



THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: *Rick Bonnette* Date: March 3, 2015  
Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: *Jane F. Fogel* Resolution No.: 2015-0054

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WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a number of Provincial Plans and policies that provide the basis for land use planning in Ontario including the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS Amendment No. 2 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe which extends population and employment forecasts for upper tier and single tier municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe out to 2041 came into effect on June 17, 2013;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are required to bring Official Plans into conformity with Amendment No. 2 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe by June 17, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the new Provincial Policy Statement came into effect on April 30, 2014, replacing the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS the Region of Halton undertook the Sustainable Halton process from 2006 to 2009 to bring the Halton Region Official Plan into conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006), the Greenbelt Plan (2004) and the Provincial Policy Statement (2005);

AND WHEREAS Halton Region Council implemented the results of the Sustainable Halton process with the adoption of Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA No. 38) on December 16, 2009;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the protracted approval process with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and then the Ontario Municipal Board, ROPA No. 38 is only now nearing completion;

AND WHEREAS the Town's Provincial Plan official plan conformity amendments can only now be approved by the Region of Halton after a four year delay due to the elongated time required to finalize Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38;

AND WHEREAS the Province will be commencing the ten year review of the various provincial plans including reviews of the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe in the near future;

AND WHEREAS the foregoing Provincial Plan reviews and requirements will require the Town to embark on further comprehensive, resource intensive and costly official plan reviews while being in the midst of two major Secondary Plan reviews that are further implementing the results of the last Halton Region and Halton Hills Official Plan Provincial Plan conformity exercises;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are now on a conformity "treadmill" with little or no time between when one municipal comprehensive review finishes and another commences;

AND WHEREAS all of the foregoing challenges suggest the urgent need for Provincial Planning reform in a number of areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills requests the Province of Ontario to ensure that the review of Provincial Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement are harmonized to a consistent ten year cycle;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills requests the Province of Ontario to revise the requirement for mandatory Official Plan reviews related to Provincial Plan conformity to a ten year cycle instead of the current requirement for a five year review;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills requests the Province of Ontario eliminate third party appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board on the results of Municipal Comprehensive Reviews that deal with the allocation of mandated growth and that are in conformity with Provincial Plans and Policies;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Opposition Party leaders, Halton Region, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton, Ted Arnott - Wellington Halton Hills MPP, and AMO.

  
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 Mayor Rick Bonnette

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