



**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, March 22, 2021**

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 2:00 p.m., with Mayor R. Bonnette in the Chair and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and Via Zoom.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor R. Bonnette,  
(EP-Electronic Participation) Councillor C. Somerville (EP), Councillor J. Fogal (EP),  
Councillor M. Albano (EP), Councillor J. Hurst (EP),  
Councillor T. Brown (EP), Councillor B. Lewis,  
Councillor W. Farrow-Reed (EP), Councillor M. Johnson (EP),  
Councillor B. Inglis (EP), Councillor A. Lawlor (EP)

**STAFF PRESENT** C. Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer,  
(Open Session) J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development,  
(E – Electronically Present) W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks (E),  
J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services (E),  
M.J. Leighton, Town Treasurer & Director of Finance (E),  
B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works  
(E),  
V. Petryniak, Town Clerk

**\* Denotes Change From Council Agenda**

**1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor R. Bonnette called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**2. CLOSED MEETING/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS**

NIL

**3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

NIL

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4.1 Explore the Hills Contest**

Mayor Bonnette announced that the Town is taking further action to support local businesses. An “Explore the Hills” contest has been implemented as an incentive for residents to support our local business. The deadline to enter this contest is March 31, 2021.

**4.2 Highway 413**

Councillor J. Fogal announced that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Georgetown is partnering with the Halton Hills Public Library to put on an expert panel discussion regarding Highway 413. This discussion will take place on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. it is a free event but people are requested to register for the event on the Halton Hills Public Library website [www.hhpl.on.ca/hwy413](http://www.hhpl.on.ca/hwy413).

**5. EMERGENCY BUSINESS MATTERS**

NIL

**6. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

NIL

**7. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

NIL

**8. RESOLUTION PREPARED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) OF COUNCIL**

Resolution No. 2021-0059

Moved by: Councillor J. Hurst

Seconded by: Councillor M. Johnson

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

8.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 1, 2021.

8.2 Public Meeting (2021-0001) dated March 1, 2021.

8.3 Public Meeting (2021-0002) dated March 1, 2021.

8.4 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021.

8.5 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 1, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**9. GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Resolution No. 2021-0060

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

**CARRIED**

**Mayor R. Bonnette assumed the role of Presiding Officer.**

**9.1 Delegations/Presentations regarding items in General Committee**

**9.1.a Herbert Arnold of Arnold, Foster LLP**

Mr. Arnold advised staff prior to the Council Meeting that he wished to rescind his request to delegate.

## **9.2 Municipal Officers Reports to be Considered by General Committee**

### **9.2.a OFFICE OF THE CAO REPORT NO. ADMIN-2021-0016 dated March 5, 2021 regarding the results from the Town's Public Engagement platform on Urban Chickens.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0031

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2021-0016, dated March 5, 2021 regarding the results from the Town's Public Engagement platform on Urban Chickens be received:

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare a public consultation process in order to determine appropriate requirements for a backyard chicken policy within the Town of Halton Hills.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **9.2.b OFFICE OF THE CAO REPORT NO. ADMIN-2021-0018 dated March 12, 2021 regarding Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 Applications.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0032

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2021-0018 dated March 12, 2021 regarding the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 Applications be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the two project applications submitted by the Town of Halton Hills to the province on March 12, 2021 under the provincial Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 as outlined in Report No. ADMIN-2021-0018, namely the Online/Mobile Transit Booking and Scheduling Project and the Property Tax System On-Line Services and Website Modernization Project.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.c CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2021-0005 dated March 22, 2021 regarding Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and Others during the Year 2020.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0033

THAT Report CORPSERV-2021-0005 dated March 22, 2021 regarding Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and Others during the Year 2020 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the attached Treasurer's statement on the remuneration and expenses paid to Members of Council, Local Boards and Committees in 2020 be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.d CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2021-0008 regarding the Transfer Payment Agreement for Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) – Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding be received as information.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0034

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2021-0008, regarding the Transfer Payment Agreement for Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) – Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding be received as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk and Director of Legislative Services be authorized to sign the 'Transfer Payment Agreement for the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) – Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding';

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to bring forward a By-law to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement between the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Town of Halton Hills.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.e PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. PD-2021-0013 dated February 24, 2021 regarding the Stewarttown Secondary Plan - Award of Contract.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0035

That Report No. PD-2021-0013 dated February 24, 2021 regarding the Stewarttown Secondary Plan - Award of Contract be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the award of the Request for Proposal for the Stewarttown Secondary Plan to MacNaughton Hermesen Britton Clarkson Planning (MHBC), 442 Brant Street, Suite 204, Burlington, ON, L7R2G4 in the amount of \$211,970.85 (excluding HST);

AND FURTHER THAT the Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management be authorized to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$211,970.85 (excluding HST) to MacNaughton Hermesen Britton Clarkson Planning (MHBC), 442 Brant Street, Suite 204, Burlington, ON, L7R2G4, for consulting services for the Stewarttown Secondary Plan as per Request for Proposal #P-006-21;

AND FURTHER THAT the capital budget for Stewarttown the Secondary Plan (7300-22-1001) be increased by \$65,702; from \$150,000 to \$215,702; and that the additional funding requirement of \$65,702 be financed by transferring \$43,899 from the General Government Development Charges Reserve, and \$3,406 from the New Capital Reserve, and \$18,397 from the Strategic Planning Reserve, as set out in PD-2021-0013.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.f RECREATION AND PARKS REPORT NO. RP-2021-0005 dated March 05, 2021 regarding the Scattering of Cremated Remains and River Offerings.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0036

THAT Report No RP-2021-0005 dated March 05, 2021 regarding the Scattering of Cremated Remains and River Offerings be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the practices and policies for Option 1: Educational/Stewardship Approach with respect to the placement of cremated remains and river offerings in waterways from Town properties as outlined in Report RP-2021-0005;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council regarding the implementation of Option 1: Educational/Stewardship Approach and additional monitoring of park locations in 2021 per Report RP-2021-0005.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.g RECREATION AND PARKS REPORT NO. RP-2021-0006 dated March 8, 2021, for the Award of Tender T-004-21 for Rental of Portable Toilets (on behalf of the Halton Co-operative Purchasing Group).**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0037

THAT Report Number RP-2021-0006, dated March 8, 2021, for the Award of Tender T-004-21 for Rental of Portable Toilets (on behalf of the Halton Co-operative Purchasing Group) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Chantler's Environmental Services Limited, 9426 Wellington Road 22, Hillsburgh, ON NOB 1Z0, be awarded tender T-004-21 at an estimated annual limit of \$35,305, excluding HST, for the first – 2-year term, as well as the additional three (3) – 1-year optional renewal period;

AND FURTHER THAT the Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management be authorized to issue a purchase order to Chantler's Environmental Services Limited., 9426 Wellington Road, 22 Hillsburgh, ON NOB 1Z0, for the first two-year term in the estimated annual amount of \$35,305 plus applicable taxes, and for each of the three (3) additional 1-year optional renewal period exercised.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.h TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT NO. TPW-2021-0007 dated March 3, 2021, regarding the 2021 Traffic Engineering Work Plan.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0038

THAT Report No. TPW-2021-0007, dated March 3, 2021, regarding the 2021 Traffic Engineering Work Plan, be received;

AND FURTHER that the 2021 Traffic Engineering Work Plan is contingent on traffic data collection that is not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT new service requests be prioritized based on safety considerations, community impact and budget implications, and added to the Plan where feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT staff will report back to Council with a status update of the 2021 Traffic Engineering Work Plan in Q4 of 2021.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.i PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. PD-2021-0020 dated March 17, 2021, regarding the Provincial Consultation on Growing the Greenbelt.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0039

THAT Report No. PD-2021-0020, dated March 17, 2021, regarding the Provincial Consultation on Growing the Greenbelt, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse comments, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, to be submitted to the Province in advance of the commenting deadline of April 19, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province highlight the Credit River along the Georgetown Urban Boundary such that lands on the south and west side are subject to the Greenbelt Plan Urban River Valley policies;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Halton, the Local Municipalities of Burlington, Milton and Oakville, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, and the Grand River Conservation Authority.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**



- 9.2.j PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. PD-2021-0009 dated March 18, 2021, regarding the Retention of a private easement over open space lands to be dedicated to the Town through registration of the Eden Oak subdivision (The Chase) which would facilitate a sanitary connection to a remnant parcel (106 Park St. East)(Glen Williams).**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0040

THAT Report No. PD-2021-0009 (Revised), dated March 18, 2021, regarding the “Retention of a private easement over open space lands to be dedicated to the Town through registration of the Eden Oak subdivision (The Chase) which would facilitate a sanitary connection to a remnant parcel (106 Park St. East)(Glen Williams)”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the retention of a permanent easement over part of Block 34 in favour of Eden Oak in order to grant subsurface rights to connect the remnant parcel located at 106 Park Street East to the Halton Region municipal sanitary sewer system in a form satisfactory to the Town;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize Town staff, together with the Town Solicitor, to advise the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) that the Town is agreeable to the conveyance of part of Block 34 being subject to the private servicing easement, in a form satisfactory to the Town, with a corresponding modification to conveyance condition, being Condition 8 to the Conditions of Draft Plan Approval, together with taking all steps at the LPAT as may be necessary to obtain such modification.

**CARRIED**

- 9.2.k CORPORATE SERVICES MEMORANDUM NO. CORPSERV-2021-0001 dated March 1, 2021 regarding 2021 COVID-19 Tax Deferral.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0041

THAT Memorandum No. CORPSERV-2021-0001 dated March 1, 2021 regarding 2021 COVID-19 Tax Deferral be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.l CORPORATE SERVICES MEMORANDUM NO. CORPSERV-2021-0002 dated March 3, 2021 regarding Annual Development Charges Indexing.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0042

THAT Memorandum No. CORPSERV-2021-0002 dated March 3, 2021 regarding Annual Development Charges Indexing be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.m PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM NO. PD-2021-0001 dated March 16, 2021 regarding Premier Gateway Phase 1B Secondary Plan Approval.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0043

THAT Memorandum No. PD-2021-0001 dated March 16, 2021 regarding Premier Gateway Phase 1B Secondary Plan Approval be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.n RECREATION AND PARKS MEMORANDUM NO. RP-2021-0002 dated March 10, 2021 regarding Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Community Initiatives.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0044

THAT Memorandum No. RP-2021-0002 dated March 10, 2021 regarding Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Community Initiatives be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9.2.o      TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS MEMORANDUM NO.  
TPW-2021-0001 dated March 3, 2021 regarding Annual  
Province Wide School Crossing Guard Day - March 24, 2021.**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0045

THAT Memorandum No. TPW-2021-0001 dated March 3, 2021 regarding Annual Province Wide School Crossing Guard Day - March 24, 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9.3      Adjourn back into Council**

Recommendation No. GC-2021-0046

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

**CARRIED**

**10.      REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED FROM GENERAL  
COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL**

Resolution No. 2021-0061

Moved by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

Seconded by: Councillor B. Lewis

THAT the recommendations regarding the Reports & Memorandums from the Monday, March 22, 2021 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted:

GC-2021-0031 As Amended,

GC-2021-0032, GC-2021-0033

GC-2021-0034, GC-2021-0035

GC-2021-0036, GC-2021-0037

GC-2021-0038, GC-2021-0039 As Amended

GC-2021-0040, GC-2021-0041

GC-2021-0042, GC-2021-0043

GC-2021-0044, GC-2021-0045

**CARRIED**

## **11. RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF ADVISORY/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Resolution No. 2021-0062

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor T. Brown

THAT the following minutes are hereby received for information:

- 11.1 Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Meeting held on February 3, 2021.
- 11.2 Minutes of the Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management Meeting held on February 9, 2021.
- 11.3 Minutes of the Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting held on February 10, 2021.
- 11.4 Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on February 17, 2021.
- 11.5 Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 18, 2021.

**CARRIED**

## **12. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/MOTIONS**

### **12.1 Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

Resolution No. 2021-0063

Moved by: Councillor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial government announced in January 2021 that the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst will be closed effective March 31, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option besides Regional Training Centres to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications;

AND WHEREAS this closure effects many Fire Services across the Province as the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst, as the Ontario Fire College is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents;

AND FURTHER THAT if the Province of Ontario does not reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst, Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests that the Province provides a fully funded framework that enables firefighters to receive the necessary certifications and training through the Regional Training Centre model;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP; the Ontario Fire Marshall Jon Pegg, AMO, FCM, Town of Milton, Town of Oakville, City of Burlington, Halton Region.

**CARRIED**

## **12.2 Suicide Prevention Hotline (988)**

Resolution No. 2021-0064

Moved by: Councillor T. Brown

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Halton Hills recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Chong, MP for Wellington-Halton Hills, Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills, the Minister of Health, the CRTC, Town of Milton, Town of Oakville, City of Burlington, Halton Region, FCM and AMO.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADVANCE NOTICE OF MOTION**

NIL

**14. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE**

Councillor C. Somerville highlighted Pages 41-42 of the General Information Package correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability and requested that staff look into this matter.

C. Mills stated that staff would bring back a report or motion on this matter.

Resolution No. 2021-0065

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

THAT the General Information Package dated March 22, 2021 be received.

**CARRIED**

**15. MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

NIL

**16. RECESS**

Mayor R. Bonnette called for a recess at 3:37 p.m.

**17. STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING(s) - Start time 6:00 p.m.**

**17.1 PUBLIC MEETING - 16 and 18 Mill Street (Georgetown)  
Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit the  
development of a 6-storey, 52-unit residential apartment building at  
16 and 18 Mill Street (Georgetown).**

Public Meeting Minutes (2021-0003) dated March 22, 2021 attached as  
Appendix A to these minutes.

**17.1.a PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. PD-2021-0014  
dated March 8, 2021, regarding Public Meeting for proposed  
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to permit the  
development of a 6-storey, 52-unit residential apartment  
building at 16 and 18 Mill Street (Georgetown).**

Resolution No. 2021-0066

Moved by: Councillor M. Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT Report No. PD-2021-0014, dated March 8, 2021, regarding  
Public Meeting for proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law  
Amendments to permit the development of a 6-storey, 52-unit  
residential apartment building at 16 and 18 Mill Street  
(Georgetown)", be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all agency and public comments be referred  
to staff for a further report regarding the disposition of this matter.

**CARRIED**

**18. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

Resolution No. 2021-0067

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

THAT the following Bills are hereby passed by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the said by-laws and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto:

**BY-LAW NO. 2021-0010**

A By-law to Amend By-law No. 93-174 being a By-law that establishes a Board of Management for the Georgetown Business Improvement Area – Board of Management Membership.

**BY-LAW NO. 2021-0011**

A By-law to Amend By-law No. 93-175 being a By-law that establishes a Board of Management for the Acton Central Business Improvement Area – Board of Management Membership.

**BY-LAW NO. 2021-0012**

A By-law to authorize the Town to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), regarding the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) – Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding for the transfer of Safe Restart Agreement Revenues.

**BY-LAW NO. 2021-0013**

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 22nd day of March, 2021 and to authorize its execution.

**CARRIED**



**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2021-0068

Moved by: Councillor B. Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

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Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK