



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday November 20, 2023

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 20th day of November, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 1:00 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair reconvened into Open Session at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass (1:09 p.m.), Councillor J. Racinsky, Councillor C. Garneau, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene

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

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2023-0217

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano
Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

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

2.2 OFFICE OF THE CAO MEMORANDUM NO. ADMIN-2023-004 dated November 20, 2023 regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Regulatory Process).

CARRIED

3. OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2023-0218

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky
Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

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

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:05 p.m.

1. O CANADA

2. 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.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

4. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMERGENCY MATTERS)

1. Acton Citizen's Band Christmas Concert

Councillor A. Hilson announced the following:

The Acton Citizen's band is doing their Christmas Concert on Saturday December 2nd at 1 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall.

2. Stuffed Stocking Auction

Councillor A. Hilson announced the following:

The Stuffed Stocking Auction is being held December 3rd at 1 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall. Myself, Councillor Albano and the Mayor have stockings that we are auctioning off for a good cause.

Councillor Somerville noted the following:

This is a tremendous event and I would recommend for everyone to check it out. It's a lot of fun with local auctioneer Doug Donaldson.

3. Santa Clause Parades & Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

The Santa Clause parades were hosted this past weekend for both Acton and Georgetown. It was lovely to travel down the main streets and see thousands of people enjoying the beginning of the holiday season. The Salvation Army launched their Kettle Campaign with a target of \$90,000. I invite you to support that initiative as well as the many others that are happening over the holiday season.

5. PUBLIC MEETING

1. 2024 Rates and Fees

a. REPORT NO. TPW-2023-031

Resolution No. 2023-0219

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT Report No. TPW-2023-031, dated November 20, 2023 regarding 2024 Building Services Division Fees, be received.

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GENERAL COMMITTEE ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Resolution No. 2023-0220

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday October 30, 2023 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

REPORT NO. ADMIN-2023-030 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0146)

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-030 dated October 18, 2023 regarding Advisory Committees of Council – Terms of Reference be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Committee as set out in Appendix A;

AND FURTHER THAT these Terms of Reference be enacted for the 2022-2026 term.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. ADMIN-2023-031 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0147)

THAT the Report No. ADMIN-2023-031 dated October 13, 2023, regarding the Town of Halton Hills 2023-2027 Multi-year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopt the Town of Halton Hills 2023-2027 Multi-year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) (Appendix A).

CARRIED

REPORT NO. PD-2023-069 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0149)

That Report No. PD-2023-069, dated October 13, 2023, regarding Amendment of Designating By-law No. 2010-0061 (Cedarvale) and Interpretation Opportunities be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to amend By-law 2010-0061 in accordance with Appendix D and in accordance with Section 30.1(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT, although the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills is not required to provide written notice of the proposed amendment in accordance with Section 30.1(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, public notice will be provided due to the site's significant cultural heritage value and associated stakeholder interest;

AND FURTHER THAT the amended Designating By-law for the property at 181-185 Main Street as contained within Appendix D of this report be brought forward to Council for adoption;

AND FURTHER THAT Council amend the original Designating By-law for the property at 181-185 Main Street, By-law 2010-0061, as contained within Appendix D of this report.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. RP-2023-010 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0150)

THAT Report No. RP-2023-010 regarding Fairy Lake Water Quality Study Update dated October 13, 2023 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fairy Lake Water Quality Update Report 2021-2022 dated May 2023 (Appendix B) be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to undertake public and stakeholder consultation to obtain feedback on the management recommendations contained in the Fairy Lake Water Quality Update Report;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff report back on the results of public consultation related to the recommendations contained within the Fairy Lake Water Quality Update Report for final Council Approval;

AND FURTHER THAT implementation of the recommendations of the Fairy Lake Water Quality Update Report be referred to Budget Committee.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. RP-2023-014 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0151)

That Report No. RP-2023-014 dated October 13, 2023 regarding the Gellert Park Expansion - Final Concept Approval be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Gellert Park Expansion – Final Concept (Appendix D) and direct staff to proceed with detailed park design for the “Park Expansion Phase” (Appendix E);

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with a detailed funding strategy for the Gellert Park Expansion – Final Concept.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. RP-2023-015 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0152)

THAT Report No. RP-2023-015 dated October 13, 2023, regarding Air Supported Dome – Request for Expression of Interest be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to issue a Request for Expression of Interest for a third party private-public partnership to supply, install, maintain, and operate a seasonal air supported sports dome, as outlined in Report RP-2023-015;

AND FURTHER THAT the Request for Expression of Interest include considerations for air supported structures for court sports (pickleball/tennis/basketball/volleyball), for field sports (soccer/baseball), for indoor training, or for a multi-sport combination of the sports listed;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council on the results of the Request for Expression of Interest;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include considerations for a potential sports dome into the detailed design process for Gellert Community Park expansion and the Trafalgar Sports Park Master Plan Update, pending additional information received through the Expression of Interest process.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. TPW-2023-028 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0154)

THAT Report No. TPW-2023-028, dated September 22, 2023, regarding the 5 Side Road School Zone Traffic Calming, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposed traffic calming measures identified within the Pineview School Zone be implemented (subject to budget approval);

AND FURTHER THAT the budget for 6100-16-0103 School Zone Traffic Calming Program be increased by \$39,000 and that the increase be funded from the Capital Replacement reserve.

CARRIED

MEMORANDUM NO. PD-2023-006 (Recommendation No. GC-2023-0155)

THAT Report No. PD-2023-006 dated October 2, 2023 regarding ROPA 49 – Province Winding Back Changes to Official Plans be received.

CARRIED

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2023-0221

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

7.1 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday October 23, 2023.

7.2 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday October 30, 2023.

7.3 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday October 30, 2023.

7.4 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday November 6, 2023.

7.5 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday November 6, 2023. (10:00 a.m.)

7.6 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday November 6, 2023. (1:00 p.m.)

7.7 Confidential Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday November 13, 2023.

7.8 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday November 13, 2023.

7.9 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday November 13, 2023.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

1. Ministry of Transportation

Jonathan McGarry, MTO and Jay Goldberg, WSP presented to Council regarding Highway 413 update with opening remarks provided by Bill Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works, Town of Halton Hills.

(Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar](#) page)

2. Rishia Burke, Community Development Halton

R. Burke delegated to Council regarding Guaranteed Livable Income Motion.

(Refer to Item No. 13.1. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar](#) page)

3. Dania Thurman, Food4Kids Halton

D. Thurman delegated to Council regarding Guaranteed Livable Income Motion.

(Refer to Item No. 13.1)

9. CONSENT ITEMS

NIL

10. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2023-0223

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor M. Albano assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

a. Deloitte

Trudy Parsons, Deloitte presented to General Committee regarding Council's Strategic Plan DRAFT with opening remarks provided by Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer.

(Refer to Item No. 10.2.a, Report No. ADMIN-2023-033. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar](#) page)

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

All Reports and Memorandums considered in General Committee will receive final disposition at the next Council meeting. Reports and Memorandums requiring immediate disposition at this meeting will be considered an immediate Action Item and will be identified with an (IA) beside the title.

a. REPORT NO. ADMIN-2023-033

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0157

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-033 dated November 20, 2023 regarding Council's Strategic Plan DRAFT be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft Town of Halton Hills 2023-2026 Strategic Plan as presented in this report ADMIN-2023-033 be endorsed in principle;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council at the December 11, 2023 Council meeting with a proposed final plan reflecting additional input or proposed feedback collected.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. CS-2023-029

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0158

That Report No. CS-2023-029 dated November 20, 2023 regarding 2024 Single & Sole Source Awards and Standardization Approval be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2024 Single & Sole Source requests be awarded as per the list of suppliers attached as Appendix A, subject to budget approval;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2024 Standardization products be approved as the Town's standard as per the list of products attached as Appendix B, subject to budget approval;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue purchase orders in the amount indicated in the list of vendors as outlined in Appendix A, plus HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue purchase orders for the approved standardized products until the products become redundant or are superseded by a new technology or processes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents for requested Award and Approval list, where required.

CARRIED

c. REPORT NO. CS-2023-031

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0159

THAT Report No. CS-2023-031 dated October 30, 2023 regarding the 2024 Interim Property Tax Levy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT a by-law be enacted authorizing Council to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for 2024 (Appendix A);

AND FURTHER THAT taxes be due and payable on February 29 and April 30, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT the payment of taxes for (portions of) properties having a farm designation (FT) as identified by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation be deferred until September 30, 2024.

CARRIED

d. REPORT NO. CS-2023-032

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0160

THAT Report No. CS-2023-032 dated November 9th, 2023, regarding the 2024 Rates and Fees be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2024 Rates and Fees be approved by Council as outlined in Appendix A;

AND FURTHER THAT a By-law to establish the 2024 Rates and Fees be approved and that By-law 2022-0068 be repealed.

CARRIED

e. REPORT NO. CS-2023-033

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0161

THAT Report No. CS-2023-033 dated October 25, 2023 regarding the Temporary Borrowing of Funds to Meet 2024 Current Operating Expenditures be received;

AND FURTHER THAT a by-law be passed, authorizing the temporary borrowing of up to \$10,000,000 to meet the current operating expenditures of the municipality for the year 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT any costs of borrowing will be charged to the 2024 operating fund and reported to Council in the annual report on investment and cash management.

CARRIED

f. REPORT NO. PD-2023-074

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0162

THAT Report No. PD-2023-074, dated November 1, 2023, regarding a "Recommendation Report for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to permit 3 industrial warehouse buildings at 0 Steeles Avenue & 8154, 8170, 8178 and 8192 Eighth Line (Premier Gateway Employment Area)", be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment, to amend Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 0 Steeles Avenue & 8154, 8170, 8178 and 8192 Eighth Line (Premier Gateway Employment Area), as generally shown in SCHEDULE 3 – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, be approved on the basis that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conforms or does not conflict with all applicable Provincial plans, conforms with the Region of Halton Official Plan and the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, has regard for matters of Provincial interest, and represents good planning for the reasons outlined in Report PD-2023-074, dated November 1, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Section 34 (17) of the Planning Act, no further notice is determined to be necessary.

CARRIED

g. REPORT NO. TPW-2023-030 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0163

THAT Report No. TPW-2023-030, dated November 20, 2023, regarding Connecting Links Program 2024-25 - Funding Application and Contribution Agreement, be received; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports two (2) project applications to the Ministry of

Transportation (MTO) as part of the Connecting Links Funding Program;

AND FURTHER THAT if the Town is successful in securing funding from the Connecting Links Funding Program, Council be requested to pass a resolution to enter into an Agreement with MTO and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents for these projects;

AND FURTHER THAT if the Town is successful in securing funding from the Connecting Links Funding Program, which provides a maximum amount of funding of \$3,000,000.00 per road project, that 10% of the cost to the maximum of \$300,000.00 for each Connecting Links application be derived from the Capital Replacement Reserve, for a maximum total of \$600,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MTO.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURN BACK INTO COUNCIL

Recommendation No. GC-2023-0164

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2023-0224

Moved By: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Immediate Action Item Reports from the Monday November 20, 2023 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted:

Report No. TPW-2023-030 (GC-2023-0163)

CARRIED

12. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2023-0225

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Memorandum from the Monday November 20, 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 November 20, 2023.

Memorandum No. ADMIN-2023-004

CARRIED

13. MOTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Guaranteed Livable Income

Resolution No. 2023-0222

Moved By: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded By: Councillor C. Garneau

WHEREAS the Canadian livable wage for the Greater Toronto Area for 2023 was determined to be \$25.05. This was \$16,511.25 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee;

AND WHEREAS Town of Halton Hills residents on programs such as Ontario Works receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of up to \$733, and ODSP recipients receive up to \$1308;

AND WHEREAS at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,679.03 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS the median rent (MMR) for a one bedroom apartment in the Town of Halton Hills as of 2022 was \$1100.00 a month, and average market rent (AMR) for the same was \$1215.00;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable when it is less than 30% of income. In the Town of Halton Hills, rent is approximately 150% of Ontario Works, 84% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 41% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 82% of minimum wage part time;

AND WHEREAS an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$60.50 monthly;

AND WHEREAS the recent 2022 State of Housing Report from the Region of Halton determined that the Region of Halton has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

AND WHEREAS this resolution is in support of the September 5th resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills circulates correspondence to all Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills encourage these same municipalities to join the Town of Halton Hills in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data,

AND FURTHER THAT other levels of government continue to promote affordability and work to align government support programs, such as Ontario Works and ODSP, with the cost of living and average market rent (AMR), including looking into a Guaranteed Livable Income Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Region of Halton, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ted Arnott, MP Michael Chong, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa, Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

CARRIED

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Support for Ontario's Healthcare System – Councillor A. Hilson
2. Support for Township of McKeller Resolution regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 – Councillor J. Racinsky

15. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS

NIL

16. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2023-0226

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky

Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the General Information Package dated November 20, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

17. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2023-0227

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Fogal

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. 2023-0100

A By-law to assume the public services and streets installed in the Subdivision Developments registered as Plan 20M-1092 and Plan 20M-1136.

BY-LAW NO. 2023-0101

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 20th day of November, 2023 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

18. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-0228

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 5:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK