



**THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS  
Special Council**

**Resolution Number**

**Title:** REPORT NO. PD-2021-0045

**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021

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**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;

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 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;

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 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;

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;

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 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;

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.



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Mayor Rick Bonnette