AND WHEREAS Report PLS-2019-0001 Climate Change Adaptation Plan and the associated report by Klimaat Consulting & Innovation Inc. “Key Climate Indicators for Halton Hills” conclude that a "Business As Usual" scenario will have a significant impact on heat stress-related illness, mortality and productivity especially for vulnerable populations;

AND WHEREAS under a" Business As Usual" scenario building cooling load requirements and costs are estimated to increase three to four-fold;

AND WHEREAS night time cooling is projected to decrease significantly resulting in reduced capacity for urban centres and individual buildings to shed heat at night;

AND WHEREAS these and other associated climate change threats will seriously impact on the quality of life of all Ontarians but most especially today’s young people;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills is investing in a Climate Change Adaptation Plan to protect capital assets from the expected negative impacts of Climate Change and is updating green building and development engineering standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet climate change targets;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills is investing in a Corporate Energy Plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Premier of Ontario urging the Province to adopt a robust impactful Climate Action Strategy designed to ensure that Ontario makes a positive contribution towards Canada meeting its Climate Change commitments;
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the Consultant’s Report and the Staff Report accompany the letter to the Premier;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be urged to reinstate cost sharing with municipalities, businesses and residential home owners to retrofit buildings to achieve energy savings and reduced GHG emissions;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna with a letter requesting that Canada fast track measures to address Climate Change and consider making the goal of reducing Canada’s GHG emissions more ambitious;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to MPP Ted Arnott, MP Michael Chong, all other Halton Municipalities, AMO and FCM.

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Mayor Rick Bonnette