

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday July 6, 2021

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 6th day of July, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 1:00 p.m., with Mayor R. Bonnette in the Chair. A motion was passed at 9:36 p.m. to postpone this meeting to a certain time (defer) to Tuesday July 13th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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

REGRETS Councillor T. Brown, Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

STAFF PRESENT (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present) C. Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks (E), M. Southern, Chief Librarian (E), V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works (E), L. Lancaster, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services (E), J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services (E), Moya Jane Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer (E), J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development, B. Parker, Director of Planning & Sustainability

***Denotes Change from Special Council Agenda**

1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor R. Bonnette called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL

4. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. SGL Planning & Design Inc. and Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development – Town of Halton Hills provided opening remarks for Paul Lowes, Principal, SGL Planning & Design Inc.; Jamie Cook, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.; and Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. who made a presentation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

(Power point on file in the Clerks office.)

2. Melanie Frazer, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce

M. Frazer provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

3. Megan Suddergaard, Silver Creek Neighbourhood Association

M. Suddergaard provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

4. Gary Gregoris, Mattamy Homes

G. Gregoris provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

5. Jae River Truesdell, SmartCentres

J. River Truesdell provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

6. Sherri Thomson, Resident of Halton Hills

S. Thomson provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

7. Colin Chung, Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc.

C. Chung provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

8. Daniel Poirier, Resident of Halton Hills

D. Poirier did not provide their delegation.

9. Jenni LeForestier, Green Party of Canada

J. LeForestier provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

10. Stephanie Bush, Halton Environmental Network

Lisa Kohler, Halton Environmental Network provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review on behalf of Stephanie Bush.

11. Kim A Bradshaw, Sustainable Milton

K. Bradshaw provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

12. Monika Caemmerer, Resident of Halton Hills

M. Caemmerer provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

13. Davileen Radigan, Resident of Halton Hills

D. Radigan provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

Recessed at 4:55 p.m.

Reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

- 14. Nancy Comber, Halton Region Federation of Agriculture**

N. Comber provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 15. Gary Cralle, Resident of Halton Hills**

G. Cralle provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 16. Peter Lambrick, Halton Region Federation of Agriculture**

P. Lambrick provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 17. Janel Bascom, Resident of Halton Hills**

J. Bascom provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 18. Spencer Lipka, Resident of Halton Hills**

S. Lipka provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 19. Andrew Kunica, Falgarbrook Farm**

A. Kunica provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 20. Frank Varga, Halton Nine Grain Farm Ltd.**

F. Varga provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.
- 21. Robert McClure, Farm Owner Operator**

R. McClure provided a delegation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review.

Recessed at 6:48 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

5. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. REPORT NO. PD-2021-0045

THAT Report No. PD-2021-0045 dated June 26, 2021 regarding the Halton Region Official Plan Review – Growth Concepts be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town continue to advance a three-pronged growth strategy to the 2051 planning horizon comprised of the following elements:

- Intensification inside the Georgetown and Acton Built Up Area (BUA) with a focus on key strategic growth areas such as the Georgetown GO Station/Mill Street Corridor, Downtown Georgetown, the Civic Centre District, the Guelph Street Corridor and Downtown Acton/Acton GO in accordance with locally approved policies as may be updated from time to time;
- Compact residential and mixed-use development within Designated Greenfield Areas (DGA);
- Development within designated Employment Areas;

AND FURTHER THAT the Region be advised that the general scale of growth associated with Concept 2 (70% Densification, Limited Greenfield Expansion) is considered to align with the general direction in the Town's Strategic Plan and three-pronged growth strategy;

AND FURTHER THAT in keeping with the findings and objectives of the Town's Employment Lands Needs Study (2020), Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (2021), Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy (2020), and the Business Concierge Program (2021), the Region of Halton be advised that Council is supportive of the provision of approximately 450 to 500 hectares of additional employment lands within the Town to the 2051 planning horizon;

AND FURTHER THAT building on the strategic location, development and investment attraction momentum, and designation as a Provincially Significant Employment Zone in accordance with A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway be prioritized for the location of additional employment lands to the 2051 planning horizon;

AND FURTHER THAT in keeping with the complete communities provisions of A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as well as the general direction set out in the Town's Strategic Plan, the Region of Halton be advised that Council is supportive of a modest expansion to the Georgetown Urban Area, similar in scale to that approved through the Sustainable Halton process (ROPA 38 and OPA 10) of approximately 400 hectares to accommodate compact residential and mixed use development once the existing DGA are substantially built out in the mid to late 2030s along with providing opportunities for the proposed redevelopment of the Georgetown Hospital;

AND FURTHER THAT any new additional urban lands be subject to appropriate phasing policies to ensure a seamless and moderate scale and pace of development is in keeping with the direction set in the Town's Strategic Plan and Official Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT development be in accordance with the Town's Green Development Standards as updated from time to time and low carbon opportunities continue to be pursued in keeping with the direction set out in the Town's Strategic Plan, the Official Plan and the Low Carbon Transition Strategy once finalized;

AND FURTHER THAT the balance of the "whitebelt lands" in the Town of Halton Hills remain in the Agricultural System to the 2051 planning horizon;

AND FURTHER THAT the foregoing recommendations be utilized by the Region of Halton in the development of a Preferred Growth Concept for purposes of updating the Regional Official Plan to the 2051 planning horizon.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Councillor A. Lawlor

Amendment that the recommendations contained in Report No. PD-2021-0045 be amended to alter paragraph 3 by changing Concept 2 to Concept 3B. That paragraph 4, and 5 be removed and that paragraph 6 be amended by change 400 hectares to 200 hectares. Delete paragraph 9.

MOTION TO REFER BACK TO STAFF

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Councillor M. Johnson

MOTION TO DEFER (POSTPONE TO A SPECIFIC TIME)

Moved by: Councillor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hurst

At 9:36 p.m. the meeting was postponed to July 13th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Reconvene Tuesday July 13th

This meeting is being reconvened from the Tuesday July 6, 2021 Special Council meeting of which a motion was passed at 9:36 p.m. to postpone to a certain time (defer) to this date.

Council reconvened at 9:39 a.m. with Item 5.1 of these minutes on the floor.

Councillor J. Fogal withdrew the amendment that was on the floor when the meeting recessed on July 6th, 2021.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Remove paragraph 3 (listed below):

AND FURTHER THAT the Region be advised that the general scale of growth associated with Concept 2 (70% Densification, Limited Greenfield Expansion) is considered to align with the general direction in the Town's Strategic Plan and three-pronged growth strategy;

Replace paragraph 4 with what is listed below:

AND FURTHER THAT in keeping with the general findings and objectives of the Town's Employment Lands Needs Study (2020), Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (2021), Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy (2020), and the Business Concierge Program (2021), the Region of Halton be advised that Council is supportive of the provision of approximately 350 gross hectares of additional employment lands net of the Natural Heritage System within the Town to the 2051 planning horizon;

Replace paragraph 6 with what is listed below:

AND FURTHER THAT in keeping with the complete communities provisions of A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as well as the general direction set out in the Town's Strategic Plan, the Region of Halton be advised that Council is supportive of a modest expansion to the Georgetown Urban Area, similar in scale to that

approved through the Sustainable Halton process (ROPA 38 and OPA 10) of approximately 350 gross hectares net of the Natural Heritage System to accommodate compact residential and mixed use development once the existing DGA are substantially built out in the mid to late 2030s along with providing opportunities for the proposed redevelopment of the Georgetown Hospital;

Add the paragraph below after paragraph 6:

AND FURTHER THAT any phasing provisions do not preclude the early redevelopment of the Georgetown Hospital and other ancillary uses, and Region of Halton be requested to work with the Town of Halton Hills, Halton Healthcare, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and other stakeholders to expedite the proposed redevelopment of the Georgetown Hospital;

Remove paragraph 10 (listed below):

AND FURTHER THAT the balance of the “whitebelt lands” in the Town of Halton Hills remain in the Agricultural System to the 2051 planning horizon;

Add the paragraphs below after paragraph 10:

AND FURTHER THAT the Region of Halton be requested to work with the Town of Halton Hills, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Halton Region Federation of Agriculture, the farming community and other key rural stakeholders to develop policies that recognize and enhance the role of the farming community in maintaining key natural heritage features and the broader Natural Heritage System, as well as good farming practices and the contribution it can have on reducing the effects of climate change;

AND FURTHER THAT the Region of Halton be requested to work with the Town of Halton Hills and the farming community and other rural stakeholders on maintaining and growing the viability of farming in Halton Region, especially in near urban areas on a variety of issues including potable water supply, farm equipment traffic movement, runoff and drainage, and other farming conflicts;

Voting in Favor: Councillor A. Lawlor, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor J. Hurst, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor M. Johnson, Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor B. Lewis, Councillor C. Somerville, and Councillor M. Albano

Absent: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, and Councillor T. Brown

Carried (9-0)

AMENDED MOTION

Resolution No. 2021-0150

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

THAT Report No. PD-2021-0045 dated June 30 2021 regarding the Halton Region Official Plan Review – Growth Concepts be received;

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- Compact residential and mixed-use development within Designated Greenfield Areas (DGA);
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AND FURTHER THAT in keeping with the general findings and objectives of the Town's Employment Lands Needs Study (2020), Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (2021), Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy (2020), and the Business Concierge Program (2021), the Region of Halton be advised that Council is supportive of the provision of approximately 350 gross hectares of additional employment lands net of the Natural Heritage System within the Town to the 2051 planning horizon;

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AND FURTHER THAT the foregoing recommendations be utilized by the Region of Halton in the development of a Preferred Growth Concept for purposes of updating the Regional Official Plan to the 2051 planning horizon.

Voting in Favor: Councillor A. Lawlor, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor J. Hurst, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor M. Johnson, Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor B. Lewis, Councillor C. Somerville, and Councillor M. Albano

Absent: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, and Councillor T. Brown

Carried (9-0)

6. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2021-0151

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

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. 2021-0034

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on the 6th day of July, 2021 and to authorize its execution.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2021-0152

Moved by: Councillor B. Lewis

Seconded by: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 11:06 a.m. on Tuesday July 13th, 2021.

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK