



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 23, 2023

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 23rd day of January, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 2:00 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair reconvened into Open Session at 3:31 p.m.

MEMBERS
PRESENT:
(EP-Electronic
Participation)

Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville (EP), Councillor J. Fogal (EP)(Present for items 13 to 18), Councillor M. Albano, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor J. Racinsky, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene

STAFF PRESENT
(Open Session)
(E – Electronically
Present)

C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Damaso, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks (E), J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works (E), L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services (E), M.J. Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer (E), V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, Damian Szybalski, Commissioner of Business, Environment & Culture (E), J. Rehill, Commissioner & Fire Chief (E)

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. CLOSED MEETING/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Resolution No. 2023-0001

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano
Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills meet in closed session in order to address the following matters:

2.1 REPORT NO. PD-2023-0004 dated January 23, 2023 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (OLT)

CARRIED

3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Resolution No. 2023-0002

Moved by: Councillor A. Hilson
Seconded by: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills reconvene this meeting in open session.

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:31 p.m.

4. NATIONAL ANTHEM

5. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Georgetown Slo-Pitch League Donation

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

Georgetown Slo-Pitch League has been operating in the Town of Halton Hills for over 30 years as a non-profit organization and they have generously donated to many Town projects during that time. Projects that have benefitted from their contributions include: construction of the first ball diamond at Trafalgar Sports Park, Lighting for that ball diamond, dugout covers for diamonds at Gellert Community Park, and donations for general ball diamond improvements at various locations.

Most recently, they were part of a joint effort with Halton Hills Minor Baseball to raise funds for the 3 additional premium diamonds that opened at Trafalgar Sports Park in 2020 as part of the Field of Dreams project. Their collaborative effort raised more than \$350,000 for the community.

Today, members of the Georgetown Slo-Pitch League executive are here with a donation of \$50,000 for the 2nd Phase of the Field of Dreams Project, which is the main washroom building that's being constructed in the park this year.

We are grateful to the group and very pleased to receive this donation.

I know that you'll join me in thanking the Georgetown Slo-Pitch League for their generosity and dedication to our community. I would like to now invite Peter Wanner to the podium to say a few words on behalf of Georgetown Slo-Pitch League, after which we will have a presentation of the cheque by the group.

2. Halton Hills Invites Residents to Participate in Black History Month Programs

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

Next week marks the start of Black History Month. The Town of Halton Hills and Halton Hills Public Library are offering a series of free programs for residents to celebrate the contributions of Black Canadians.

I invite the community to take part in these programs, which spotlight Black creativity across artistic disciplines, and to learn from the lived experiences of the artists.

Among programs available to the public, the Helson Gallery will present "Women and Growth," and the work of artist Sheryl Keen. As well, the Halton Hills Public Library is challenging the community to read as many books by Black authors as possible through the Reading Blackout Challenge. Follow the Library's social media for recommendations.

Residents can also sign up for “Clef Notes to Canvas,” a hands-on painting workshop, hosted in partnership with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton. Please note that registration is required and space is limited for this event.

The Town partners with artists and community-led cultural organizations throughout the year in order to foster understanding through learning, and to make Halton Hills a more inclusive and equitable place to live, work, create and play. I encourage everyone to take advantage of all these resources and to participate in the upcoming Black History Month activities.

For details, visit haltonhills.ca/blackhistorymonth.

7. EMERGENCY BUSINESS MATTERS

NIL

8. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL

9. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

NIL

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

Resolution No. 2023-0003

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

10.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday December 12, 2022.

10.2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday December 12, 2022.

10.3 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Monday December 12, 2022.

CARRIED

11. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

Item No. 11.1 was moved to General Committee for discussion.

Resolution No. 2023-0004

Moved by: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded by: Councillor R. Norris

2. 2021 Census Information

THAT Report No. PD-2023-0001 dated December 22, 2022, regarding 2021 Census Information be received for information.

CARRIED

12. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2023-0005

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor B. Inglis assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

12.1. Delegations/Presentations regarding items in General Committee

a. Shawn Ashley, Director, CX Advisory – CSPN

S. Ashley provided a presentation to General Committee regarding Service Delivery Review and Customer Service Strategy Recommendations with Opening Remarks by Susan Silver, Senior Advisor, Continuous Improvement.

(Refer to Item No. 12.2.a, Report No. ADMIN-2023-0002. Presentation on file with the Clerks Office.)

b. Joan Griffin, Glen Williams Community Association

J. Griffin delegated to General Committee regarding Recommendation Report for Town initiated amendments to the Town's Official Plan (OPA 49) to respond to changes to the Planning Act resulting from Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022.

(Refer to Item No. 12.2.d, Report No. PD-2023-0006)

12.2. Municipal Officers Reports to be Considered by General Committee

All Reports and Memorandums considered in General Committee will receive final disposition at the next Council meeting. Reports and Memorandums requiring immediate disposition at the January 23rd, 2023 meeting were considered an Emergency Action Item and are identified with an (EA) beside the title.

Resolution No. 2023-0006

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday January 23, 2023 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. ADMIN-2023-0002 (GC-2023-0001)

Report No. ADMIN-2023-0004 (GC-2023-0005)

Report No. ADMIN-2023-0007 (GC-2023-0006)

a. REPORT NO. ADMIN-2023-0002 (EA)

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0001

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-0002 dated January 23, 2023 regarding the Service Delivery Review and Customer Service Strategy Recommendations be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff post a copy of the findings and recommendations on the town's website no later than January 31, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT staff submit required final report documents (copy of Independent Third-Party Reviewer's report, link to report on town's website, project abstract, costs incurred, percentage of

service delivery reviewed as potential cost savings) under Schedule F of the transfer payment agreement signed with the province;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to review the recommendations contained in the CSPN Reports and report back with an implementation program based on available financial and staff resources.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2023-0001

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0002

That Report No. CORPSERV-2023-0001 dated January 5, 2023, regarding 2023 Single Source Awards be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2023 Single Source requests be awarded as per the list of suppliers attached as Schedule A;

AND FURTHER THAT the Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management be authorized to issue purchase orders in the amount indicated in the list of suppliers as outlined in Schedule A, plus HST.

c. REPORT NO. PD-2023-0002

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0003

THAT Report No. PD-2023-0003 dated January 4, 2023, regarding the Review of A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff continue to assess the outcomes of this Review as it relates to potential impacts to the Town's land use planning program;

AND FURTHER THAT staff provide further update reports to Council as may be appropriate.

d. REPORT NO. PD-2023-0006

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0004

THAT Report No. PD-2023-0006, dated January 10, 2023, regarding a “Recommendation Report for Town initiated amendments to the Town’s Official Plan (OPA 49) to respond to changes to the Planning Act resulting from Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment No. 49, which amends the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan as generally shown on SCHEDULE 1 – OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT 49, be adopted as an exempt local Official Plan Amendment;

AND FURTHER THAT the by-law requiring development applicants to undergo a pre-consultation process with the Town, as generally shown on SCHEDULE 2 – PRE-CONSULTATION BY-LAW, be enacted;

AND FURTHER THAT the necessary By-law be enacted to amend Site Plan Control By-law 2013-0070, as generally shown on SCHEDULE 3 – SITE PLAN CONTROL BY-LAW AMENDMENT;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to establish a new Pre-Submission Application type, which would be available to prospective applicants who wish to voluntarily work with the Town outside of the formal Planning Act application review timeframes established through Bill 109 to try and influence the best outcome for a development proposal.

e. REPORT NO. ADMIN-2023-0004 (EA)

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0005

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-0004 dated January 23, 2023 regarding Membership Appointment – Advisory Committees of Council be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enact the necessary by-law to appoint the members to the Town’s Advisory Committees of Council for the 2022-2026 Term.

CARRIED

f. REPORT NO. ADMIN-2023-0007 (EA)

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0006

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-0007 dated January 23, 2023 regarding Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management Membership 2022-2026, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the appointment of the board members to the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management as per Confidential Appendix A to this Report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enact the necessary by-law to appoint the members.

CARRIED

11.1. 2022 Municipal Election Town of Halton Hills Accessibility Plan – Final Report

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0007

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-0001 dated December 23, 2022, regarding 2022 Municipal Election Town of Halton Hills Accessibility Plan – Final Report, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. Adjourn back into Council

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0008

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

13. MOTIONS/PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

1. Bill 23 – The Build More Homes Faster Act

Resolution No. 2023-0007

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

WHEREAS Bill 23, the Build More Homes Faster Act was introduced on October 25th, the day after Municipal elections in Ontario at a time when councils were in a transition period and unable to respond to the legislation prior to passage of the legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) was not given an opportunity to present its concerns with Bill 23 to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy further eroding the municipal/provincial relationships;

AND WHEREAS the loss of revenue to the Town of Halton Hills as a result of Bill 23 is estimated at \$58 -\$87 million over 10 year which, without provincial compensation, will severely impact the provision of municipal services including transportation, parks and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the elimination of the Regional role in approval of official plans creates uncertainty around the planning for regional services to support the growth aspirations of the local municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the role of Conservation Authorities has been limited to natural hazards only, thereby precluding a broader role in providing expert advice and services to municipalities on natural heritage matters as part of the planning process;

AND WHEREAS AMO's evaluation concluded that there is no confidence that the measures in Bill 23 will do anything to improve the affordability of housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills urges the Provincial Government to repeal Bill 23;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Ted Arnott MPP, and AMO.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2. Rural Waste Pickup

Resolution No. 2023-0008

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

WHEREAS both waste and recyclables are currently picked up in Halton Hills urban areas and hamlets;

AND WHEREAS the rural areas currently have pick-up of recyclables and green cart organics only;

AND WHEREAS there has been interest among rural residents in having the Region include all forms of refuse and recyclables as is the case in the hamlets and urban area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills request a survey by the Region of Halton as suggested in PW-30-21 of the costs to add waste collection, including bulk pick-up in the rural areas of Halton Hills that presently do not have that service and report back to Halton Hills

AND FURTHER THAT the Region as part of the survey look at programs such as a “Bag tag” or other similar user pay programs as waste pick up solutions;

AND FURTHER THAT Halton Region work with Halton Hills staff and ward 2 Councillors on the timing and location of open houses and communications on this matter.

CARRIED

3. War on Graffiti

Resolution No. 2023-0009

Moved by: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS Halton Hills has had a proliferation of graffiti on both town owned and privately held buildings, utility boxes and other infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Town has been actively promoting public art across the community and has been making investments to beautify utility boxes and other areas;

AND WHEREAS the Acton and Georgetown Business Improvement Areas (BIA's) spend considerable time and resources on beautification and clean-up of our downtown business areas;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills public art policy has been popular with our residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town Staff begin consultation with the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, Acton and Georgetown BIA on solutions to eradicate graffiti and;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to council on options such as charge back costs on utility boxes as well as communication options for the public to report incidents of graffiti.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. Source Protection Committee Endorsement

Resolution No. 2023-0010

Moved by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS on April 13, 2016 Halton Region approved Report No. PW-07-16 to endorse the nomination of the Supervisor, Municipal Water Resources (Risk Management Official) of the Public Works Department to represent the collective interest of Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Peel Region and the City of Mississauga on the Source Protection Committee for the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Clerk forwarded a copy of Report No. PW-07-16 to the named municipalities requesting an endorsement of Halton Region representing their interests on the Source Protection Committee for the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region;

AND WHEREAS the term of this position is set to expire on January 31, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 288/07 Section 2. (2.) states that the municipal members appointed by the Source Protection Authority must represent the interests of the municipalities that are located, in whole or in part, in the Source Protection Region;

AND WHEREAS the Source Protection Committee must appoint the person jointly submitted by the municipalities in a group for a four year term to align with the municipal election cycle of which there are no term limits and source protection members can be reappointed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Halton Hills endorses the nomination of Supervisor, Municipal Water Resources (Risk Management Official), Public Works Department, Halton

Region to represent the collective interest of Halton Region, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville, Peel Region and the City of Mississauga on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.

CARRIED

14. ADVANCE NOTICE OF MOTION

Town's Net Zero Strategy by 2030 – Councillor J. Brass

15. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2023-0011

Moved by: Councillor J. Racinsky

Seconded by: Councillor D. Keene

THAT the General Information Package dated January 23, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

16. MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2023-0012

Moved by: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hilson

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Reports from the Monday January 23rd, 2023 Closed Session of Council are hereby adopted as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT staff carry out any of Council's direction on these matters as set out in the Confidential minutes dated January 23, 2023.

Report No. PD-2023-0004

CARRIED

17. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2023-0013

Moved by: Councillor C. Garneau

Seconded by: Councillor J. Racinsky

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. 2023-0002

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. 2023-0003

A By-Law to authorize the imposition of special charges under the Retrofit Halton Hills Pilot Program in accordance with Ontario Regulation 586/06 on 51 James Young Drive (the “Benefitting Property”).

BY-LAW NO. 2023-0004

A By-Law to Appoint Inspectors for the Enforcement of the Building Code Act for the Town of Halton Hills.

BY-LAW NO. 2023-0006

A By-Law to appoint members to the 2022-2026 term for the Town’s Advisory Committees of Council.

BY-LAW NO. 2023-0005

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 23rd day of January, 2023 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-0014

Moved by: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded by: Councillor J. Brass

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK