



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 20, 2025

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 20th day of January, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 3:00 p.m., with Acting Mayor J. Brass in the Chair convening into Open Session at 4:19 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, L. Lancaster, (Open Session) Commissioner of Corporate Services, D. Szybalski, (E – Electronically Present) 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. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor J. Brass called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2025-0001

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

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

2.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. CSE-2025-002 dated December 10, 2024 regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. (Parkland)

2.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. PD-2025-003 dated January 8, 2025 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (OLT)

CARRIED

3. OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2025-0002

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano
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 4:19 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

Councillor J. Racinsky declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 12.1, Motion - Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding as he is currently seeking a position as a member of the Provincial Government. He did not participate in the discussion or voting on this matter.

4. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMERGENCY MATTERS)

1. Black History Month

This announcement will be read out at the February 10th Council meeting.

2. Family Literacy Day

Acting Mayor J. Brass announced the following:

On Monday, January 27, the Georgetown Branch will celebrate Family Literacy Day with activities for all ages, including creating a community book list and hands-on learning experiences. On January 23, in anticipation of Family Literacy Day, the Acton Branch will host a virtual visit with award-winning author Barbara Reid, sharing her clay illustration techniques. Community members can also enter a short story contest for prizes and a chance to have their work featured on the Short Story Dispenser. Visit the library's website for details.

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

Resolution No. 2025-0003

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Report from the Monday December 9, 2024 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. TPW-2024-024 (Recommendation No. GC-2024-0190)

THAT Report No. TPW-2024-024, dated November 4, 2024, regarding the 32 Side Road Drainage Petition – Request to Extend the One-year Time Period for the Final Engineering Report Filing, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the submission date for the final Drainage Engineers report for the 32 Side Road Drainage Petition, prepared in accordance with Drainage Act, be extended until February 28, 2027.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2025-0004

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

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

6.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday December 9, 2024.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

NIL

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution No. 2025-0005

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

THAT the following Consent Items are hereby approved:

1. Education and Enforcement plan for New Fireworks By-law No. 2025-0006

THAT Memorandum No. ADMIN-2025-001 dated January 7, 2025 regarding Education and Enforcement plan for New Fireworks By-law No. 2025-0006 be received.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2025-0006

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

THAT Council do now convene into General Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor B. Inglis assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

1. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

NIL

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-2025-001

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0001

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2025-001 dated November 19, 2024 regarding the New AMPS Regulatory (Non-Parking) By-law be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopt the New AMPS Regulatory (Non-Parking) By-law attached as Appendix A with an effective date of April 1, 2025.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. CS-2025-001

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0002

THAT Report No. CS-2025-001 dated January 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09, 2025 Budget be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve this report, which meets the requirements of Regulation 284/09 and outlines the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets in a format that is compliant with the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB).

CARRIED

c. REPORT NO. TPW-2025-002 (IA)

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0003

THAT Report No. TPW-2025-002, dated January 8, 2025, regarding the Award of Contract for Fuel at Retail Stations, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Suncor Energy, be awarded a contract for fuel at retail stations through leveraging the Regional Municipality of Halton Police Services Board (HRPS) Request for Proposal # P-025-24, for a period of up to five (5) years, from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2029;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue purchase orders for the above, to an upset limit of \$700,000 plus applicable taxes for the period of five years;

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

CARRIED

d. MEMORANDUM NO. CS-2025-001

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0004

THAT Memorandum No. CS-2025-001 dated January 20, 2025 regarding 2025 Budget and Business Plan be received.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURN BACK INTO COUNCIL

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0005

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2025-0007

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Immediate Action Item Report from the Monday January 20, 2025 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. TPW-2025-002 (GC-2025-0003)

CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2025-0008

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Racinsky

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Reports from the Monday January 20, 2025 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 20, 2025.

Report No. CSE-2025-002

~~Report No. PD-2025-003~~ (Deferred to the February 10, 2025 Council meeting)

CARRIED

12. MOTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Resolution No. 2025-0009

Moved By: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-

term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Halton Hills Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Halton Hills Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

2. Sovereignty of Canada

Resolution No. 2025-0010

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada’s Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Ontario Deposit Return Program - Councillor C. Somerville

14. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS

NIL

15. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2025-0011

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor C. Garneau

THAT the General Information Package dated January 20, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

16. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2025-0012

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. 2025-0001

A By-law to designate the Beaumont Duplex, located at 526 Main Street, Glen Williams, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0002

A By-law to designate Hawkins House, located at 7 Prince Street, Glen Williams, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0003

A By-law to designate the Beamish-Appelbe House, located at 5 King Street, Georgetown, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0004

A By-law to designate the McColl House, located at 4 Queen Street, Georgetown, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0005

A By-law to designate the Ramsden House, located at 8 Queen Street, Georgetown, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0006

A By-law to regulate and prohibit the sale and discharge of consumer fireworks and to provide for the issuance of permits for the discharge of display fireworks and to repeal By-law No. 2023-0032.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0007

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 20th day of January, 2025 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2025-0013

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

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK