

From: Katie Cleland [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Warren Harris
Subject: Hornby Park
Attachments: IMG-1789.JPG; IMG-3394.JPG; IMG-1050.jpg

Hi Warren,

I wanted to let you know that I have created a Facebook group for people who feel passionately about saving our park. 65 people have joined in, and are sharing their concerns and heartbreak. These people are all strangers to me, which speaks to their care of the park itself. I hope you are receiving their emails.

I also want to share just a handful of photos with you that I have taken over the past few years. I want you to understand what it is that we who live in Hornby will be losing if we lose our beloved park. This is not just some piece of “surplus” property. This is home.

I continue to await next steps.

Respectfully,

Katie Cleland

On Mon, Dec 9, 2019 at 5:20 PM Warren Harris <WarrenH@haltonhills.ca> wrote:

Hi Katie

Thank you for sharing your concerns, I will keep you advised of next steps.

Warren Harris, OALA, PMP

Commissioner of Recreation and Parks

Town of Halton Hills

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From: Katie Cleland [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 1:48 PM
To: Warren Harris
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I am a resident of Hornby and live within walking distance of Hornby Park. I frequent the park daily, sometimes multiple times a day. My husband and I regularly enjoy picnics under the large tree at the back of the property, and I trained our dog to play fetch in that field.

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I cannot fathom how so much of the property could be considered "surplus!" Do we have too many trees? Too much groomed parkland? Surplus for whom, exactly? The people who benefit from its sale, but certainly not the people for whom this park is a reason to live in Hornby.

Please know that I will be encouraging the writing of many letters to your office and doing my best to find ways to stop this sale, if any can be found.

Respectfully,

Katie Cleland-Busuttil

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Community Engagement and Youth Mentor
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From: De Medeiros, Gary [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Warren Harris
Cc: Clark Somerville; Mayor of Halton Hills; [REDACTED]
Subject: HORNBY PARK

Hi mr warren I live on Hornby rd for the last 15 years with my wife and 3 kids I have heard that the city wants to sell part of our community park to build a police station I do not approve of this sale as the park belongs to the community of Hornby and my family has lots of memories of my kids growing up there and we still enjoys the walks and the nature of our park and to sell part of it to build a police station would ruin those memories and the nature of the park setting and the letter that jack Robertson sent you I agree with him leave our community park alone its not for sale and there is lots of vacant land that has no use that would better set a police station then ruin are community park THANKS

Monday, 9 December 2019

Letter from Jack Robertson to the Town December 9, 2019

December 9, 2019

Warren Harris
Commissioner, Recreation & Parks
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, Ontario
L7G 5G2

Dear Mr Harris;

I received your letter concerning initiatives in the Premier Gateway Secondary Plan area, advising that a new Halton Regional Police Station is to be constructed at 12790 Steeles Avenue.

I speak on behalf of many of the residents and business people in Hornby, and find that most have no issues with allotting 20 acres beside the park to the new Police Station, as we would have one of the safest parks in Ontario. However, we have recently learned that the Town of Halton Hills plans to take a large section (all the flat sellable land) and leave a small section of a steep slope and floodplain for the Hornby Park.

We find this appalling as the park was initially donated in 1955 by a meeting of the land owner, Mr. King, and members of the community. Money was donated by the members of the community of Hornby. My own family, the Robertson's, and many more families put their hard earned dollars into this park, so that their families and members of the Hornby community had a place to gather for family events, and children could play.

Now, we are being informed (in a very poor manner) that the Town of Halton Hills plans to sell off the best part of our park! And the monies collected from this sale is to be allocated to the Trafalgar Sports Park Field of Dreams project in Georgetown! Do the residents and businesses of Hornby and Halton Hills South, see any benefit for them with this sale? Absolutely not!

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In fact, I would like to request a copy of all events that were scheduled at Hornby Park from June 2018 to October 2019. The baseball diamonds are used at least 4-5 times per week; company picnics are held there as well as family reunions. Wedding pictures are taken there for our community residents (and others) and annual dog shows are held there as well. It is a place where we can walk our dogs, catch a local ball game on a warm summer evening – it's our park! Which every community (big or small) needs!

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In closing, I feel the sale of this property is a very poor business plan for the future of Hornby. Or do you even care about Hornby? Do we matter in the grand scale of things – it looks like we don't at this time. I hope to convince you to reconsider this proposal and let us keep what is rightfully ours.

Respectfully,

Jack Robertson
Proud Member of H.A.R.P.
Hornby Association of Rate Payers

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From: Stacey Michaud [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Warren Harris
Subject: Hornby Park

Dear Mr. Warren Harris?

I am writing this email to express my concern over the sale of the Hornby park property. As a member of GLPL, I've been playing ball at that park, walking my dog and enjoying time there with my family. From my understanding, the nicest part of that park will be sold. Surely there is a better location to build a police station? I oppose this sale and am requesting how I can escalate my concerns? It's our duty to protect our green belts and the wildlife it supports.

Sincerely,
Stacey Michaud

December 9, 2019

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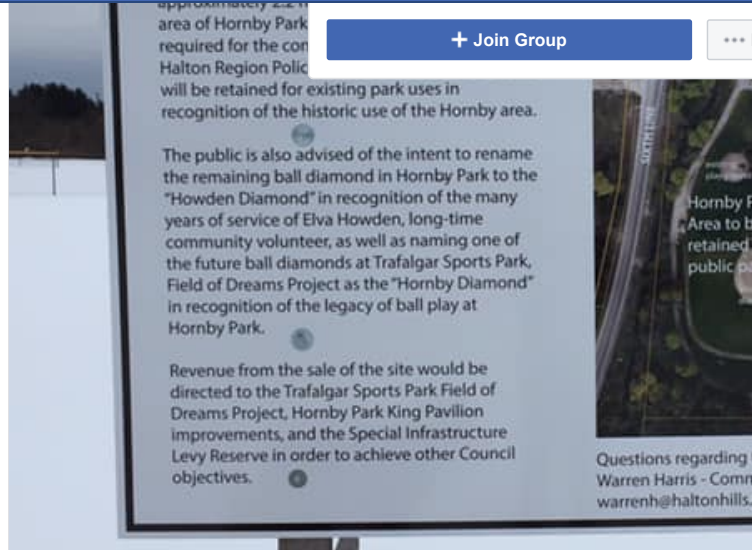
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Katie Cleland Busuttill
December 23, 2019 at 10:42 AM
All I want for Christmas is to save our park!



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Katie Cleland Busuttill
December 18, 2019 at 8:05 PM
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Warren Harris
WarrenH@haltonhills.ca

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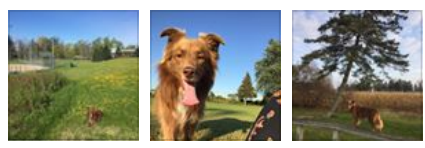
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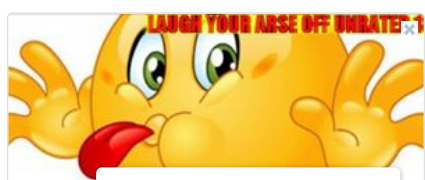
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Katie Cleland Busuttil

December 16, 2019 at 7:34 AM

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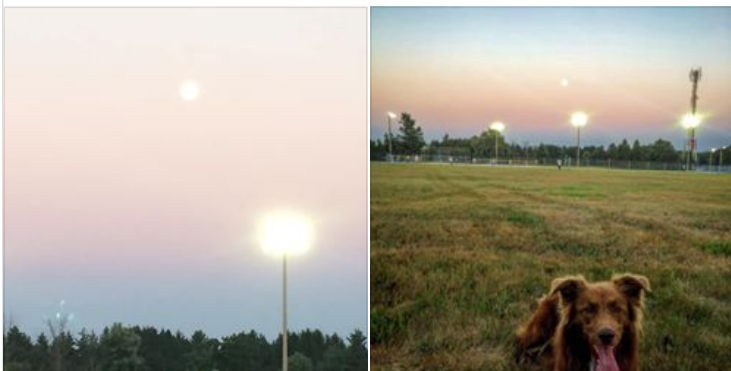
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December 14, 2019 at 10:14 PM

Dreaming of Summer nights at the park ❤️



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December 10, 2019 at 5:38

Have you written a letter to the one!

Warren Harris

WarrenH@haltonhills.ca

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- **Stacey Michaud** My letter was sent today
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- **Norm Young** Sent just now
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- **Norm Young** Already received a reply. I asked if I could buy it. Haha. He said it is only for sale for the repurpose of the police station. Sounds like a scam they get to play in my opinion
Like · 2w 2
- **Norm Young** Hi Norm
Thank you for your e-mail. The approval for the sale of the land is strictly for the acquisition by the Region of Halton for the purposes of construction of the proposed District 1 Halton Region Police Station as outlined in the public notice shown here
Like · 2w
- **Katie Cleland Busuttill** Norm Young that is infuriating.
Like · 2w
- **Norm Young** Katie Cleland Busuttill agreed. Sounds like collusion to me.
Like · 2w

**Katie Cleland Busuttill**
December 12, 2019 at 4:07 PM

Hornby Park last week in the snow ❄️



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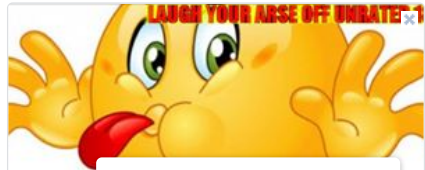
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 **Katie Cleland Busuttil** shared a post.
December 10, 2019 at 10:49 PM



Hornby Apiaries

December 7, 2019 at 2:49 PM

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Did you know? No news yet on any meetings, but we are supporters of stopping the sale of Hornby park.

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December 9, 2019 at 7:07 PM



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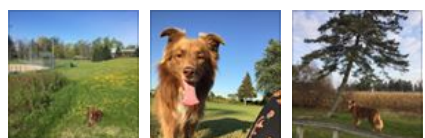
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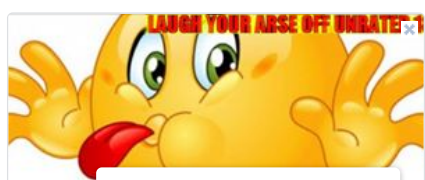
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 **Jessie Garbutt** I shared this to "if you grew up in georgetown". I hope that's okay. I also used your group description as well.

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 **Katie Cleland Busuttill** December 10, 2019 at 12:32 PM

My morning walk to the park. Giving some visuals to what they are planning to do

Edit Upon closer reading of Mr. Harris' notice, I see that there will be NO second diamond in the remaining Hornby Park. They plan to use the sale of this land to build 3 new diamonds at Trafalgar Sports Park, a 12 minute drive away from Hornby 😞



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 **Katie Cleland Busuttill** updated the description. December 9, 2019 at 1:32 PM

As a daily user of Hornby Park, I was horrified to find this sign posted in the park just a few days ago. Our historical landmark park, that has been enjoyed by countless families since 1955, is being butchered in half. The much better land is being sold for the building of a police station.



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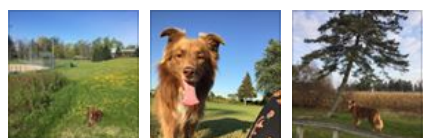
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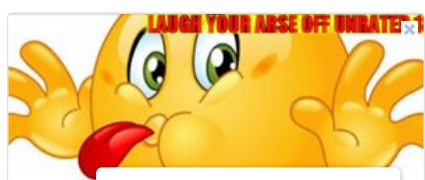
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Katie Cleland Busuttill shared a link.

December 9, 2019 at 1:24 PM

A great source of information regarding the sale of the park -



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Hornby Water Issues

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Katie Cleland Busuttill updated the group cover photo.

December 8, 2019 at 3:15 PM



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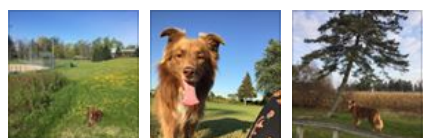
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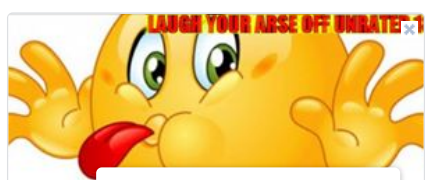
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Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 12:23 PM
Cc: Warren Harris; Clark Somerville; Bryan Lewis; Mayor of Halton Hills
Subject: Hornby Park
Attachments: Hornby Park Letter December 2019.pdf; Hornby Park Registry Info.pdf

Dear Harp Members:

First of all apologies to any of you that have moved away. Did not have time to go through all eighty families. If you wish to be removed from the list just reply and say please unsubscribe me/us. Feel free to forward this to anyone I missed.

Attached is a letter I got last week from the Town. It looks like the only few people who got it are the ones who registered to receive notices regarding planning in the area. Also attached is some registry information.

I am not aware of any notices of a Public Information Session or any other communication from the Town in regard to the park. This is a surprise to all of the Hornby residents I have spoken to.

First, a little history that many of you may know. My memory is that the park was created from land donated by an individual and more land was added through donations of other residents of Hornby.

The plan is to remove almost half the park for municipal development.

The other concern is (aside from never being consulted or advised until now) is that all the proceeds will leave Hornby! I note the letter does not show the amount the Region is paying. I would like to know.

The proceeds could be used for improvements to Hornby Park. I am sure there is more than plenty to make the park a great facility including a legacy fund which would retain, maintain and allow for improvements in perpetuity.

Looks like we are being ignored again.

I encourage you to have your voice heard. I am too tired from fighting with the Region over the well water issue for the best part of the last twelve years.

Here is some contact information for you to voice your concerns:

Warren Harris (author of the letter)
Town of Halton Hills
Commissioner, Recreation & Parks
(905) 873-2601 Ext. 2265
warrenh@haltonhills.ca

Clark Somerville
Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region
Regional Councillor Wards 1 & 2
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clarks@haltonhills.ca

Bryan Lewis
Town of Halton Hills

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Best regards,

James Snow

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November 26, 2019

Georgetown ON

Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Georgetown, ON
Attn. Warren Harris

Mr. Warren Harris,

I vehemently oppose any sale of Hornby Park to Halton Police Services when the land left is mostly flood plain, the worst ball diamond, and a service road to a wireless Bell Canada tower.

There is little enough public land and green space in this area without the town selling off the best portion of what we have!

The only entrance to the park, community mail boxes, and the best ball diamond where there is heavy investment in fencing and lighting are all in the proposed sell area. There is land directly across Steeles that has the same accessibility with much better shape and contour.

This is an irrational decision that only benefits only the towns' bottom line but certainly not its citizens!

Please reconsider this ill advised idea!

Sincerely,
Thomas H. Tyhurst.

Cc
Mayor Ric Bonnet
Councilors
Bryan Lewis
Ted Brown

From: Norm Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 7:54 PM
To: Warren Harris
Subject: Re: Stop the sale of Hornby Park

Thanks for the quick reply.

I definitely would be interested in follow up information.

I also have a concern. What good would a police station be in the middle of a future commercial/industrial zone ? Wouldn't a community be better served by having a station within the residential areas or at least closer to those areas ?

Thank you!

Norm Young
[REDACTED]

> On Dec 12, 2019, at 17:02, Warren Harris <WarrenH@haltonhills.ca> wrote:
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Hi Norm

Thank you for your e-mail. The approval for the sale of the land is strictly for the acquisition by the Region of Halton for the purposes of construction of the proposed District 1 Halton Region Police Station as outlined in the public notice shown here

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If you could also provide your home address, I will keep you advised of future reports or Council meetings when this matter is considered further.

Thanks

Warren Harris, OALA, PMP
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-----Original Message-----

From: Norm Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:36 PM
To: Warren Harris
Subject: Stop the sale of Hornby Park

G'day.

I grew up playing ball at Hornby Park when I was a much younger man.
I now play ball there again as a mature adult.

I oppose the sale of this land and believe other areas can be found for your intended use.

I see it is currently for sale but cannot see a price associated with it, which makes me wonder if it had already been sold.

If not sold, is it available for purchase to the public ?
Please let me know the selling price as I may be interested to buy it.

Regards.
Norm
[REDACTED]

February 3, 2020

Gary Carr
Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, Ontario
L6M 3L1

Dear Mr. Carr:

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen of Hornby, Ontario. I have recently learned that our park, Hornby Community Park, is under review. I believe that part of the parkland is being categorized as "Surplus Land" and is to be sold off.

When I learned that a new Police Station was going to be built beside our park, I was pleased to know that we would have the safest park in Ontario. Not so much now!

I have a few questions that need to be answered: My first question to the Region is why was the new Police Station placed exactly parallel to the park? Who picked the location of the new Police Station? Why that location?

Was it selected by Halton Hills Planning Department as a preferred location? It just seems questionable that that particular location was selected and then shortly afterwards, Halton Hills Parks Department declares there is "surplus land" (5.4 acres of parkland) right beside the land dedicated to the new Police Station.

Now, the Town of Halton Hills Parks Dept can offer to sell the Region of Halton 5.4 acres with water and sewage services, at a reduced rate, saving the Region of Halton considerable money. One acre of land on Steeles Avenue (in Hornby area) sells for approximately \$1,000,000.00. I don't know the exact amount, but this is definitely "found money" for the Town of Halton Hills.

Did the Town of Milton have any input into the location of the new Police Station? Or any of the other towns located within the Region of Halton? Does Milton benefit from this? Not likely. Did the Region of Halton know about this two part plan? Did they know that the park had a proposal to sell the park some years ago to a developer and then the Town of Halton Hills voted it down? Note the developer deal was to replace the same park area, the buildings and more. And locate it north of Steeles Avenue. Now, that may have been a better deal than the one on the table now!

This only really hurts the small community of Hornby, who has but one park only. And we are being told we are to give it up to a larger community that already has 31 parks! What other small community in Halton will suffer next to appease the larger communities of Halton?

The Hornby residents deserve the same consideration of those in the larger communities of Halton. We have several small businesses that provide for the residents and outside communities. Among them, the Toronto Outlet Mall, which is located in the heart of Hornby.

In closing, I'd like you to reconsider the sale of Hornby Community Park. I believe it belongs in Hornby and is appreciated by the residents of Hornby.

Please review my attached video, as I hope it will help those that are deciding the fate of this park, to see my perspective on this subject. Watch Save Hornby Park on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/388716157?ref=em-share>.

Respectfully,

Jack Robertson
Proud Member of H.A.R.P.
Hornby Association of Rate Payers

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H.A.R.P. (Hornby Association of Rate Payers)

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From: [Randy Howden](#)
To: [Warren Harris](#)
Subject: RE: Disposition of a Portion of Hornby Park: Council Meeting Date
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:37:45 PM

If this police station is to benefit Halton Hills it sounds like it should be put in between Acton and Georgetown where the population is on out in the country There is lots of other properties that could be used I will be at your meeting and may want to speak And I hope the province Rams the new highway write through Halton Hills and you get it RAMED in just because you don't want it To bad we got everything we didn't want Hydro Plant The Mall 70 km speed limit curbs Road is too high Driveway problems I could go on and on Thank Randy Howden

From: Warren Harris <WarrenH@haltonhills.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Warren Harris <WarrenH@haltonhills.ca>
Cc: Ward_2_Councillors <Ward2@haltonhills.ca>; Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca>; Brent Marshall <BrentM@haltonhills.ca>; Suzanne Jones <suzannej@haltonhills.ca>; Kevin Okimi <KevinO@haltonhills.ca>; Cindy Bodrug <cindyb@haltonhills.ca>; Renee Brown <ReneeB@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Disposition of a Portion of Hornby Park: Council Meeting Date

We have received your comments on the disposition of a portion of Hornby Park and they have been included in a report to Council that is scheduled to be on the Agenda on **Monday, February 10, 2020**. A summary of the report (excluding Appendices that will contain your written submissions) is attached for your information. If you wish to attend the meeting, or make a delegation, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.haltonhills.ca/Committees/Council.php> for meeting details or <https://www.haltonhills.ca/forms/delegation.php> on how to register for a delegation before February 7.

Thank you

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