



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday May 6, 2024

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 6th day of May 2024 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 1:30 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair and reconvened into Open Session at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, (EP-Electronic Participation) 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, V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, D. Szybalski, Commissioner of Business, Environment & Culture, L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services, J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, P. Damaso, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks, M.J. Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2024-0070

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:

2.2 OFFICE OF THE CAO REPORT NO. ADMIN-2024-009 dated April 18, 2024 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (Enforcement)

2.3 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CS-2024-014 dated May 7, 2024 regarding the security of the property of the municipality or local board. (Administration)

2.4 RECREATION AND PARKS REPORT NO. RP-2024-012 dated April 17, 2024 regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. (Facilities)

2.5 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS MEMORANDUM NO. TPW-2024-002 dated April 19, 2024 regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. (Land)

2.6 Confidential Verbal Update from C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. (Staffing)

CARRIED

3. OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2024-0071

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

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

CARRIED

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:28 p.m. with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair.

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. Climate Change Investment Fund

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

This is a reminder that the Climate Change Investment Fund is still open and accepting applications until 4 p.m. on May 8, 2024. This funding opportunity is dedicated to enable groups and organizations to implement local, on-the-ground environmental projects. Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$2,500.00 to support their environmental project.

For more information about the Climate Change Investment Fund please visit the [“Get Involved”](http://www.haltonhills.ca/) page on the Town’s website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/>

2. Earth Week Success and Thanks to the Community

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

Thank you to the many residents, organizations and businesses who participated in the Town’s 2024 Earth Week celebrations and activities. Together, the community made Earth Week a huge success!

Highlights include:

- Over 500 residents participated in the Community Clean-Up.
- About 120 Town staff, many businesses and all schools in Halton Hills schools registered for the 22-Minute Makeover to help clean the community. Thank you to Superior Glove Works in Acton for donating clean-up gloves.
- 150 trees and shrubs were planted in Hungry Hollow by residents and Credit Valley Conservation to grow the local tree canopy.
- The Halton Hills EcoFilm Fest hosted an uplifting film on alternative agriculture models for a better economy and healthy environment.
- The Bird Friendly Symposium had residents and environmental groups totalling about 80 attendees, who gathered to learn about Nature Canada's Bird Friendly City Designation and share the many great environmental stewardship actions being implemented here in Halton Hills.
- For the second year, the Town launched the Tree Voucher Pilot Program. It supports expanding Halton Hills' tree canopy by offering a \$50 voucher on a tree valued at \$60 or more, from Reds Garden Centre or Sheridan Nurseries in Georgetown. Tree vouchers are available until they run out or June 30th. Tree vouchers are available at the Acton Arena and Community Centre, Gellert Community Centre, and Mold-Masters SportsPlex Monday through Friday during regular business hours.
- The Halton Hills Bike Swap sold 60 bicycles and collected \$2,000 for local food banks. This event recycles bicycles and keeps them out of the landfill. The remaining bikes from the Halton Hills Bike Swap will be available for free at the Bethel ReCYCLE event at Acton Bethel Church on May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The free Compost and Woodchip Giveaway was held on April 27th at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre. Donations were collected for local food banks, and residents picked up compost and woodchips to improve their garden's health.

Once again, thank you to the community for their active participation in making Earth Week a great success, and for contributing to Halton Hills being a nature-rich community.

Additional information about Earth Week 2024 is available at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/EarthWeek>

3. World Migratory Bird Day Event

Councillor C. Garneau announced the following:

Next Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Glen Williams Community Association in partnership with Bird Friendly Halton Hills is hosting a World Migratory Birdy Day event at the Shelagh Law Parkette with an expert from the CVC attending. Details can be found at haltonhillsnature.com.

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

Resolution No. 2024-0072

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

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports & Memorandums from the Monday April 15, 2024 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

REPORT NO. ADMIN-2024-002 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0039)

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2024-002 dated March 20, 2024 regarding the Communications Update and Media Relations Policy be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the proposed Media Relations Policy.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. ADMIN-2024-006 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0040)

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2024-006 dated March 14, 2024 regarding amendments to the Town's Off-Street Parking By-law 2005-0117 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve and execute the amendments to the Town's Off-Street Parking By-law 2005-0117 as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. ADMIN-2024-007 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0041)

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2024-007, dated April 3, 2024, regarding the Strategic Plan Implementation Framework and Mayor's Priorities, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Growth and Infrastructure Committee, and the Healthy Environment and Community Committees, as outlined in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3;

AND FURTHER THAT The Mayor appoint the members and Chair of the two identified committees;

AND FURTHER THAT a By-law enabling each Committee to have delegated authority to provide direction to staff be approved by Council.

CARRIED

MEMORANDUM NO. BEC-2024-004 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0042)

THAT Memorandum No. BEC-2024-004 dated April 15, 2024 regarding Create Halton Hills: State of Culture 2022 – 2023 Report be received.

CARRIED

MEMORANDUM NO. BEC-2024-005 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0043)

THAT Memorandum No. BEC-2024-005 dated March 28, 2024 regarding Invest Halton Hills 2023 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. CS-2024-008 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0044)

THAT Report No. CS-2024-008, dated April 15, 2024, regarding the 2025 Budget Process be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor shorten the period to veto a Council resolution to amend the budget from ten (10) days down to three (3) days;

AND FURTHER THAT Council shorten the period to override the Mayor's veto of a Council resolution to amend the budget from fifteen (15) days down to ten (10) days.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. PD-2024-026 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0045)

THAT Report No. PD-2024-026 dated March 27, 2024 and titled "Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 499 Guelph Street" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 499 Guelph Street, known as Norval Presbyterian Church, legally described as "LT 2 EAST OF DRAPER STREET PL NORVAL AS IN EW2722, PT LTS 11 & 12 CON 11 ESQ AS IN EW2768, PT LT 3 EAST OF DRAPER STREET PL NORVAL AS IN EW5283; EXCEPT PT 1 20R7356 & PT 20R20592; HALTON HILLS/ESQUESING", under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 499 Guelph Street be brought forward to Council for adoption;

AND FURTHER THAT, should the property be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, any proposed alterations to or removal of the existing wrought iron fence at the subject property requiring approval of a heritage permit be delegated to staff.

CARRIED

REPORT NO. PD-2024-027 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0046)

THAT Report No. PD-2024-027 dated March 27, 2024 and titled "Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 9094 Regional Road 25" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 9094 Regional Road 25, known as the Chisolm House, legally described as "PT LT 6, CON 2 ESQ, AS IN 229421, EXCEPT PT 1 20R909; EXCEPT PTS 1 & 2, 20R11484; EXCEPT PTS 2 & 3, 20R3009; EXCEPT PT 1 PM 293; S/T 703525; AMENDED FEB 11 '99 J. MENARD, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IN GROSS OVER PT 1, 20R18490 AS IN HR943667 TOWN OF HALTON HILLS", under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 9094 Regional Road 25 be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2024-0073

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

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

- 6.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday April 8, 2024.
- 6.2 Minutes of the Council Workshop held on Monday April 8, 2024.
- 6.3 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday April 15, 2024.
- 6.4 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday April 15, 2024.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

NIL

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution No. 2024-0074

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano
Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the following Consent Items are hereby approved:

1. 2023 Insurance Claim Activity

THAT Memorandum No. CS-2024-002 dated May 6, 2024 regarding 2023 Insurance Claim Activity be received.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2024-0075

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris
Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

a. Luc Goulet, Dillon Consulting

L. Goulet, Dillon Consulting presented to General Committee regarding Response to Council Referred Matter - Fireworks.

(Refer to Item No. 9.2.e, Report No. FIRE-2024-003. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar webpage](#).)

b. Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy and Jeff Markowiak, Director of Development Review

B. Parker, Director of Planning Policy and J. Markowiak, Director of Development Review presented to General Committee regarding Bill 185 (Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024) Proposed Legislative Changes and Proposed Provincial Planning Statement with opening remarks provided by John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development.

(Refer to Item Nos. 9.2.i, Report No. PD-2024-034 and 9.2.j, Report No. PD-2024-035. Presentation available on the [Town's Municipal Calendar webpage](#).)

c. Aleem Kanji

A. Kanji delegated to General Committee regarding Response to Council Referred Matter - Fireworks.

(Refer to Item No. 9.2.e, Report No. FIRE-2024-003)

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. BEC-2024-006

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0051

THAT Report No. BEC-2023-006, dated April 24, 2024, regarding the Postal Code Change Survey Results, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town not proceed with a request to Canada Post to change existing postal codes given that less than 60% of survey respondents were in favour of making a change;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to issue correspondence to the residents and businesses advising them of the results of the survey and Council's decision to keep the status quo.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. CS-2024-009

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0052

THAT Report No. CS-2024-009 dated May 6, 2024, regarding Pay-On-Demand Surety Bonds Pilot Project Update be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Development Agreement Surety Bond Policy, attached as Appendix A;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the conclusion of the pilot program and commences the acceptance of pay on demand surety bonds as an allowable form of security subject to the terms outlined in the Development Agreement Surety Bond Policy;

AND FURTHER THAT this report be referred to Budget Committee for tracking purposes in the event that additional legal costs for administering surety bond applications cannot be funded by the Town's existing legal budget allocation.

CARRIED

c. REPORT NO. CS-2024-012 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0053

THAT Report No. CS-2024-012 dated May 6, 2024, regarding the 2024 Final Property Tax Rates, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT staff bring forward a by-law authorizing Council to provide for Final Property Tax Rates for the 2024 taxation year;

AND FURTHER THAT installment due dates for the Final Property Tax Rates be set as June 28, 2024 and September 27, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT installment due dates for taxpayers on the Ten (10) Monthly PreAuthorized Tax Payment Plan for the latter half of 2024 be set as June 28, July 31, August 30, September 27, October 31 and for first half of 2024, set as January 31, February 28, March 31, April 30 and May 30;

AND FURTHER THAT installment due dates for those on the Installment PreAuthorized Payment Plan for 2024 be set as June 28, 2024 and September 27, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT the payment of property taxes for (portions of) properties classed as farmland (FT) shall be due in full on September 27, 2024.

CARRIED

d. REPORT NO. CS-2024-013 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0054

THAT Report No. CS-2024-013 dated May 6, 2024, regarding Award of Proposal 2024-003-P Managed Database Administration Support Services be received;

AND FURTHER THAT KMS Datasystems be awarded 2024-003-P Managed Database Administration (DBA) Support Services for a three (3) year term including an initial Database Review/Assessment, at a total amount of \$132,180.00 plus applicable taxes with the option to renew for an additional two (2) years subject to satisfactory performance and price negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue purchase orders to KMS Datasystems in a total amount of \$132,180.00 for the first three year term and subsequent renewals if exercised, and increase the purchase order for additional DBA development services on an as-needed basis for the term of the contract;

AND FURTHER THAT That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents for the project.

CARRIED

e. REPORT NO. FIRE-2024-003

* Recommendation No. GC-2024-0055

THAT Report No. FIRE-2024-003 dated April 9, 2024 regarding Response to Council Referred Matter – Fireworks, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council repeal By-law No. 2023-0032 to immediately ban the use, sale, offer, display, purchase, distribution, possession, and discharge of low hazard fireworks or explosives within the Town of Halton Hills effective September 1, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT staff investigate and present back to Council, possible alternatives to registered community groups high hazard fireworks display.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Note: At the May 27th, 2024, Council meeting, Report No. FIRE-2024-003 did not get approved by Council.

f. REPORT NO. PD-2024-030

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0056

THAT Report No. PD-2024-030 dated April 18, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 49 Eastern Avenue” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 49 Eastern Avenue, Acton, known as the Hide House, legally described as “PT LT 309, PL 1098, PT 2 20R14597; HALTON HILLS”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 49 Eastern Avenue, Acton be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

g. REPORT NO. PD-2024-031

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0057

THAT Report No. PD-2024-031 dated April 18, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 91 Mill Street East” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 91 Mill Street East, Acton, known as the Arnold House, legally described as “PT LT 27, BLK 5, PL 31, AS IN 743138 ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; TOWN OF HALTON HILLS”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 91 Mill Street East, Acton be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

h. REPORT NO. PD-2024-032

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0058

THAT Report No. PD-2024-032 dated April 18, 2024 and titled “Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 13 Frederick Street North” be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council state its intention to designate the property at 13 Frederick Street North, Acton, known as the James Moore House, legally described as “PT LT 46, BLK 6, PL 31, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; PT LT 47, BLK 6, PL 31, AS IN 840645 ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098, TOWN OF HALTON HILLS”, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as recommended by Heritage Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town Clerk proceed with serving a Notice of Intention to Designate as mandated by Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the 30-day objection period has expired, and if there are no objections, a designation by-law for the property at 13 Frederick Street North, Acton, be brought forward to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

i. REPORT NO. PD-2024-034 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0059

THAT Report No. PD-2024-034 dated April 23, 2024, regarding Bill 185 (Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024) Proposed Legislative Changes be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the staff comments contained within this report regarding the proposed Bill 185;

AND FURTHER THAT the comments contained within this report be used as the basis for the finalization of the Town’s comments to the various Environmental Registry postings;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Halton, the City of Burlington and the Towns of Milton and Oakville;

AND FURTHER THAT staff provide further update reports to Council once Bill 185 receives Royal Assent, as may be appropriate.

CARRIED

j. REPORT NO. PD-2024-035 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0060

THAT Report No. PD-2024-035 dated May 2, 2024, regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the staff comments and concerns contained within this report regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT the comments contained within this report be used as the basis for finalization of the Town's comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Halton, the City of Burlington and the Towns of Milton and Oakville;

AND FURTHER THAT staff provide a further update report to Council following finalization of the Provincial Planning Statement.

CARRIED

k. REPORT NO. RP-2024-009 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0061

THAT Report No. RP-2024-009, dated April 15, 2024, regarding the Award of Tender 2024-037-T for Park Construction Blanket Order, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Grade Control Ltd. be awarded tender 2024-037-T to an upset limit of \$300,000 plus applicable taxes for a one year period (commencing in May 2024) with the option to renew for an additional four (4) one-year terms, subject to satisfactory performance and price negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a blanket purchase order to Grade Control Ltd., to an upset limit of \$1,800,000 plus applicable taxes over the terms of the contract, for additional park construction projects approved by Council as part of future annual capital budgets.

CARRIED

I. REPORT NO. RP-2024-014 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0062

THAT Report No. RP-2024-014 dated March 20, 2024 regarding the Memorandum of Understandings – GSL Banner Advertising Program be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the continuation of the banner advertising program in its current form until the end of 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Commissioner of Recreation and Parks to sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including any extension, between the Town of Halton Hills and Georgetown Slo-pitch League, formalizing the ongoing partnership and outlining the terms and conditions for collaboration.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURN BACK INTO COUNCIL

Recommendation No. GC-2024-0063

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2024-0077

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Immediate Action Item Reports from the Monday May 6, 2024 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. CS-2024-012 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0053)

Report No. CS-2024-013 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0054)

Report No. PD-2024-034 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0059)

Report No. PD-2024-035 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0060)

Report No. RP-2024-009 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0061)

Report No. RP-2024-014 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0062)

CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2024-0077

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Reports and Memorandums from the Monday May 6, 2024 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 May 6, 2024.

Report No. ADMIN-2024-009 (Final adoption of this item has been deferred)

Report No. CS-2024-014

Report No. RP-2024-012

Memorandum No. TPW-2024-002

Confidential Verbal Update by C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer

CARRIED

12. MOTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Niagara Escarpment Enforcement

Resolution No. 2024-0078

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario established the Niagara Escarpment area in 1973 and the Niagara Escarpment Plan in 1985 which protects a swath of land 725 KM long from Bruce to Niagara;

AND WHEREAS the governance for the Niagara Escarpment Plan, offices and staff is under the direct control of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) which receives funding from the Province of Ontario, specifically the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;

AND WHEREAS in whole or part, 23 local Municipalities, 7 Regions and the City of Hamilton all fall in the Niagara Escarpment catchment area;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities within the area are restricted in which areas they can enforce for violation of the Niagara Escarpment plans;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara Escarpment Commission lists 1 Compliance Specialist and 1 Compliance Supervisor to cover an area of 195,000 Hectares and a distance of 725 KM which despite their best efforts means some areas may not receive any coverage for investigations;

AND WHEREAS it is not uncommon for investigation of violations within the plan area to be substantially delayed due to a lack of NEC staffing and resources, undermining the Town's ability to enforce its by-laws, protect the natural environment and maintain peace and order in the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Town of Halton Hills requests the Province of Ontario to increase funding for the Niagara Escarpment Commission to immediately hire and train more compliance officers to investigate the backlog of complaints and violations that have been filed in the area, together with the staff needed to support those appointments, and that those appointments occur in a timely manner in order to address the severe lack of enforcement resources in the area;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Ted Arnott MPP, Mayor Gord Krantz, Halton's Niagara Escarpment Commission member, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Region of Halton, City of Hamilton, the City of Burlington, Town of Milton and all Municipalities within the Niagara Escarpment area.

CARRIED

2. Court Resources within Halton Area

Resolution No. 2024-0079

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded By: Councillor J. Fogal

WHEREAS Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEOs) may issue charges under the Provincial Offences Act (POA) when there is non-compliance with municipal by-laws;

AND WHEREAS judicial resources within the Provincial Offences Courts are required for charges under the Provincial Offences Act (POA) to be scheduled and heard in a timely manner by a Justice of the Peace;

AND WHEREAS the reduced judicial resources in the Region continues to impact the number of matters that can be scheduled and can impact a municipality's ability to initiate court action and move toward compliance on enforcement matters, including zoning infractions;

AND WHEREAS it is now common for trials to be delayed by a year or more due to the limited availability of judicial resources, undermining the Town's ability to enforce its by-laws and maintain peace and order in the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Halton Hills requests the Minister of the Attorney General support more Justice of the Peace appointments, together with the staff needed to support those appointments, and that those appointments occur in a timely manner in order to address the severe lack of judicial resources in the region;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted Arnott MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Region of Halton, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington and Town of Milton.

CARRIED

3. Support for Town of Milton - Opposing Reid Road Reservoir Quarry

Resolution No. 2024-0080

Moved By: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS in August 2018, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry received an application to establish a new quarry at the western terminus of Reid Side Road in the Town of Milton;

AND WHEREAS in September 2018 and July 2019, the Town of Milton issued Letters of Objection and Halton Region and Conservation Halton also submitted similar letters to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry outlining concerns with the submitted application;

AND WHEREAS through a Council resolution on March 25, 2024 Milton Town Council reaffirmed its opposition to the Reid Road Reservoir Quarry Application and requested the Premier to honour his promise to stop the quarry and reprocessing facility through whatever action is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the Town of Milton in its opposition to the Reid Road Reservoir Quarry Application;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Town of Milton; Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Honourable Graydon Smith, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; and Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Unlawful Feeding of Wildlife – Councillor D. Keene

14. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS

NIL

15. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2024-0081

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis
Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the General Information Package dated May 6, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

16. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2024-0082

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky
Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

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. 2024-0033

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 4 Forest Ridge Crescent (the "Benefitting Property").

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0034

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 36 Edith Street (the "Benefitting Property").

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0035

A By-law to amend By-law No. 2023-0026 being a by-law to govern the calling, place, proceedings and providing public notice of meetings of the Council and its Committees; to provide rules for the conduct of its Members.

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0036

A By-law to Appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0037

A By-law to amend the Town's Off-Street Parking By-law No. 2005-0117 to include updated provisions for accessible parking spaces.

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0038

A By-law to provide for the levy and collection of rates or levies required for the Town of Halton Hills for the year of 2024 and to provide for the mailing of notices for the payment of taxes.

BY-LAW NO. 2024-0039

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 6th day of May, 2024 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2024-0083

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK