



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday October 27, 2025

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 27th day of October, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 3:00 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair convening into Open Session at 3:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville (EP), Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor M. Kindbom, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene, Councillor M. Albano
(EP-Electronic Participation) (Open Session)

STAFF PRESENT C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, D. Syzbalski, Commissioner of Community Services, J. Ison, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services, J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, M. Leighton, Treasurer, B. King, Chief Librarian & CEO
(Open Session) (E – Electronically Present)

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

NIL

3. OPEN MEETING

Council convened in Open Session at 3:06 p.m.

1. O CANADA

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

4. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMERGENCY MATTERS)

1. Local Teams Crowned Provincial Champions

Mayor A. Lawlor announced that the Town of Halton Hills is celebrating outstanding achievements for local outdoor sports teams who brought home provincial titles this season including:

- The Halton Hills Bulldogs U17 Boys who won the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse “A” Division Provincial Championship, and the Box Lacrosse Provincial Championship.
- The Halton Hawks U11 Tier 1 Fast pitch team who won the Provincial Championship.
- The Halton Hawks U13 Tier 1 Fast pitch team who won the Provincial Championship and then the Eastern Canadian Championship; and
- The Halton Hawks U11 Select Fast pitch team who won the Provincial Championship this past August.
- Violet Salmon who was named the Ontario Women’s Field Lacrosse U15 Girls Goalie of the Year
- Connor Upshall who was the recipient of the Larry Ruse Award - Top Goaltender U17A Division.

2. Canadian Tire Jumpstart Community Development Grant Recipients in Halton Hills

Mayor A. Lawlor announced that the Town of Halton Hills is celebrating the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Community Development Grant recipients this fall.

The Halton Hills Cricket Club was awarded \$3,550 to launch a free youth cricket program to teach fundamental skills and introduce children to the sport. The Town of Halton Hills has been awarded three grants totaling over \$6,600 to run free opportunities for youth this fall. The Swimming for Life Skills Class offers swimming instruction for youth with disabilities, and the grant funding also enables the Town to provide additional sessions for grade three students participating in the Swim to Survive program. Lastly, the YOUTHful Flow programs offers free yoga classes designed to support the physical and mental well-being of youth in Georgetown and Acton.

3. Virtual Author Visit with Philippa Gregory

Mayor A. Lawlor announced that Philippa Gregory will speak about her new novel *Boleyn Traitor* in a live online event on Wednesday, October 29. Registration can be done through the Library’s website.

4. Halton Hills Lecture Series Presents Author R.H. Thomson

Mayor A. Lawlor announced that R.H. Thomson will speak as part of the Halton Hills Lecture Series on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. Free tickets are available through the John Elliott Theatre Box Office.

5. Town Bird Vote Outcome

Councillor C. Garneau announced that the northern cardinal won the Town Bird Vote and is now the official Town bird.

6. Remembrance Day Events in Georgetown

Councillor R. Norris announced that on Saturday November 1st, there will be the Remembrance Day dinner at 7 p.m. at the Georgetown Legion Branch 120. Tickets can be purchased at the Legion office.

On Sunday November 9th, in Glen Williams there will be a community parade starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Glen Williams public school with a march to the Cenotaph. In Georgetown, the community parade starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Legion marching through downtown ending at the Georgetown Cenotaph.

On November 11th at 11 a.m. a full Remembrance Day service will be held at the Georgetown Cenotaph. Please ensure to arrive at the Cenotaph before 11 a.m.

7. Remembrance Day Events in Acton

Councillor. M. Albano announced that on November 8th the Acton Legion Branch 197 will be holding a Remembrance Day parade forming at 10:30 a.m. at the Go Station parking lot proceeding along Mill Street ending at the Acton Cenotaph. Following the ceremony, Branch 197 Ladie's Auxiliary will be serving a roast beef dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the Legion until Sunday November 2nd.

8. Acton Santa Claus Parade

Councillor M. Albano announced that the Acton Fire Fighters Association's annual Santa Claus parade will take place at 1 p.m. on November 15th starting at Acton Boulevard making its way through downtown Acton ending at Prospect Park.

9. Georgetown Santa Claus Parade

Councillor R. Norris announced that the Georgetown Lion's Club annual Santa Claus Parade will be held from 5-7 p.m. on November 15th starting at Sinclair Avenue traveling west on Guelph Street through downtown ending at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GENERAL COMMITTEE ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Resolution No. 2025-0180

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday October 6, 2025 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. ADMIN-2025-021 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0119)

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2025-021 dated October 6, 2025 regarding the 2026 Council Calendar be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2026 Council Calendar (Appendix A) be approved.

Memorandum No. CSE-2025-007 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0124)

THAT Memorandum No. CSE-2025-007 dated September 12, 2025 regarding Development of a Community Organization Affiliation Policy and Program be received.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2025-0181

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

6.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday September 22, 2025.

6.2 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday September 22, 2025.

6.3 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday September 29, 2025.

6.4 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday September 29, 2025.

6.5 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday October 6, 2025.

6.6 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday October 6, 2025.

6.7 Minutes of the Statutory Public Meetings held on Monday October 6, 2025.

6.8 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Tuesday October 14, 2025.

6.9 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Tuesday October 14, 2025.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

1. Fred de Haan and John Woomert

F. de Haan and J. Woomert delegated to Council regarding Request for Seasonal Exemption to By-law 2019-0008.

(Refer to Item 14.1, Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar page](#).)

2. Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, City of Burlington

Mayor M. Meed Ward delegated to Council regarding Support the Elect Respect Pledge.

(Refer to Item No. 12.2)

3. Mike Schreiner, MPP Guelph, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario and Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP Haldimand-Norfolk

MPPs M. Schreiner and B.A. Brady delegated to Council regarding Support Bill 21 – an Act to establish a farmer-led Foodbelt Protection Plan Advisory Committee.

(Refer to Item No. 12.1)

4. David Smith

D. Smith delegated to Council regarding Support Bill 21 – an Act to establish a farmer-led Foodbelt Protection Plan Advisory Committee.

(Refer to Item No. 12.1)

5. Matt Setzkorn

M. Setzkorn delegated to Council regarding Support Bill 21 – an Act to establish a farmer-led Foodbelt Protection Plan Advisory Committee.

(Refer to Item No. 12.1)

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution No. 2025-0182

Moved By: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the following Consent Items are hereby approved:

1. OLT Appeal Update – 49 Eastern Avenue (Hide House)

THAT Memorandum No. PD-2025-004 dated October 8, 2025 regarding OLT Appeal Update – 49 Eastern Avenue (Hide House) be received.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2025-0183

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Fogal assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

a. Heather Kaufmann, Community Development Supervisor – Community Partnerships and Sport Development

H. Kaufmann presented to General Committee regarding Outdoor Sports Strategy.

(Refer to Item No. 9.2.a, Report No. CSE-2025-030. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar page](#).)

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

All Reports and Memorandums considered in General Committee will receive final disposition at the next Council meeting. Reports and Memorandums requiring immediate disposition at this meeting will be considered an immediate Action Item and will be identified with an (IA) beside the title.

Reports will be automatically held if there is a presentation or delegation on the matter.

a. REPORT NO. CSE-2025-030

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0126

THAT Report No. CSE-2025-030, dated September 15, 2025, regarding the Outdoor Sports Strategy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Outdoor Sports Strategy – attached as Appendix 1 to this report;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to begin implementing the short and medium term priority actions that can be accomplished with existing resources and associated workplans and budgets, and to pursue external funding and partnership opportunities to support long-term priorities, where applicable;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with progress updates, and that any future resource and/or capital/financial requirements related to the Strategy's implementation, be further explored and presented for consideration as part of future budgets.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. CS-2025-023

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0127

THAT Report No. CS-2025-023 dated October 27, 2025 regarding the 2026 Interim Property Tax Levy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT a by-law be enacted authorizing Council to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for 2026 (Appendix A);

AND FURTHER THAT taxes be due and payable on February 27 and April 30, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT the payment of taxes for (portions of) properties having a farm designation (FT) as identified by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation be deferred until September 29, 2026.

CARRIED

c. REPORT NO. PD-2025-026 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0128

THAT Report No. PD-2025-026, dated October 8, 2025, and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 12389 Fifth Line (Limehouse)” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 12389 Fifth Line, legally described as “PT LT 22, CON 6 ESQ, AS IN 515865; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING. S/T EASE H667205 OVER PT 1, 20R12314 IN FAVOUR OF PT LT 22, CON 6”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property, legally described above, be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

d. REPORT NO. TPW-2025-014

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0129

THAT Report No. TPW-2025-014, dated October 17, 2025, regarding the Automated Speed Enforcement Update, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT financial implications due to the proposed elimination of the Automated Speed Enforcement program be referred to Budget Committee as part of the 2026 budget process.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURN BACK INTO COUNCIL

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0130

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2025-0184

Moved By: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Immediate Action Item Reports from the Monday October 27, 2025 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. PD-2025-026 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0128)

CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

NIL

12. MOTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

Item Nos. 12.1 and 12.2 were discussed and voted on directly after the delegations related to these items were heard by Council. (Refer to Item Nos. 7.2-7.5)

1. **Support Bill 21 – an Act to establish a farmer-led Foodbelt Protection Plan Advisory Committee**

Resolution No. 2025-0185

Moved By: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

WHEREAS Private Member's Bill 21 has been introduced into the legislature, a bill to protect Ontario's future food sovereignty;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is losing an average of 319 acres of agricultural land per day, to various other uses;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Planning Statement emphasizes the need to protect and strengthen Ontario's agricultural system and ensure the continued viability of farming as a cornerstone of the province's economy and food security;

AND WHEREAS the Town's Technical Paper on agriculture notes that Halton Hills has a strong agricultural economy and community, generating \$55 million in gross farm receipts annually;

AND WHEREAS the Bill is supported by the Ontario Farmland Trust, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Christian Farmers and the National Farmers Union, reflecting broad support within the farming community on an exploratory basis;

AND WHEREAS a significant portion of Ontario's food supply comes from the US, where current protectionism practices are creating ambiguity and uncertainty in the food supply chain;

AND WHEREAS the Town encourages the Province to continue to use all available tools and supports, including incentives, grants, infrastructure investment, and innovation programs to promote and expand local food production, enhance on-farm viability, and strengthen Ontario's food security;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills supports the intent of Bill 21 to establish a farmer-led and farmer-run Foodbelt Protection Plan Advisory Committee, recognizing that the success of such an initiative depends on leadership and guidance from Ontario's agricultural community;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills encourage the Advisory Committee to consider participation by landowners or farmers in any proposed "Foodbelt" or "Food Lot" area to be voluntary, ensuring that no landowner is compelled to participate or to experience undue financial restriction or loss of property value as a result of this legislation;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to MPP's Brady and Schreiner, AMO, The Ontario Farmland Trust, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Halton Regional Federation of Agriculture, The Christian Farmers, the National Union of Farmers, the Premier of Ontario, Leaders of the Opposition parties, MPP Racinsky, City of Burlington, Town of Oakville, Town of Milton and Halton Region.

Recorded Vote:

In Favor: Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor M. Kindbom, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene

Opposed: NIL

CARRIED

2. Support the Elect Respect Pledge

Resolution No. 2025-0186

Moved By: Councillor C. Garneau

Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

WHEREAS the Council-approved 2023–2026 Strategic Plan affirms our commitment to acting with integrity, welcoming open and respectful communication, and fostering an inclusive and caring community;

AND WHEREAS respectful, fact-based dialogue is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring decisions are made in the best interests of the Town;

AND WHEREAS democracy is healthiest when decision-making reflects these shared values and when everyone can participate fully and safely in shaping their community;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s *Healthy Democracy Project* has identified declining civic participation — including fewer candidates and lower voter turnout — as a challenge for municipalities across the province, and has further reported that harassment, intimidation, and abuse toward elected officials have become significant barriers to recruiting and retaining local representatives;

AND WHEREAS *H.E.R. Halton* has launched the **Elect Respect** campaign to promote civility, accountability, and collaboration in local governance — values that reflect the Town of Halton Hills’ commitment to being respectful, caring, and connected to our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Halton Hills supports the **Elect Respect Pledge** and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces — public, private, and online;
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks;
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not individuals;
- Help build a culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office;
- Call on relevant authorities to protect elected officials who face abuse or threats; and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills Council calls on elected officials, organizations, and community members to support the **Elect Respect** campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, MPs Kristina Tesser-Derkson and Michael Chong, MPP Racinsky, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Recorded Vote:

In Favor: Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor M. Kindbom, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene

Opposed: NIL

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

14. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS

Item No. 14.1 was discussed and voted on directly after the delegations related to this item were heard by Council. (Refer to Item No. 7.1)

1. Request for Seasonal Exemption to By-law 2019-0008

Resolution No. 2025-0187

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

WHEREAS Council has received a petition from residents requesting that Council consider a Seasonal Exemption to By-law No. 2019-0008, to permit the placement of recreational or sporting equipment (e.g., basketball and hockey nets) on Town property during defined months;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 2019-0008 prohibits the placing or depositing of sporting or recreational equipment on a highway, which by definition includes a common and public highway and road allowance;

AND WHEREAS the petition reflects a desire among residents and families for the Town to explore a reasonable balance between safety, accessibility, and opportunities for outdoor recreation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to review the associated safety, risk, and liability of allowing the sports equipment on Town property during designated months;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with recommendations by the end of Q1 in 2026.

Recorded Vote:

In Favor: Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor M. Kindbom, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene

Opposed: NIL

CARRIED

15. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2025-0188

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the General Information Package dated October 27, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

Recessed at 5:42 p.m.

Reconvened into the Statutory Public Meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Reconvened into Council at 7:40 p.m. for General Committee and Item Nos. 15 and 17

16. STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING - Start at 6:00 p.m.

1. 8029 Hornby Road (Premier Gateway Employment Area)

a. REPORT NO. PD-2025-058

Resolution No. 2025-0189

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT Report No. PD-2025-058, dated October 10, 2025, regarding “Public Meeting for a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to permit an industrial warehouse building at 8029 Hornby Road (Premier Gateway Employment Area)”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all agency and public comments be referred to staff for further report regarding the disposition of this matter.

CARRIED

17. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2025-0190

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the following Bills are hereby passed by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the said by-laws and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto:

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0092

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 27th day of October, 2025 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2025-0191

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK