy oils. This occurs from the exposure to heat and pressure in the earth's crust over hundreds of millions of years.¹

Fuel Switching: Changing from one type of fuel source to another.¹

Global Average Temperature: The Earth's mean surface air temperature averaged over the entire planet.¹

Global Warming: The global average increase in the Earth's surface temperature.¹

Greenhouse Effect: The trapping of the sun's heat by gases in the Earth's atmosphere near the surface.¹

⁹ [Explaining Electric & Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles - EPA](#)

¹⁰ [Developing Infrastructure to Charge Electric Vehicles – U.S. Department of Energy](#)

¹¹ [What is a Baseline Year and Why Does it Matter? – Climate Council](#)

¹² [About FCM - FCM](#)

¹³ [Rightizing Your Vehicle Fleet to Conserve Fuel – U.S. Department of Energy](#)

Greenhouse Gas (GHG): The atmospheric gases responsible for causing climate change. The major greenhouse gases (GHG) are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O). Less prevalent, but very powerful greenhouse gases (GHG) include hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆).¹

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory: An estimate of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within a defined boundary in a given year. Sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions can include transportation, residential and commercial energy, wastewater treatment, and the decomposition of solid waste.¹⁴

Halton Climate Collective (HCC): Comprised of environmental leaders from the greater Halton area, the Halton Climate Collective looks to lead the effort of transforming to a more climate resilient, low carbon communities.¹⁵

Halton Environmental Network (HEN): A non-profit organization that educates and builds awareness in the community in the hopes of propelling climate action and sustainability.¹⁶

Heat Waves: Lengthy time periods in which excessive heat and high humidity values are seen.¹

Indigenous Knowledge: Refers to the unique cultures, languages, values, histories, governance and legal systems of Indigenous Peoples.¹⁷

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Quantifiable indicators used to set targets and track progress towards an intended result.¹⁸

¹⁴ [Greenhouse gas inventories | Indiana University](#)

¹⁵ [Our Mission – Halton Climate Collective](#)

¹⁶ [About Us | Halton Environmental Network | Quality of Life for all Living Things \(haltonenvironet.ca\)](#)

Knowledge Mobilization: Knowledge Mobilization occurs when research knowledge is applied to help facilitate real-world impact on policy and society. It is the process of adapting knowledge to increase research uptake and inform decisions.¹⁹

Mitigation: Relates to strategies and programs that aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the impact that humans have on the environment.¹

Natural Gas: Underground deposits of gas mainly consisting of methane that is used as fuel.¹

Partners for Climate Protection (PCP): A joint venture of ICLEI and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Partners for Climate Protection program helps municipalities reduce emissions by providing a five step framework to plan the journey.²⁰

Renewable Energy: Sources of energy that replenish naturally such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, and biomass.¹

Resilience: The capability to have minimum damage to the environment, social wellbeing, and the economy from multi hazard threats. This is achieved through anticipation, preparation, and recovery planning.¹

Strategic Business Plan (SBP): Halton Region's Strategic Business Plan sets the strategic direction and priorities for Council's four-year term of office. Through Halton's Strategic Business Plan (2023-2026), Climate is identified as a key pillar.²¹

¹⁷ [Indigenous Knowledge – Canada.ca](#)

¹⁸ [What is a Key Performance Indicator \(KPI\)? \(kpi.org\)](#)

¹⁹ <https://www.torontomu.ca/research/resources/km/>

²⁰ [About - Partners for Climate Protection \(pcp-ppc.ca\)](#)

²¹ [Strategic Planning for 2023-2026 – Halton Region](#)

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): An integrated set of 17 goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015 recognizing that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.²²

Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD): The TCFD reports on the impact that an organization has on the global climate by streamlining information to make it easier to compare with. This clearer information will help organizations incorporate climate risks into decision making processes.²³

Vector-borne disease: Vector-borne diseases are human illnesses caused by parasites, viruses and bacteria that are transmitted by vectors. Vectors are living organisms that can transmit infectious pathogens between humans, or from animals to humans.²⁴

Vulnerability: Vulnerability is dependent on magnitude, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity and relates to a system's susceptibility and ability to cope with climate events/variability.¹



²² [Sustainable Development Goals | United Nations Development Programme \(undp.org\)](https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals)


²³ [What is the TCFD and why does it matter? \(deloitte.com\)](https://www.deloitte.com/what-is-the-tcfd-and-why-does-it-matter)




²⁴ <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/vector-borne-diseases>

APPENDIX 1: PROGRESS 2024 – ACTION CROSS-ALIGNMENT

Many of the Region’s climate action initiatives serve to fulfill more than one of the Actions outlined in the Corporate Climate Action Plan. To demonstrate the cross-cutting nature of the actions and the multiple benefits that they deliver, the following table highlights each of the initiatives completed in 2024 and the actions they intersect with.

Corporate Climate Action Plan: Actions

| THEME | # | ACTIONS |
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|  CLIMATE READY | CR1 | Incorporate climate change considerations into asset management planning |
| | CR2 | Optimize building efficiencies |
| | CR3 | Advance greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and reduction efforts |
| | CR4 | Explore opportunities for greater efficiencies of water & wastewater treatment plants, facilities, and landfill site buildings and processes |
| | CR5 | Measuring, tracking, monitoring, and mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions |
| | CR6 | Electrify (rightsizing) corporate fleet |
| | CR7 | Increase internal electric vehicle (EV) Infrastructure |
| | CR8 | Advance a Regional electric vehicles (EV) strategy |
| | CR9 | Conclude a renewable energy generation study |
| | CR10 | Establish climate change and health vulnerability assessments |
| | CR11 | Ensure Regional infrastructure and assets are resilient |
| | CR12 | Update Regional Emergency Response Plan |

| THEME | # | ACTIONS |
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| | CR13 | Update Emergency Preparedness Actions |
| | CR14 | Explore circular economy initiatives for applicability to the Region's services and operations |
| | CR15 | Fuel switching |
| | CR16 | Update Regional Community Emergency Notification System |
|  CLIMATE LENS | CL1 | Explore establishing Climate Considerations into all Council Reports |
| | CL2 | Explore Climate considerations to be incorporated into internal policies and reports |
| | CL3 | Explore the use of a project tracker to measure, track, report and communicate Regional climate change work |
| | CL4 | Integrate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) into climate change efforts |
| | CL5 | Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge into climate change efforts |
|  CLIMATE FINANCE | CF1 | Explore the advancement of a carbon budget, offering a data driven approach to understanding our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions based on recognized accounting principles |
| | CF2 | Explore the use of the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) |
| | CF3 | Explore alignment with Moody's climate change recommendations |
| | CF4 | Establish a green procurement policy |
|  ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY | EA1 | Advance partnerships that align with Regional climate change initiatives |
| | EA2 | Work with local municipalities to ensure alignment and mutually reinforcing activities |
| | EA3 | Work with diverse stakeholders to deepen climate action |
| | EA4 | Develop a corporate climate change communication strategy |

| THEME | # | ACTIONS |
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| | EA5 | Provide climate change training opportunities |
| | EA6 | Outreach and engagement to foster climate knowledge |
| | EA7 | Create experiential opportunities to deepen learning |
| | EA8 | Knowledge mobilization to increase climate literacy |
| | EA9 | Emergency preparedness actions |

Corporate Climate Action Plan: 2024 Initiatives

| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
|--|--|
| The Climate Change and Health in Halton Region Report was completed to better understand the health risks associated with current and projected future climate change variability in the context of existing inequities and the unique sensitivities of Halton residents. | CR1; CR11 |
| Halton Region's Asset Management Policy is being updated. | CR1; CR11 |
| A Buildings Action Table has been established as part of the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to support and coordinate building efficiency and optimization. | CR2; CR4; CR15 |
| An RFP has been issued to advance a Green Fleet Implementation Strategy. | CR6; CR7 |
| An Adaptation Table has been established through the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to coordinate departmental efforts, create efficiencies in resources and data sharing, support external funding opportunities and advance adaptation and resiliency actions for the Region's assets, services and operations. | CR11; CR13; CR14; EA1; EA5; EA6; EA8; EA9; |

| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
|--|------------------------------------|
| In 2023, 100 tCO ₂ e of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions were reduced through lighting, control, and mechanical retrofits at various corporate and Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) facilities. | CR2, CR3, CR5 |
| The Region updated its Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan in 2024, in compliance with O.Reg.25/23. The CDM Plan outlines the Region's strategy for managing energy use to 2028 and reports on progress made between 2020-2024. Measures that have been implemented include lighting retrofits, HVAC upgrades, building automation systems, water heating improvements, window and building envelope upgrades, and various heat recovery and energy efficiency improvements. | CR2; CR3; CR4; CR5; CR6; CR7; CR15 |
| A study is underway to assess opportunities and make recommendations to support mitigation of nitrous oxide (NO _x) emissions at the Region's wastewater treatment plants. The data from this project will help refine Halton Region's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and support future emission reduction strategies. | CR4; CR5 |
| The micro-hydro turbine at the Mid-Halton Wastewater Treatment Plant was upgraded, resulting in greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions of 19 tCO ₂ e. | CR2; CR4 |
| Compactors and dozers used to bury the waste at the landfill sites were replaced with new equipment that allows operators to use GPS technology to more efficiently utilize space at the landfill. | CR4 |
| A Consultant has been engaged to prepare detailed designs for optimizing operational efficiencies of the Halton Waste Management Site. | CR2; CR4 |
| The use of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and battery energy storage is being explored to reduce greenhouse (GHG) emissions from energy use at water and wastewater facilities. | CR4; CR9; CR15 |
| Electrical and structural assessments have been completed for nine regional facilities. Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels will be installed as part of scheduled roof replacements, with a pilot project at the Mid-Halton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Design work will begin in Q4 2024, with construction planned for 2025. | CR4; CR9; CR16 |
| An Environmental Assessment is underway to determine the optimal location for a proposed facility that would process biosolids from the wastewater treatment plants into compost. | CR4 |

| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
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| The Region's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions baseline inventory is being updated and will include Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. This will provide a more comprehensive and accurate inventory and support the Region's alignment with best practice for reporting. | CR3; CR5 |
| Hybrid vehicle options have been included in recent tenders. | CR7 |
| Advancing a renewable energy generation study to identify the most effective renewable energy solution for wastewater treatment plants. This study includes an evaluation of three alternative solar technologies—solar wall thermal systems, ground-mounted systems, and superstructures over wastewater tanks. | CR4; CR9; CR15 |
| The Climate Change and Health in Halton Region Report was completed to better understand the health risks associated with current and projected future climate change variability in the context of existing inequities and the unique sensitivities of Halton residents. The report covers seven key climate-related health impact categories of concern: extreme temperature; UV radiation; extreme weather; food- and water-borne illnesses; food systems and food security; air quality; and vector-borne disease. Public Health programs and policies that address current and projected health risk are also identified in the report. Highlight reports that provide a high-level overview of these impact categories, will be posted on halton.ca. | CR10; CL4 |
| Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) upgrades to the Region's water meter system have been initiated. This new technology enhances water usage tracking, promotes conservation efforts, and eliminates the need for meter readers to drive through communities to collect data, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The pilot project in Burlington has successfully installed new water meters and radio transmitters at 280 homes and businesses. Similar pilots in Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills are expected to be completed by 2026. | CR3, CR4; CR5 |
| The Enhanced Basement Flooding Prevention Subsidy Program was launched. This program provides residents with financial assistance for home improvements that reduce flood risk, including downspout disconnection, weeping tile disconnection and sump pump installation, backwater valve installation, and sewer lateral lining and repair. | EA9 |
| The Region's Emergency Management Program and Regional Emergency Response Plan was updated with an emphasis on climate change impacts. These updates will enhance the flexibility of the Region's emergency responses, ensuring that services are restored quickly and disruptions to residents and businesses are minimized under extreme weather events. | CR12; CR13 |
| An Emergency Management Monitoring Tracker has been developed and is now operational, providing data on emergency events occurring in Halton Region. | CR12; CR13 |

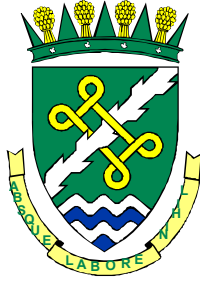
| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
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| A Severe Weather Workshop featuring a speaker from Climate Environment and Climate Change Canada was hosted in July 2024 for Regional staff and partners. The session provided a greater understanding of extreme weather events and necessary precautionary measures in a changing climate. | CR13; EA2; EA5; EA8; EA9 |
| The newly formed Volunteer Severe Weather Watch Halton group has been trained and established, replacing the previous Halton CANWARN team. | CR13; EA1; EA3 |
| The Regional Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) has been updated to include a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of community capabilities. This assessment identifies key hazards faced by Halton Region including severe weather. Opportunities to further align the HIRA with Climate Action Response Team (CART) objectives is being explored. | CR12; CR13 |
| Emergency Preparedness Public Education materials are being updated to enhance public understanding of severe weather events and clarify the key responsibilities of residents and businesses in preparing for and responding to emergencies. | CR12; CR13; EA8 |
| Plans are underway to transition the Waste Diversion Fund into a Community Circular Economy Fund, broadening the scope of the current funding program for non-profit organizations that operate reuse programs to include circular economy initiatives. A proposal is being presented to the Council for approval in Q4 2024. | CR14 |
| A mattress recycling program is being researched to evaluate its costs. This program aims to recycle and repurpose the materials used in mattresses, further supporting the principles of the circular economy. | CR14 |
| In 2024, Halton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) was awarded \$7 million from the Federal government (CMHC) to undertake energy efficiency measures, with an additional \$16.9 million committed by the Region through the annual capital budget. HCHC is currently on track to meet the goal of achieving a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by the end of 2025 for its building portfolio through a series of sub projects on fuel switching and building optimization. | CR2; CR3; CR5; CR15 |
| The inclusion of requirements for alternative fuel sources in the next waste collection contract has been endorsed by Regional Council, as outlined in report PW-14-24. This initiative aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Region's contracted waste management vehicles by integrating cleaner fuel options. | CR3; CR4; CR15 |

| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
|---|------------------------------------|
| An update of the Region's 20-year Forest Management Plan is currently in progress, led by local forestry consultant Williams & Associates Forestry Consulting Ltd. The Plan is being completed in alignment with maintaining the Region's Forest Stewardship Council certification through the Eastern Ontario Model Forest's Forest Certification Program. | CR11 |
| A review of the Region's climate related policies and benchmarking was initiated in 2024 and will continue into 2025 to determine needs and next steps. | CL2 |
| A Climate Dashboard Subcommittee was established as part of the Climate Actions Response Team (CART) to explore the procurement of a Climate Dashboard. A Dashboard has now been approved and implementation has been initiated. | CR3; CR5; CL3 |
| A briefing note has been completed to address the implications of Bill C-226 and its focus on climate equity. | CL4; EA8 |
| An EDI lens was included as part of the Climate Change and Health in Halton Region Report. | CR10; CL4 |
| The "50 Trees for 50 Years" event held on September 19 celebrated the Region's 50th anniversary and incorporated the planting of 50 trees sourced from Kayanase Greenhouse, a restoration and native plant business led by members of the Six Nations of the Grand River. Councillor Fawn Sault of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation attended the event and a commemorative plaque in English, Anishinaabemowin/Ojibwe and Haudenosaunee/Mohawk was installed at Halton Regional Centre (HRC) to mark the occasion. | CL5; EA1; EA3; EA6; EA7; EA8 |
| Interactive and nature-based learning activities were organized for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) camp day on August 21. These activities aimed to foster a deeper connection to nature, promote environmental stewardship, and support Indigenous knowledge-sharing. | CL5; EA1; EA3; EA6; EA7; EA8 |
| Regional climate staff provided a Climate workshop to members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. | CL5; EA1; EA3; EA5; EA6 |
| As part of Earth Week events in 2024, a webinar featuring climate change champion, renowned Inuit leader, author and nobel prize nominee Sheila Watt Cloutier was held for Regional staff. | CL5; EA6; EA8 |
| A finance white paper has been completed for Regional staff to support knowledge mobilization on key topics, including financing climate action, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions accounting, offset credits, and carbon budget. | CF1; CF2; CF3; EA8 |

| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
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| A Climate Finance Subcommittee has been established as part of the Climate Actions Response Team (CART) to advance the planning and implementation of a carbon budget and developing a transparent climate disclosure framework. | CF1; CF2; CF3 |
| A review and tracking of Regional investments in climate action has been developed. | CF3 |
| A review and tracking of external funding opportunities for climate action has been developed. | CF3 |
| A number of presentations, external meetings, and educational activities have engaged key Regional staff to support knowledge mobilization around the alignment of climate and financial interests. | CF1; CF3; EA6; EA8 |
| A number of presentations, external meetings, and educational activities have engaged key Regional staff to support knowledge mobilization around the evaluation and integration of an Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) lens to enhance reporting mechanisms, ensuring alignment with broader sustainability and corporate responsibility goals. | CL2; CF2; CF3; EA6; EA8 |
| A green procurement policy is currently under review to determine next steps with a target to implement by 2025. | CF4 |
| Regional staff are in regular communication with other municipalities on their sustainability and climate related purchasing policies as well as participating in communities of practice. | CF4; EA2; EA3; EA6 |
| An Offset Credits Subcommittee was established as part of the Climate Action Response Team (CART) to develop a Climate Offset Credit Framework that would provide high level guidance on navigating the Region's use of Offset credits. The Framework is pending approval. | CR3; CF2 |
| A range of targeted communications and outreach efforts have been implemented to promote Lyme disease and other tick-borne disease awareness: subscription e-newsletter for physicians was distributed in May 2024; an E-fax was sent to all Halton physicians on tick-borne diseases in May 2024; a follow-up E-fax was sent to Halton pharmacists on Lyme disease in July 2024; and a continuing medical education (CME) event was held in June 2024. | EA3; EA5; EA8 |
| Earth Week (April) was celebrated at Halton Region with two events – an Electric Vehicle showcase and panel, featuring staff owned vehicles and a webinar featuring Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a renowned Inuit author and nobel prize nominee. | CL5; EA6; EA7; EA8 |

| 2024 PROGRESS (INITIATIVES) | ACTIONS CROSS ALIGNMENT |
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| Through the Climate Action Response Team a Sewage Heat Recovery Subcommittee was established to develop a framework. | CR4; EA1; EA2; EA3 |
| Regional staff actively participate in knowledge exchange, information sharing and communities of practice on climate-related initiatives for public services, including water and wastewater treatment. This is facilitated through representation in key industry organizations such as the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO), the Water Environmental Association of Ontario (WEAO), and the Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA). | CR4; EA1; EA3; EA6 |
| Staff conducted research and participated in continuous learning opportunities to ensure the Region remains up to date on the rapidly evolving field of climate actions including trends, knowledge, technology, regulations and policies and financial considerations. | EA5; EA8 |
| Advanced best practices for climate action through staff participation in conferences, courses and webinars, including those organized by Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Green Municipal Fund (GMF), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Six Nations of the Grand River, Evergreen. | EA5; EA6; EA8 |
| A climate communications workplan is developed annually and includes the development and management of an internal and an external website. The advancement of a climate communications strategy is being explored in 2025. | EA4; EA8 |
| The Compendium, an internal searchable database was developed and is currently being updated for Climate Action Response Team (CART) members. It provides curated, Regionally-topical information for staff to keep abreast of current trends, information, best management practices, regulations and policies and technology related to climate. | EA8 |
| 5 white papers, 29 briefing notes, 3 rationale documents and 3 business cases were developed by staff to advance knowledge mobilization on climate related issues of relevance to the corporation. | EA8 |
| A Climate training program for Regional staff is currently under development with an anticipated roll out in 2025. | EA5; EA8 |





The Regional Municipality of Halton

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has determined the need for a significant and structural reduction in carbon emissions in the next 11 years to avoid further economic, ecological, and societal losses due to the climate change crisis; and

WHEREAS Canada is, according to the Government of Canada's April 2019 Changing Climate Report, experiencing warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world attributed to human activity, with Northern Canada heating up at almost three times the global average and with extreme weather patterns expected for Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS infrastructure failures linked to the climate change crisis could cost Canada \$300 billion over the next decade unless we change the way we build and move people, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has a Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program that consists of a five-step Milestone Framework that guides municipalities to take action against climate change by reducing emissions in their municipality; and

WHEREAS Regional Council through the Strategic Business Plan 2019-2022, has committed to protecting and enhancing the natural environment across Halton and reducing our corporate carbon footprint to mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS Halton Region recognizes that the Local Municipalities and many local community groups and organizations are already taking collective action on climate change and that there is an opportunity to work together, to address this important issue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Halton Region declare a climate emergency for the purposes of deepening our commitment to protecting and improving resiliency of the economy, environment and community from climate change and that staff be directed to bring a report to Regional Council in the Spring of 2020 that includes the following:

- a) the identification of proposed short and long-term climate change goals for the organization, including but not limited to:
 - reduction in greenhouse gas emissions related to Regional operations
 - development of an Energy Management Strategy
 - investigation of strategies for energy conservation, greening operations and renewable energy technologies
 - strategies to increase the waste diversion rate
 - development of a strategy for greening Fleet operations
- b) outline how Halton Region will work towards achieving the remaining 4 milestones of FCM's PCP program
- c) outline opportunities for a regional approach to manage growth and development to address climate considerations through an update to the Region's Official Plan;
- d) development of corporate sustainability and climate change policies and a climate lens to be applied to the Regional infrastructure and operations
- e) the identification of performance metrics to track progress and timelines for achieving key deliverables/major milestones, and a strategy to report back on progress
- f) partner with our local municipalities and community organizations working to engage and inform residents for community action on climate change.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Leader of the Provincial Opposition, the Interim Leader of the Provincial Liberal Party, the Leader of the Green Party, the federal and provincial Ministers of the Environment and Climate Change, Halton MP's and MPP's, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Local Municipalities for their information.

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VIA EMAIL

February 6, 2025

Corporate Services Department
Legal Services
Office of the Regional Clerk
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, ON L6M 3L1

Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director, Legislative Services, Town of Halton Hills

Please be advised that at its meeting held on January 22, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: PW-05-25 – Prologis Halton Hills Distribution Center, Site Access from Regional Road 3, Our Files: DH-1045, R2961B, ID 7565

1. THAT Regional Council authorize staff to include the required access works from Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) for Prologis Canada Holding's development in the Town of Halton Hills as part of Regional Project R2961B as outlined in Report No. PW-05-25.
2. THAT Corporate Counsel be authorized to negotiate and prepare the necessary servicing agreement, and any ancillary documents as may be required, with content satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works, as outlined in Report No. PW-05-25, and that the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute such servicing agreement and any ancillary documents.
3. THAT the budget of R2961B be increased by the equivalent amount received from Prologis Canada Holding in order to proceed with the works.
4. THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. PW-05-25 to the Town of Halton of Hills for information.

Please find attached a copy of the above-noted report for your information. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
Graham.Milne@halton.ca

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| Report To: | Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council |
| From: | Andrew Farr, Commissioner, Public Works |
| Date: | January 22, 2025 |
| Report No.: | PW-05-25 |
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Report

Executive Summary

- Prologis Canada Holding 3 GP ULC ("Prologis Canada Holding") owns land in the Town of Halton Hills and is currently in the process of developing the land for industrial use as a distribution centre. The land is located east of Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) and north of Regional Road 8 (Steeles Avenue) as shown in Attachment #1.

- The subject site is proposed to be accessed from all bounding roads, with a signalized passenger vehicle access from Regional Road 8 (Steeles Avenue) and Right-in/Right-out access from Eighth Line. There is also a Right-in/Right-out/Left-out access from Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) proposed for trucks.
- Prologis Canada Holding have requested Halton Region to include Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) site access works within Regional Project R2961B, which is currently underway for widening of Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) from Regional Road 8 (Steeles Avenue) to Regional Road 10 (10 Side Road).
- In order to proceed with the construction of this access works (or any part thereof), the landowner will need to finalize their funding commitments and execute related agreements without impacting the Region's work schedule.
- The total estimated cost of the requested work (design, construction and contract administration/inspection) is estimated at \$600,000.00 excluding all applicable taxes and is the sole responsibility of the landowner to fund.
- Regional staff will increase the budget for the equivalent amount received from Prologis Canada Holding in order to proceed with the works.

Background

Location of Land

The land to be developed is in the Town of Halton Hills and is within the Premier Gateway Phase 1B Employment Area Secondary Plan. The ultimate development of this land requires various municipal infrastructure improvements including road works on Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road), and Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8), and water and wastewater extensions/laterals on Eighth Line. The landowner, Prologis Canada Holding, have requested that Halton Region construct the Trafalgar Road access works on their behalf.

Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) Widening and South Georgetown Servicing Watermain Construction Project (R2961B)

Halton Region has undertaken construction works for the widening of Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) from two lanes to four lanes, from Regional Road 8 (Steeles Avenue) to Regional Road 10 (10 Side Road), and a new watermain from the Ashgrove Pumping Station to Eighth Line. The watermain construction has been completed and is currently

in service. Construction related to the road widening is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Discussion

Trafalgar Road Access Works for Prologis Canada Holding Land

The subject land is designed for traffic flow to include right-in/right-out/left-out truck access from Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road). The development of the land is currently in progress.

With the ongoing construction of Project R2961B for widening of Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road), there is a potential conflict with regards to the Trafalgar Road working area for both Halton Region and the landowner. While Halton Region's work in this area is already under construction, the landowner is now proposing to start construction of their development works in the same general area at the same time.

As such, in order to provide construction efficiencies, avoid health and safety issues of two separate contractors working in close proximity and to ensure the two projects can be properly integrated without delays to either of the parties, it is recommended that Halton Region include the design and construction of the site access from Trafalgar Road to the subject land as part of the Region's Project R2961B.

The combined cost for the proposed access work is estimated at \$600,000.00 excluding applicable taxes. A commitment letter from the landowner acknowledging responsibility to fund the complete works (design, construction, and contract administration/inspection) for the access work is shown in Attachment #2. To include this work as part of the ongoing project R2961B, Halton Region will proceed with contract value amendments in alignment with the Procurement By-Law 63-23.

Financial/Program Implications

As discussed above, it is proposed to include the access works from the Prologis Canada Holding site from Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road) as part of the current Regional Project (R2961B). Project R2961B does not have sufficient budget to accommodate the additional work and therefore it is recommended that the project budget be increased by the equivalent amount received from the landowner.

Accordingly, the landowner will be required to enter into a servicing agreement to fund the design, construction, contract administration and inspection of the works. At the time of agreement execution, the landowner will be required to provide a total of \$600,000.00 excluding applicable taxes for the estimated project cost to initiate the work and will be

responsible for 100 per cent of the actual cost incurred. Any additional cost above the estimate will need to be remitted by the landowner within 30 days of notice from the Region. Work related to the Trafalgar Road access will not proceed prior to execution of the related servicing agreement and receipt of the required funding.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurielle Natyway
Director, Development Services

Andrew Farr, P.Eng.,
Commissioner, Public Works

Approved by,

Bob Gray
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions about the content of this report, please contact:
Laurielle Natyway, Director, Development Services

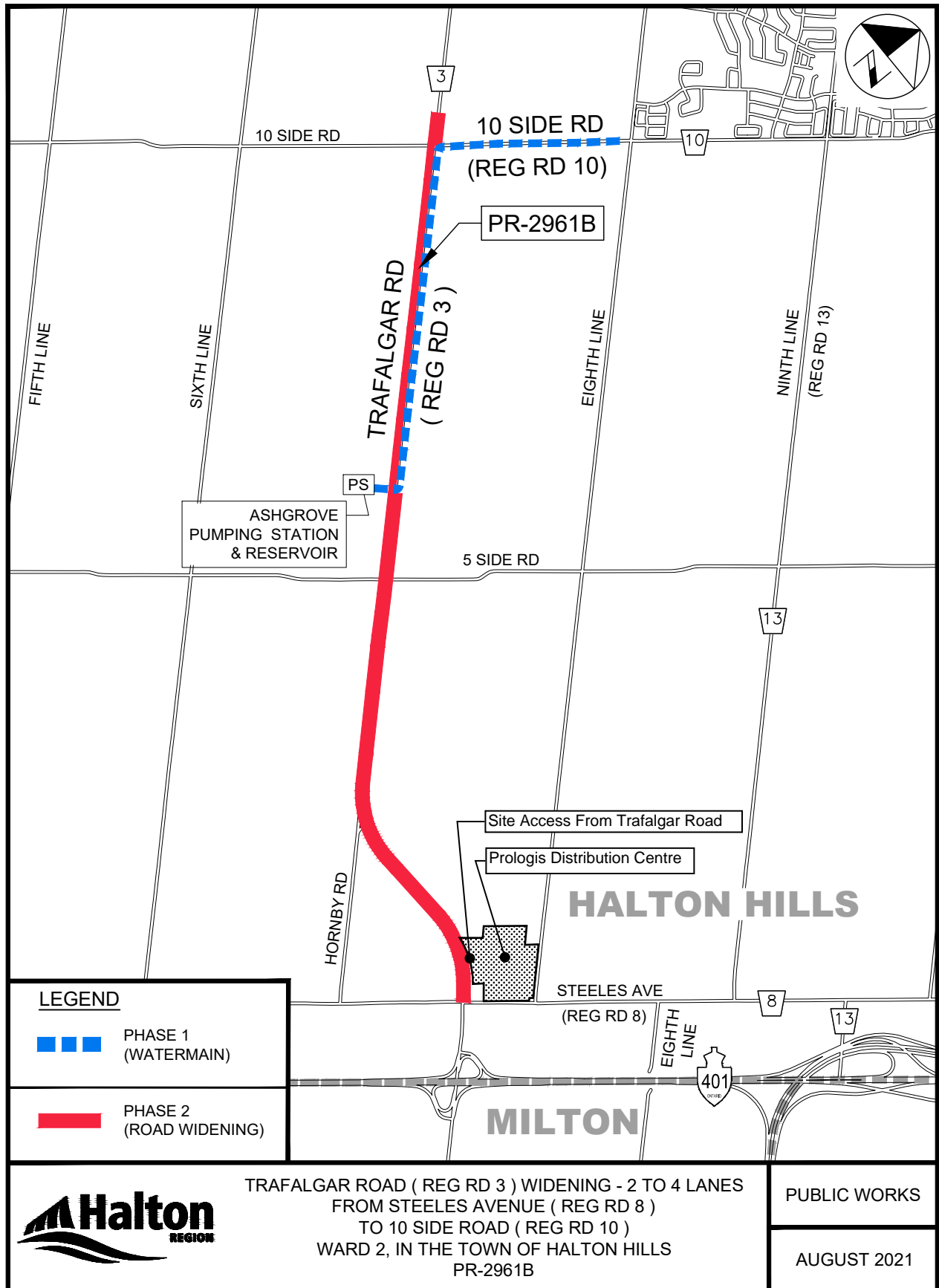
Attachments:

Attachment #1 – Location Map
Attachment #2 – Commitment Letter

Additional Information:

The sources listed below are for supplemental information and reference only. Halton Region is not responsible for the currency, accuracy, or legality of the content from any external links.

None.



LEGEND

- PHASE 1 (WATERMAIN)
- PHASE 2 (ROAD WIDENING)

Halton REGION

TRAFALGAR ROAD (REG RD 3) WIDENING - 2 TO 4 LANES
 FROM STEELES AVENUE (REG RD 8)
 TO 10 SIDE ROAD (REG RD 10)
 WARD 2, IN THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
 PR-2961B

PUBLIC WORKS

AUGUST 2021

January 6, 2025

PROJECT NUMBER 10131

Tanima Alam
Development Project Analyst
Development Services
Public Works
Halton Region
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, ON
L6M 3L1

Dear Tanima,

**Re: Letter of Commitment – Trafalgar Road Works
Prologis Halton Distribution Centre**

We are writing this letter to request Council authorization to allow the construction of the proposed Trafalgar Road access for the Prologis Halton Distribution Centre as part of the ongoing collaboration with the Region on the Trafalgar Road Widening Capital Works Program. This letter serves as an official commitment to finance the design and construction costs, inspection fees, administration fees, and project management fees at our sole expense, for the fulfillment of the access, and to execute such agreements as may be required to secure this commitment to the satisfaction of the Region.

The work requested involves the construction of an access for the Prologis Halton Distribution Centre for the interim condition – prior to the construction of the new east-west collector road and the signalized intersection at Trafalgar Road and 8th Line. This will include installation of a right turning lane for the site as shown on the drawings prepared by TYLin International Canada dated July 18th, 2024. The interim entrance will provide a right-in/right-out/left-out access and will serve as the primary truck access upon occupation of the site due to the restriction of truck traffic on Eight Line North, and the Region's request to limit heavy truck traffic along Steeles Avenue. We acknowledge the importance of this project and are committed to providing the necessary support and resources to ensure its successful completion.

We acknowledge that the proposed work will be integrated into the Trafalgar Road Widening Capital Works Program, and we hereby commit to finance the design, and pre-construction works to be completed by the Region's agents and contractors in support of the proposed entrance. Additionally, as necessary, we authorize Regional staff and their agents, contractors and employees access to the Prologis Lands to advance the delivery of the project.

We trust this Letter of Commitment will be adequate for Region's Staff to advance a Report to Council at the upcoming Council meeting for the approval of the above-mentioned works.

We look forward to continuing our successful partnership and are dedicated to fulfilling all aspects of this commitment. Should you have any questions or require more information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Prologis

Carlos Canejo
Director, Development

February 4, 2025

Re: Oakville Vacant Home Tax

At its meeting on January 27, 2025 Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

1. *That staff proceed with a plan to implement a Vacant Home Tax within the municipality and that staff report back in Q3 2025 with more details on a proposed Vacant Home Tax program.*
2. *That the Town Clerk forward a copy of this report's resolution to Halton Region, City of Burlington, Town of Milton and Town of Halton Hills.*

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact Andrea Holland, Acting Town Clerk at 905-845-6601, extension 4235, or email andrea.holland@oakville.ca

Yours truly,

Andrea Holland

Andrea Holland
Acting Town Clerk

Copy: Danielle Tummon, Manager, Revenue Services & Taxation
Jonathan van der Heiden, Treasurer (Acting) and Director of Finance
Halton Region
City of Burlington
Town of Milton
Town of Halton Hills

REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

FROM: Finance Department

DATE: January 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Oakville Vacant Home Tax

LOCATION:

WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That staff proceed with a plan to implement a Vacant Home Tax within the municipality and that staff report back in Q3 2025 with more details on a proposed Vacant Home Tax program.
2. That the Town Clerk forward a copy of this report's resolution to Halton Region, City of Burlington, Town of Milton and Town of Halton Hills.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- March 27, 2024 (and updated September 13, 2024) Ontario released a Provincial Policy Framework which provided supplemental Vacant Home Tax (VHT) guidelines and recommendations, in addition to *Municipal Act, 2001* Part IX.1 Optional Tax on Vacant Residential Units legislation, to promote consistency and best practices in application of a VHT.
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/municipal-vacant-home-tax#section-2>
- The 2024 Provincial Policy Framework included a recommendation for municipalities with an upper tier and lower tier system of government, that upper tier municipalities receive supportive statements or endorsements from lower tiers, including approaches to ensure that the lower tiers will be able to retain revenues sufficient to offset their costs of VHT collection and administration.”
- Upper tier municipalities are responsible to set out key aspects of a VHT program, such as the tax rate and definition of vacancy. Further, upper tier municipalities will specify in a by-law for which lower tiers the VHT will be in effect, and in which it will not.

- To date all other Halton Region lower tier municipalities have provided the Region with approved resolutions that they be excluded from any potential by-law(s) that would implement a VHT within their respective municipalities.
- Should the Town of Oakville Council wish to proceed with a plan for a VHT program, Oakville will be required to provide a supportive statement to Halton Region to participate in a VHT program.
- Should the Town of Oakville Council wish to opt-out of a VHT program, Oakville will be required to provide an approved resolution to Halton Region to be excluded from a VHT program by-law.
- If Oakville Council would like to proceed with a plan for a VHT program, town staff will commence further design of a program for Oakville only and work with Halton Region on contents of the program by-law that would be passed by Regional Council. Once details of the program have been evaluated, staff would return to Council for approval of a VHT program.

BACKGROUND:

The option for Municipalities to implement a Vacant Home Tax was originally established through Bill 127, *Stronger, Healthier Ontario Act* in 2017. Bill 127 amended the *Municipal Act, 2001* by adding a new Part IX.1, which allowed designated municipalities through by-law to impose a tax on vacant residential units in certain circumstances. Rules regarding the by-laws were established within Part IX.1, and it allows the Ministry of Finance the authority to make regulations governing the VHT as necessary or desirable.

In December 2022, the Ministry of Finance formed a VHT working group that includes Ministry of Finance members and upper tier and lower tier municipalities. Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Region are part of the VHT working group, and this working group remains in place and is currently actively meeting. Through its findings and discussions with the VHT working group, the Ministry of Finance released a Provincial Policy Framework in March 2024. This Framework established that municipalities are no longer required to be designated by the Ministry of Finance to impose a VHT and recommended, amongst other items, that within a two-tier municipality, the upper tier municipality must pass the by-law at Regional Council, but the VHT is recommended to be endorsed and opted in by the lower tier municipal Council(s).

Commencing in 2021, Halton Region and the local municipalities have worked together with Ernst & Young LLP (EY) regarding a VHT program design and feasibility study. Below, and in Appendices A-D, is a summary of reports and related information brought forward to Regional Council on a VHT program to date:

- April 20, 2022: through Halton Region report FN-15-22 (Appendix A), Regional Council received a VHT feasibility assessment of adopting a VHT, prepared by EY.
- Regional Council gave direction to staff to proceed with undertaking a design and implementation study of a proposed VHT program in the region.
- November 22, 2023: through Halton Region report FN-41-23 (Appendix B), Regional Council received an update on the VHT work to-date which included results of a public consultation process completed by the region and notification of an upcoming provincial framework to be received. At the council meeting a motion was passed to pause the VHT work until the province established and released the policy framework.
- March 27, 2024: the Ministry of Finance released the Provincial Policy Framework which included guidelines and recommendations for the VHT. This framework also established an option for lower tier municipalities to opt-out of participating in a VHT program. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/municipal-vacant-home-tax>
- April 17, 2024: through Halton Region report FN-12-24 (Appendix C) and with the release of the province's framework, Regional Council approved the resumption of work on the study of a VHT program for Halton Region.
- May 13, 2024: through report ES-009-24*, the Town of Milton requested to be excluded from a VHT program.
- June 17, 2024: through report CS-2024-015*, the Town of Halton Hills requested to be excluded from a VHT program.
- September 17, 2024: through report F-27-24*, the City of Burlington requested to be excluded from a VHT program.
- October 23, 2024: through Halton Region report FN-26-24 (Appendix D), Regional Council received the VHT exclusion requests from the other three Halton Region lower tier municipalities and requested Oakville provide a statement to the region to indicate its intent to participate in a VHT program.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The province has stated the intent of a VHT program is to increase the housing supply by creating an incentive for property owners to sell unoccupied homes or make them available to rent. VHTs are municipal taxes that are a tax rate applied to the current assessed value of a vacant home.

* Included in Appendix D – Halton Region Report FN-26-24 appendices

Municipalities have some autonomy in designing a VHT program using the legislation for guidelines and recommendations. Property exemptions from the tax, methods of vacancy declaration, late declaration fees, audit methods and inspection powers, and the use of dispute resolution are decided by the municipality. In a two-tier municipality, these details of a VHT program, along with an established tax rate and definition of a vacant unit, are to be approved by Regional Council through by-law. A fulsome summary of a VHT program design can be found in Appendix D – Halton Region Report FN-26-24.

Current Ontario Municipalities that have implemented a VHT program include:

- City of Toronto (Appendix E):
 - Approved by Council in 2021
 - 2022 VHT program revenue \$56.5M (1% tax rate)
 - 2023 VHT program revenue \$50.6M (1% tax rate)
 - Vacancy rate (% of residential vacant units) in Toronto is estimated between 1.0%-1.2%
 - Universal declaration methodology
 - 2024 VHT program tax rate increased to 3%, program revamped with longer declaration period, declarations can be submitted via a portal, increased customer care and late declaration fees remain waived for the time being
 - \$5.8M annual administration cost. This amount includes \$3.1 for general administration, \$1.1M for customer care staffing (311), \$1.6M for communications (campaign and print)
- City of Ottawa (Appendix F)
 - Approved by Council in 2022
 - 2022 VHT program revenue \$12.6M (1% tax rate)
 - 2022 Vacancy rate (% of residential vacant units) in Ottawa was 1.1%
 - Universal declaration methodology
 - 2022 VHT program administration costs \$2.28M. This amount includes 12 FTEs and 6 PTEs, development of an IT solution and communication expenses
- City of Hamilton (Appendix G)
 - Approved by Council in 2024
 - 2025 commencement year
 - Approved using a 1% tax rate, estimated net revenue of \$3.3M in the first five years of the program.
 - Universal declaration methodology
 - One time implementation costs estimated at \$2.6M, annual administration costs estimated at \$2.2M. These amounts include 16 FTEs, general administration and communication costs. (EY estimates)
- City of Windsor (Appendix H)
 - Approved by Council in 2023

- Volunteer declaration methodology and public reporting (tips)
- 2024 implementation with a 3% tax rate
- 2024 projected revenue \$246K and estimated expenses \$146K (includes two FTE plus general administration and communication fees)
- City of Sault Ste. Marie (Appendix I)
 - Approved by Council in 2024
 - 2025 implementation with a 3% tax rate
 - Volunteer declaration methodology and public reporting (tips)
 - Estimate of 45 properties are vacant
 - 2025 projected revenue of \$58.6K and estimated expenses \$96.7K (includes 1 FTE plus general administration and communication fees)

EY feasibility study for Oakville found in Appendix D, attachment #5 notes the following estimates for implementing a VHT program:

- 332 estimated eligible vacant units
- At a 1% tax rate, projected annual revenues of \$2.8M for the first 10 years of the program, comprised of \$2.76M in tax levy revenue and \$0.07M in penalty revenue
- EY estimated implementation costs would be approximately \$1.6M:
 - Declaration and audit systems: \$1.0M (noted based on regional system cost, not explored for Oakville)
 - Other Costs (business support, public consultations, project team) \$0.5M
- EY estimated annual costs to operate the program to be \$2.2M:
 - EY estimate includes 14 FTEs at \$2.1M
 - Annual software license fees at \$0.1M (noted based on regional system cost, not explored for Oakville)

EY estimated average annual net revenues projected for a VHT program in Oakville to be \$0.6M, with an estimated implementation cost of \$1.6M to be recovered from net revenues of the program, with a payback period of less than three (3) years.

Next Steps:

Should Council wish to proceed with a plan for a VHT program, the recommendations in this report should be passed. Staff will then inform Halton Region that Council is in support of a VHT program and work with Halton Region to determine what would be required for the regional by-law.

At the same time, staff will begin the work to design an Oakville-specific VHT program, including addressing program details, identifying timelines, costs, and staffing requirements, proposing uses of net VHT funds, and coming up with a communications plan. Staff could likely return to Council in Q3 2025 with further details of the program for a possible roll-out in 2027.

CONSIDERATIONS:**(A) PUBLIC**

A Vacant Home Tax program can be onerous to property owners if a universal declaration is established as part of a VHT program; however, revenues potentially can be significant and could be put towards housing affordability which would benefit the public and Oakville's housing needs in general.

Over time, a VHT program should reduce the number of vacant units and therefore, the program can be reviewed annually and amended from a universal declaration to another less burdensome form, such as a self-declaration method.

(B) FINANCIAL

Staff would require further cost analysis of implementing and administering a VHT program in Oakville, outside of the estimation provided by EY's feasibility study previously provided to Regional Council as costs were generally estimated and Oakville staff think that there is overlap with suggested staffing requirements and existing staff.

Implementing a VHT program would provide revenues that could be used for assisting with affordable housing development and/or other Oakville goals. Should Council wish to move forward with a VHT program, part of the staff report to come back at a later date would outline for what purposes any net proceeds could be used.

Currently, the town's previously approved budget includes 0.5 FTE in Finance to help with implementation of a VHT program. Given the pause at the region, staff have not filled this position. Should Council wish to move forward with a VHT program, staff would fill this position to assist in the work required to bring a final report forward to Council for approval.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

There would be a need to increase staff in Revenue Services & Tax to administer the program and provide additional customer service needs, particularly the first two years of implementation.

The Communications department would also be impacted and may require additional staffing. There should be minimal impact to ITS as staff would work with the town's new tax software vendor to facilitate a declaration and tracking method through the current tax solution and tax portal.

(D) COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The goal of a VHT program is to reduce the number of vacant residential units within a municipality to aid with increasing housing units (owned or leased) and to ensure areas are adequately populated in so that commercial areas thrive and are able to service the community as planned.

The goal of the Vacant Home Tax program aligns with the Council approved Housing Strategy and Action Plan's goal to increase the housing supply in keeping with the town's urban structure, improve housing options and choice, and collaborate with other levels of government to create more housing which is contextually appropriate. Revenue generated from a Vacant Home Tax could be used to assist in the implementation of action items identified in the Housing Strategy, including the potential to fund programs developed within a Community Improvement Plan intended to improve housing affordability in Oakville.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

NA

APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Halton Region Report FN-15-22 Apr 20, 2022

Appendix B - Halton Region Report FN-41-23 Nov 22, 2023

Appendix C - Halton Region Report FN-12-24 Apr 17, 2024

Appendix D - Halton Region Report FN-26-24 Oct 23, 2024

Appendix E - City of Toronto Redesigning the VHT Program Report Sept 17, 2024

Appendix F - Ottawa VHT 2022 Occupancy Year Annual Report

Appendix G - Hamilton Residential Vacant Unit Tax Program Framework Jan 18, 2023

Appendix H - Windsor Development and Implementation of a City Wide VHT Program Report Nov 27, 2023

Appendix I - Sault Ste Marie Municipal VHT Report Apr 29, 2024

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Danielle Tummon

Manager, Revenue Services & Taxation

Submitted by:

Jonathan van der Heiden

Treasurer (Acting) and Director of Finance

Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried



Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025



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SENT VIA E-MAIL

February 14, 2025

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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF "BUY CANADIAN" POLICY
TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00 G**

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of the General Purpose and Administration Committee of February 3, 2025, the following motion was carried:

THAT the Administration and Special Projects Committee receive Report CAO-04/25 regarding the implementation of "Buy Canadian" Policy;

AND THAT the Policy remain in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Provincial and Federal Governments that trade relations have been normalized;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario requesting they implement similar policies;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, all Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial Ministers;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all Township Committee Chairs for information;

AND THAT Committee support this Policy in principle;

AND THAT the final document be run through the CAO's office for final approval.

I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.

Yours truly,


Emily Elliott
Deputy Clerk
/ljr

cc: Honourable Jennifer O'Connell, MP
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca)
Minister of Public and Business Service Deliver (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)
AMO (amo@amo.on.ca)
ROMA (roma@roma.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

REPORT

Office of the Mayor

TO: Finance and Emergency Services Committee

FROM: Mayor Dave Barton

DATE: February 3, 2025

REPORT: 04/25 **FILE NO.:**

SUBJECT: Implementation of “Buy Canadian” Policy

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee’s approval for the adoption of a “Buy Canadian” policy. This policy will prioritize Canadian suppliers and manufacturers for municipal procurement, encourage diversification of non-U.S. sources, and establish oversight mechanisms for any significant expenditures involving U.S. manufacturers. This initiative aligns with our commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders, Canadian farmers, manufacturers, and the sovereignty of Canada. This policy shall work in tandem with the Township of Uxbridge’s procurement policy.

DISCUSSION:

1. Prioritization of Canadian Suppliers:

Staff will be directed to prioritize the purchase of goods and services from Canadian manufacturers and suppliers whenever possible. This policy aims to bolster the Canadian economy, support local businesses, and contribute to sustainable procurement practices.

2. Non-U.S. Alternatives:

In situations where Canadian products or services are unavailable, staff will seek suppliers from countries other than the United States. This approach will diversify our supply chain, reduce dependency on U.S. manufacturers, and promote broader international trade relationships.

3. Approval Requirements for U.S. Purchases:

To ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility, the following approval thresholds will apply to any purchases from U.S. manufacturers:

- **Expenses Over \$1,000:** Any purchase exceeding \$1,000 must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the mayor and council as appropriate.

4. Support for Canadian Sovereignty:

This policy demonstrates our municipality’s commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders in their efforts to strengthen the Canadian economy. By prioritizing Canadian products, we are actively supporting:

- **Canadian farmers and agricultural producers**, ensuring the continued vitality of rural communities and food security.
- **Local and national manufacturers**, promoting job creation and innovation within Canada.
- **The sovereignty of Canada**, by reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and fostering economic independence.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- **Good Governance:** Ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency in procurement practices.
- **Economic Development:** Supporting local businesses, farmers, and manufacturers while contributing to Canada’s economic sovereignty.
- **Sustainability:** Encouraging environmentally responsible and locally sourced procurement decisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CAO-04/25 of Mayor Dave Barton be received for information;
AND THAT Committee direct staff to implement the “Buy Canadian” policy as outlined in this report;
AND THAT any purchases from U.S. manufacturers exceeding \$1,000 require CAO approval.
AND THAT a copy of Report CAO-04/25 be forwarded to the Finance and Emergency Services Committee for consideration.
AND THAT this policy will be in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Province and Feds that trade relations have been normalized.
AND THAT this policy be forward to all municipalities in Ontario and request they implement similar policies.
AND THAT this policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA.
AND THAT this policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O’Connell, Durham MPP’s and appropriate Provincial ministers.
AND THAT we collaborate with North Durham Chamber of Commerce to implement the policy outlined above.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mayor Dave Barton



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February 18, 2025

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular Meeting held February 18, 2025, the Township of Val Rita-Harty Council passed the following resolution: 25-008

Moved by Councillor Roger Lachance
Second by Councillor Alain Tremblay

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and.

Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.



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Therefore, be it resolved that, the Township of Val Rita-Harty supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

Be it further resolved that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

CARRIED

Vickie Boudreau
Clerk/Treasurer



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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:
 _____ Louanne Caza
 _____ Elaine Fic
 _____ Annie Keft
 _____ Francine Plante
 _____ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:
 _____ Louanne Caza
 _____ Elaine Fic
 _____ Annie Keft
 _____ Francine Plante
 _____ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 47/2025
DATE : February ¹⁸ 2025

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. **Standardized Designs:** Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. **Flexible Design Standards:** Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. **Community Integration:** Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. **Support for Diverse Models** Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURHTER the Council of the Township of McGarry encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Micheal Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

Recorded vote requested by _____

| | For | Against |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Councillor Louanne Caza | | |
| Councillor Elaine Fic | | |
| Councillor Annie Keft | | |
| Councillor Francine Plante | | |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane | | |

| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest * |
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I declare this motion

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date) |
| Because: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body) |
| Expected response: _____ (enter date) |

Signature of Chair:

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**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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February 4, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora
Mayor Tom Mrakas
100 John West Way
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RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **Respective** Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025, endorsed correspondence from the Town of Aurora dated November 5, 2024, regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-04

Moved by: Councillor Greg Reimer Seconded by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva

That Council support and endorse the resolution as amended within the correspondence received regarding the request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure funding.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with **respective** municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to **respective** municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to **respective** municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow **respective** municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to **respective** municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Town of Lincoln Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to **respective** municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to **respective** municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

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JK/dp

c.c. Prime Minister of Canada
Premier of Ontario
Minister of Finance
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Niagara Area MPs and MPPs
All Ontario municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 31, 2025

Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks)
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Deposit Return Program'

At a meeting held on January 22, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035, adopting the below recommendation from the January 6, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Marbin
Seconded By J. Fogel

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2025-01-22- 035

Council Date: January 22, 2025

“That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 6 and 8, 2025).”

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor’s Name

Deferred _____
Warden’s Signature

Carried  _____
Warden’s Signature

Defeated _____
Warden’s Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2025-01-06-004

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: J. Logel

Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2025

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.
Resolution Number 2024-403
Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4
Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

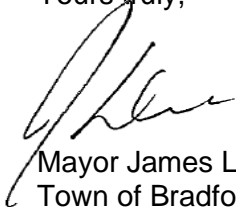
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities