



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday September 15, 2025

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 15th day of September, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 2:00 p.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair convening into Open Session at 3:05 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT C. Mills, Chief Administrative Officer, V. Petryniak, Town Clerk & (Open Session) Director of Legislative Services, D. Syzbalski, Commissioner of Community Services, P. Routledge, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services, J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services (E), J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, M. Leighton, Treasurer, B. King, Chief Librarian & CEO

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2025-0146

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

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

2.2 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT NO. TPW-2025-020 dated August 27, 2025 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. (Information Session)

CARRIED

3. OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2025-0147

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: Councillor R. Norris

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. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and to honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, Halton Hills Public Library invites the community to take part in several reflective events.

On Thursday, September 26, the OnScreen at the JET film series will present WaaPaKe, a National Film Board documentary by Dr. Jules Arita Koostachin exploring the legacy of residential schools.

On Saturday, September 28, families can participate in the Moccasin Identifier™ Project at both branches. Using moccasin stencils, participants will reflect on our shared Treaty responsibilities.

As part of this year's One Book, One Halton Hills, author David A. Robertson will visit the John Elliott Theatre on October 7 to discuss 52 Ways to Reconcile in conversation with CBC's Elamin Abdelmahmoud.

Visit the library's website for event details.

2. Celebrating 10 Years of Culture Days in Halton Hills!

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

This year marks a special milestone as Halton Hills celebrates 10 incredible years of participating in Culture Days, a national celebration of arts and culture!

Since joining the movement in 2016, Culture Days in Halton Hills has grown from a weekend event into a vibrant three week, four weekend festival filled with free, hands-on arts and cultural experiences. Thanks to the creativity and dedication of our amazing community, residents and visitors alike have enjoyed participatory events that inspire, educate, and entertain.

While the festival takes place from coast to coast to coast, Culture Days is a wonderful opportunity to discover creativity at home, in your own backyard. From September 19 to October 12, there are over 150 activities for all ages to discover in Halton Hills.

Whether you prefer live music at the John Elliott Theatre and curated exhibitions from the Helson Gallery or hands on workshops, open artist studios, and film screenings; there is something for everyone.

I invite residents to participate in Culture Days this year as we honour a decade of creativity, connection, and community spirit. Try something new,

discover Halton Hills' vibrant arts and culture community, and help make this year's Culture Days the most memorable yet!

Culture Days is an inclusive and accessible way to try something new with your friends or family. Be sure to check out haltonhills.ca/culturedays for details and event updates.

3. Halton Non-Profit Congress

Mayor A. Lawlor announced the following:

Attention all Halton Hills community organizations! Tickets are available for the annual Halton Non-Profit Congress, taking place on Saturday, November 8, 2025. This transformative event is specially tailored for nonprofit leaders and changemakers in arts, culture, heritage, recreation, and sports.

Join us for this opportunity to explore strategies, build connections, and gain insights to boost your organization's impact. Dive into topics including Empowering Communities, IT & Cyber Security, Ethics & Advocacy, Fundraising, and Volunteer Management.

Registration is now open! For more details and to secure your spot, contact Elizabeth Gordon, Sport Development Coordinator, at 905-873-2600, ext. 2632.

4. Veterans Crosswalk Unveiling

Councillor C. Somerville announced the following:

On September 25th at 5:00 p.m. the Veteran's commemorative crosswalk in Acton, which is located in downtown Acton at the corner of Mill and Elgin, will be unveiled. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 is looking forward to this event, and the president has asked me to make sure that all members of Council are aware and are invited back to the branch afterwards for a barbecue where they will be celebrating this event. I do want to give a really big thank you to our public works staff, to the Acton BIA and to the Legions for their work in making this happen and for making it a reality. So, thank you for that. And I would just ask everybody else to please hope we don't have any rain on the weekend that could delay the installation, so I'm looking forward to seeing this finally coming to fruition.

5. Acton Fall Fair

Councillor M. Albano announced the following:

This weekend, September the 19th through the 21st, the Acton Fall Fair will be taking place at Prospect Park. This year the fair celebrates its 112th year offering a delightful mix of agriculture and showcase, family friendly entertainment and community of spirits. Agriculture exhibits and livestock show will be taking place as well as family-friendly entertainment and activities. And of course, the fair would not be the fair as it is without Councillor Somerville participating at the microphone Saturday announcing the lawn tractor pull, and on Sunday, the antique tractor and the four by four tractor pull so that'll be a great event. So, I do hope that some of you, if not all of you, will make the trek to talk to the Fall Fair.

6. 45th Annual Terry Fox Run

Councillor M. Albano announced the following:

Yesterday, in Acton, like many other communities in Canada, we had the 45th Terry Fox Run. It was a great day and a great event with many supporters participating and attending. I would like to thank the Halton Hills Fire staff for their attendance as well as Mayor Lawlor, Councillor Hilson, Councillor Somerville and Councillor Brass. Particularly Councillor Brass for helping out early Saturday morning with the set up. So, thank

you for all being there. This year, our goal was to match or surpass last year's remarkable achievement of \$25,000 that we raised. I am thrilled to share that not only did we exceed expectation, but we also reached an incredible milestone. \$1 million was raised over the history of the Acton Terry Fox Run. That's something our entire community can be truly proud of. I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Jon Hurst for his extraordinary dedication. Jon has been involved with this run from the very beginning. His commitment to keeping Terry's dream alive is just amazing. His leadership and compassion continue to inspire the Acton community. So, I really want to thank Jon for his commitment and not only what he does for the Terry Fox run, but what he does in general around Acton. He's an amazing person, and I want to highlight his services around the community, so thank you very much.

7. Lucy Maud Montgomery

Councillor M. Kindbom announced the following:

Both Norval and Glen Williams have had deep connection to the legacy of Lucy Maud Montgomery. She was a driving force of the local art scene. She created something called the Old Time knights and now with the Georgetown Little Theater, they are doing reenactments, and they say it's not just a performance; it's a piece of history. Norval did host this last month, but it'll be coming to Glen Williams on September 19th and the 20th at 7:30 p.m. It's \$10 or pay what you can.

8. Glen Williams Bicentennial Fair

Councillor M. Kindbom announced the following:

Going back another 100 years to 1825, and that's the bicentennial fair of Glen Williams. There'll be games and kids' heritage and reenactment groups and blacksmith and fiddle jam. It's free entry and it's September the 27th. The opening ceremonies are 11 to 12 and they're still looking for volunteers, so please make yourselves available. I'm sure it'll be a lot of fun. The entire day for these festivities is from 12 to 4:00 p.m. There is just a whole long list of activities like vintage military vehicles, antique tractors, the Glen in pictures and live music. A lot of that stuff is available on the Glen 200 website, so I think it'll be a lot of fun.

9. Official Town Bird Vote

Councillor C. Garneau announced the following:

I'm just wanting to encourage everyone, if you haven't voted yet, that the official town bird vote is open until October 11th. We're now in round two. So, round one, there were eleven contenders and now it's down to the top three, which are the Eastern Screech Owl, the Great Blue Heron and the Northern Cardinal. You can vote online at Let's Talk Halton Hills, or you can vote in person at Town Hall, at Service Halton Hills, or at the Acton and Georgetown Public Libraries as well as the Acton and Georgetown Hillview locations. Running kind of parallel to the vote, we have Art for the Birds, which is a celebration of the top three birds and other local birds. They're going to be on display at the Georgetown Public Library. It's an art show featuring local artists. I was helping to curate it and got a sneak peek and it's just amazing the volume of talent that lives in our community. So, I encourage you to go to the library starting next week until October 19th to see some of that art. Save the date for both October 4th and October 18th. So, October 4th, creator's garden is coming to facilitate both a walk and a talk where they'll be talking about traditional Anishinaabe bird names. So, part of this is reclaiming traditional names for the birds that have been lost to colonization and it's incredible. They're so rich in what they share, and I encourage everyone to save the date and make it out either to the walk or the talk in the afternoon. And then on the 18th, we have the unveiling of the town bird. So, the votes will all be tallied, and then we'll find out who won.

So, if you can join us, that will be at the Helson Gallery at the Georgetown Library.

10. Limehouse and Glen Williams Events

Councillor J. Brass announced the following:

In Limehouse over the weekend, there was a beautiful celebration in the Millennial Garden on the 25 years for the establishment of that garden, and it was a great event. I just want to congratulate Mary Shire and everyone else involved.

Over at the Memorial Hall, not half an hour later, was the annual corn roast and barbecue which is a big fundraiser for the Memorial Hall. My wife, Jane, and I were serving there and had a great time talking with everyone. We almost ran out of product; it was one of the busiest corn roasts they've had in years and was very successful. I just want to congratulate the Memorial Hall board as well for putting that on and executing it so well.

My colleague to the right mentioned a lot of things about the Glen, but I will loop back in there. On September 20th from 8 until 10 a.m. there is an event called Men with Spatulas. It's an awesome breakfast for \$8 and it's a fundraiser as well.

In relation to the Glen 200, it should be noted that there are some special offers and giveaways at several establishments in the Glen such as the Beaumont Mill, Feather's Nest, Main Street Market, Copper Kettle Pub and Jan Longman is a ceramic art and she'll have a sidewalk sale as well.

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

Resolution No. 2025-0148

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor B. Inglis

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Reports from the Monday August 25, 2025 General Committee Meeting are hereby adopted as presented:

Report No. CSE-2025-017 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0103)

THAT Report No. CSE-2025-017, dated August 25, 2025, regarding the Ice Allocation Policy, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Ice Allocation Policy, attached as Appendix A to this report;

AND FURTHER THAT Town staff be directed to communicate the Ice Allocation Policy to residents and users of Town facilities, as appropriate;

AND FURTHER THAT the Ice Allocation Policy be posted on the Town's website.

Report No. PD-2025-041 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0105)

THAT Report No. PD-2025-041, dated August 13, 2025, regarding a "Recommendation Report for a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit the development of an industrial subdivision at 12635 and 12689 Steeles Avenue (Premier Gateway Employment Area)", be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Zoning By-law Amendment, to amend the Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended, as generally shown on SCHEDULE 5 – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, be approved on the basis that the amendment for the lands municipally known as 12635 and 12689 Steeles Avenue (Premier Gateway Employment Area) is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, conforms or does not conflict with all applicable Provincial

plans, conforms with the Region of Halton Official Plan and satisfies the evaluation criteria contained in the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, and represents good planning for the reasons outlined in Report No. PD-2025-041, dated August 13, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the Commissioner of Planning & Development be authorized to grant Draft Approval and Final Approval to the Draft Plan of Subdivision, File D12SUB21.006, as generally shown on SCHEDULE 3 – DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, subject to conditions generally set out in SCHEDULE 4 – CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPROVAL of this report;

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

Report No. PD-2025-043 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0106)

THAT Report No. PD-2025-043 dated August 1, 2025 regarding the transfer of part of the Town's land located at 24 Elizabeth Street, Acton to the Regional Municipality of Halton (the "Region") for the expansion of the adjacent Lakeview Wastewater Pumping Station located at 104 Elizabeth Street, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council declare the part of the land located at 24 Elizabeth Street described as Part of Parcel N, Registered Plan 603 and shown on the drawing attached as Appendix "1" (the "Lands"), as surplus to the Town's needs for the purpose of transferring it to the Region;

AND FURTHER THAT that the appropriate by-law be enacted to authorize the transfer of the Lands to the Region, for a nominal consideration plus the Town's costs associated with the transfer;

AND FURTHER THAT any requirement for public notice shall be deemed satisfied by the listing of this report on the agenda for the meeting at which this report will be heard.

Report No. PD-2025-049 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0112)

THAT Report No. PD-2025-049, titled Official Plan Review Phase 1 Update, dated August 12, 2025, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the update on the status and project timeline of the Town's Official Plan Review and the draft Background Report prepared by Sajecki Planning as a key deliverable for Phase 1, be received.

Direction to Staff: THAT staff bring back a list of potential interviewees to the next Council meeting for Council approval before any further interviews are scheduled.

Report No. TPW-2025-018 (Recommendation No. GC-2025-0113)

THAT Report No. TPW-2025-018, dated August 25, 2025, regarding the Halton Hills Stormwater Master Plan – Results and Recommendations, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the attached Halton Hills Stormwater Master Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to develop an implementation strategy based on the recommendations of the Stormwater Master Plan based on the Town's Long-Range Financial Plan, 10-year capital forecast and resource availability;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to further evaluate the feasibility and scope of undertaking a SWM Financing Study;

AND FURTHER THAT Future capital projects and resource requirements be submitted for Council consideration as part of future year budget processes.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2025-0149

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

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

6.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday August 25, 2025.

6.2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday August 25, 2025.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

NIL

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution No. 2025-0150

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

THAT the following Consent Items are hereby approved:

1. Strategic Planning Committees Annual Report

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2025-020 dated August 28, 2025 regarding the Strategic Planning Committees Annual Report be received.

2. 2024 Annual Accessibility Status Update

THAT Memorandum No. ADMIN-2025-007 dated August 8, 2025 regarding 2024 Annual Accessibility Status Update be received.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2025-0151

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

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. PD-2025-056

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0116

THAT Report No. PD-2025-056, titled Official Plan Review Project - Key Informant Interviews, dated September 4, 2025, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the list of Key Informant organizations as recommended by staff and identified in this report, to be interviewed as part of the Official Plan Review project in keeping with the Council approved Public Engagement Strategy.

CARRIED

b. REPORT NO. TPW-2025-022

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0117

THAT Report No. TPW-2025-022, dated August 19, 2025, regarding the Ballinafad Neighbourhood Traffic Calming, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposed traffic calming measures identified within the Ballinafad Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Report be implemented.

CARRIED

3. ADJOURN BACK INTO COUNCIL

Recommendation No. GC-2025-0118

THAT General Committee do now reconvene into Council.

CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE

NIL

11. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2025-0152

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the recommendations contained in the following Confidential Report from the Monday September 15, 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 September 15, 2025.

Report No. TPW-2025-020

CARRIED

12. MOTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

NIL

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS

1. Use of Social Media - Councillor D. Keene

15. RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Resolution No. 2025-0153

Moved By: Councillor M. Kindbom

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT the General Information Package dated September 15, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

16. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 2025-0154

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded By: Councillor M. Kindbom

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. 2025-0077

A By-law to amend By-law No. 2023-0094, being a by-law to regulate traffic and parking on highways under the jurisdiction of the Town of Halton Hills.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0078

A By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended Part Lot 1, Concession 7 Esquesing, Part 1, Plan 20R-22157 Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton municipally known as 12635 and 12689 Steeles Avenue (Premier Gateway Employment Area).

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0079

A By-law to authorize the transfer of a portion of the land located at 24 Elizabeth Street to the Region of Halton for the expansion of the adjacent Lakeview Pump Station located at 104 Elizabeth Street, Acton.

BY-LAW NO. 2025-0080

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 15th day of September, 2025 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2025-0155

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

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 3:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK