

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday December 3, 2024

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 3rd day of December, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 9:00 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor C. Somerville, (EP-Electronic Participation) Councillor M. Albano, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor J. Racinsky, Councillor R. Norris, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor D. Keene, Councillor C. Garneau

STAFF PRESENT (Open Session) (E – Electronically Present) C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, L. Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services, D. Szybalski, Commissioner of Community Services, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services, J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, M. Leighton, Treasurer

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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 INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor C. Garneau declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Amendment C-10, Climate Change Investment Fund. She did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

4. AMENDMENTS TO MAYOR'S 2025 BUDGET

Item Nos. 5 and 6 occurred while discussing the Amendments to the Mayor's 2025 Budget.

Amendment O-10

Moved By: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT a hiring freeze be implemented for all new positions that have a budget impact greater than \$30,000 and that do not use reserves to not have an impact on the budget, excluding new hires as outlined in the Fire Master Plan.

MOTION FAILS

Resolution No. 2024-0201 (Amendment O-01)

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the Dayforce Applicant Tracking Module and funding in the amount of \$50,000 be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-0202 (Amendment O-02)

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the CLI-ECA Coordinator position and funding in the amount of \$130,000 be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

Amendment O-03

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

THAT the Building Engineer position and associated funding from the Building Permit Fees (\$0) be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Resolution No. 2024-0203 (Amendment O-04)

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky
Seconded By: Councillor D. Keene

THAT the Facility Maintenance Coordinator position and funding in the amount of \$106,700 be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-0204 (Amendment O-06)

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville
Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the Fire Special Levy in the amount of \$315,000 (0.45%) be added to the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget and to reinstate the 5 year financing plan as outlined in Report No. FIRE-2024-005.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-0208

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

THAT the Council of the Town of Halton Hills meet in closed session in order to address personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

Convened into Closed Session at 11:57 a.m.

Recessed at 12:24 p.m.

Reconvened into Closed Session at 1:07 p.m.

Resolution No. 2024-0209

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

THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills reconvene this meeting in Open Session.

CARRIED

Reconvened into Open Session at 1:26 p.m.

Resolution No. 2024-0205 (Amendment O-08)

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis
Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the Sales and Service Coordinator position and associated increased revenue (net-zero) as included in the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget as a full time position remain a part-time position (net-zero).

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-0206 (Amendment O-09)

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

THAT the Landscape Architect position and associated funding from the CIL reserve fund (\$0) be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget.

CARRIED

Amendment O-12

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

THAT the Technology and Operations Support position and funding in the amount of \$130,000 be added to the Mayor's 2025 Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Recessed at 2:38 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

Amendment O-13

Moved By: Councillor C. Garneau
Seconded By: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT the Human Resources Coordinator position and funding in the amount of \$106,700 be added to the Mayor's 2025 Operating Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Resolution No. 2024-0207 (Amendment C-01)

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

THAT the funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve for upgrades to the Leash Free Parks be added to the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

CARRIED

Amendment C-03

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

THAT the funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Library Reserve for Library Materials be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

Recorded Vote:

In Favor: Councillor R. Norris, Councillor D. Keene, Councillor J. Racinsky, Councillor M. Albano

Opposed: Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor C. Garneau

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-04

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene
Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the DCs - Transportation New Capital Reserve for Active Transportation Improvements be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-06

Moved By: Councillor J. Racinsky
Seconded By: Councillor D. Keene

THAT the funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the Strategic Planning Reserve for Tree Canopy Management be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-07

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene
Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

THAT the funding in the amount of \$75,000 from the Strategic Planning Reserve for the Natural Asset Management Plan be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-09

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

THAT the funding in the amount of \$75,000 from the Strategic Planning Reserve for the EDI Strategy and Action Plan – Phase 3 be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-10

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris
Seconded By: Councillor D. Keene

THAT the funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the Strategic Planning Reserve for the Climate Change Investment Fund be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-11

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

THAT the funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve for an Arena Ice Resurface (Electric) for the Acton Arena be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment C-17

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the funding in the amount of \$175,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve for Playground Equipment Replacement be removed from the Mayor's 2025 Capital Budget.

MOTION FAILS

5. CLOSED SESSION

Council convened into Closed Session earlier in the meeting.

6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into Open Session earlier in the meeting after convening into Closed.

7. MOTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2024-0210

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT staff carry out any of Council's direction on the personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees as set out in the Confidential minutes dated December 3, 2024.

CARRIED

8. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2024-0211

Moved By: Councillor J. Brass

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. 2024-0096

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on the 3rd day of December, 2024 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2024-0212

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

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK