

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.:

Title: Support the Provincial Government in developing tougher laws and penalties for unauthorized car rallies and participants

Date: October 13, 2020

Moved by:

Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS on Friday, September 25, 2020 and Saturday, September 26, 2020 Officers had to close the Town of Wasaga Beach to non-residents after hundreds of car enthusiasts gathered for an unauthorized car rally that violated COVID-19 safety protocols, and resulted in almost 200 tickets being issued by the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND WHEREAS a week prior to the incident that took place in Wasaga Beach, Ancaster experienced a similar situation with 1000 car enthusiasts attending a parking lot violating COVID-19 safety protocols;

AND WHEREAS Wasaga Beach Mayor Nina Bifolchi wrote a letter (Attached as Appendix A to this Motion) to Premier Doug Ford commending the efforts of the OPP in addressing the unauthorized car rally, and supporting the Premier and Provincial Government in developing tougher laws with larger financial penalties than currently exist when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants and provided recommendations regarding potential larger financial penalties;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills recognizes that these types of unauthorized car rallies can occur in any municipality and can have significant impact on people's enjoyment of their property and put people's safety at risk. THEFREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the Premier and Provincial Government in developing tougher laws with larger financial penalties than currently exist when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the recommendations set out in the letter by Mayor of Wasaga Beach, Nina Bifolchi;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Solictor General, Sylvia Jones, Attorney General, Doug Downey, Mayor of Wasaga Beach Nina Bifolchi, AMO, Ted Arnot, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills, Halton Region, Town of Oakville, Town of Milton and City of Burlington.

Mayor Rick Bonnette