

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2025

The Town of Halton Hills Council met this 2nd day of December, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall and Via Zoom, commencing at 9:00 a.m., with Mayor A. Lawlor in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor A. Lawlor, Councillor C. Somerville, Councillor J. Fogal, (EP-Electronic Participation) Councillor M. Albano, Councillor A. Hilson, Councillor J. Brass, Councillor M. Kindbom, 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 Community Services, P. Routledge, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services, J. Rehill, Commissioner & Chief of Fire Services, J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development, B. Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works, M.J. Leighton, Treasurer, B. King, Chief Librarian and CEO

***Recommendation varies from Staff Recommendation**

1. OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor A. Lawlor called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 A. Hilson declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Community Services 2026 Operating Budget Request (Reference No. 26-9) regarding Community Grant Program and Amendment O-03, Community Grant Program as he sits on an organization that has benefitted from the program. He did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor B. Inglis declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Transportation and Public Works 2026 Operating Budget Request (Reference No. 26-5) regarding Building (Plumbing) Permit Fee Grant as he is eligible for the grant due to his home flooding. He did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor C. Garneau declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Community Services 2026 Operating Budget Request (Reference No. 26-9) regarding Community Grant Program and Amendment O-03, Community Grant Program as she sits on an organization that has benefitted from the program. She did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.

4. AMENDMENTS TO MAYOR'S 2026 BUDGET

Amendment O-01

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the 4 Suppression Platoon Chief positions from 2028 (2.0 FTE) and 2029 (2.0 FTE) of the Fire Master Plan be moved forward to the Mayor's 2026 Operating Budget;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Levy be increased from 0.9% to 1.86%, or by \$740,100.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment O-02

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor C. Somerville

THAT the Conventional Transit Ridership (Steeles Avenue Route) in the amount of \$815,800 be removed from the Mayor's 2026 Operating Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment O-03

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor M. Kindbom

THAT the increase to the Community Grant Program and funding in the amount of \$66,000 be removed from the Mayor's 2026 Operating Budget.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Amendment O-04

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor M. Kindbom

THAT the Asset Management Coordinator position and funding in the amount of \$112,700 be removed from the Mayor's 2026 Operating Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Recessed at 10:37 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

J. Vandermeer, Deputy Treasurer provided opening remarks related to the 2026 Capital Budget.

Resolution No. 2025-0207 (Amendment C-01)

Moved By: Councillor R. Norris

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT funding for the Leash Free Revitalization in the amount of \$45,000 be added to the Mayor's 2026 Capital Budget funded from the Capital Replacement Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2026 Operating Budget be increased by \$5,000 to provide ongoing maintenance of the new features.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Recessed at 12:12 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

Resolution No. 2025-0208 (Amendment C-02)

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By Councillor C. Garneau

THAT funding for the ITS Backup and Recovery Implementation Project in the amount of \$100,000 be added to the 2026 Capital Budget funded from the Technology Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2025-0209 (Amendment C-03)

Moved By: Councillor C. Garneau

Seconded By: Councillor M. Albano

THAT funding for the ITS Copilot Phase 3 Project in the amount of \$60,000 be added to the 2026 Capital Budget funded from the Technology Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Resolution No. 2025-0210 (Amendment C-04)

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor C. Garneau

THAT funding for the ITS Security Program Initiative in the amount of \$100,000 be added to the 2026 Capital Budget funded from the Technology Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

Amendment O-05

Moved By: Councillor D. Keene

Seconded By: Councillor J. Fogal

THAT a \$65,000 increase in contributions to Technology Replacement reserve be included in the 2026 Operating Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Amendment O-05

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor C. Garneau

THAT a \$260,000 increase in contributions to Technology Replacement reserve be included in the 2026 Operating Budget.

MOTION FAILS

Resolution No. 2025-0211 (Amendment O-05)

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor C. Garneau

THAT the 2026 Operating Budget be increased by \$55,000 to provide ongoing funding for operating impacts of capital projects added to the amended capital budget.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Direction to Staff: THAT staff report back with a workplan for the Fairy Lake retaining wall and possible involvement with the residents on Cameron Street.

5. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

NIL

7. MOTION TO ADOPT CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

NIL

8. CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Resolution No. 2025-0212

Moved By: Councillor M. Albano

Seconded By: Councillor C. Garneau

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. 2025-0100

A By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on the 2nd day of December, 2025 and to authorize its execution.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2025-0213

Moved By: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded By: Councillor J. Brass

THAT this Council meeting do now adjourn at 3:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Ann Lawlor, MAYOR

Valerie Petryniak, TOWN CLERK