



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: July 9, 2018
Councillor B. Lewis

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____

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WHEREAS municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

WHEREAS, this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and Municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them;

WHEREAS, municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities;

WHEREAS, the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

WHEREAS, municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites;

WHEREAS, municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling and diversion programs;

WHEREAS, municipalities should have the right to approve or reject these projects and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town Of Halton Hills support Bill 16, Respecting Municipal Authority Over Landfilling Sites Act and calls upon the Government of Ontario and all political parties to formally grant Municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities;

AND FURTHER THAT The Town of Halton Hills send copies of the Notice of Motion to Wellington/Halton MPP Ted Arnott; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (OMA), the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), Rural Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (ROMA) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Mayor Rick Bonnette