



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: Requesting Amendment to Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020

Date: November 23, 2020

Moved by: _____
Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: _____
Councillor M. Johnson

WHEREAS in 2016, after a public review of the Municipal Elections Act, that included input from the public, municipal councils and staff from across the province, the Province of Ontario passed the Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016 giving municipalities the option of using ranked ballots in future elections;

AND WHEREAS Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020, proposes removing the option of using ranked ballots for municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS the City of London was the first and only municipality in Ontario to choose Ranked Ballots as the format for their 2018 Municipal Election;

AND WHEREAS the City of London has indicated that they were pleased with the process and results produced by a Ranked Ballot Election;

AND WHEREAS the City of London passed a motion on November 2nd 2020 indicating they do not support the proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 specifically related to the removal of the option for municipalities to hold ranked ballot elections, and the principle of consultation before making changes that affect every municipality;

AND WHEREAS the use of Ranked Ballots has been shown to encourage a greater diversity of candidates including women, and racialized citizens
And whereas the Town of Halton Hills is embarking on a strategy to address inclusivity, racism and the actions recommended in the Truth and Reconciliation Report;

AND WHEREAS every political party in Ontario uses a ranked ballot voting system to elect its leader, including the present provincial leadership;.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is requested to amend Bill 128 by removing the elimination of a Ranked Ballot Election option;

AND FURTHER THAT the provincial government meaningfully consult with municipalities on municipal issues before introducing legislative changes of this magnitude;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Halton's MPP's , Leaders of Provincial Opposition Parties, AMO, Halton Region, Halton's local municipalities and the Municipalities of London, Kingston, Cambridge, and Barrie.

Mayor Rick Bonnette