

April 20, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via Email

Re: Build it Right the First Time

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, April 11, 2022, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2022-0077

WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills made a commitment through its Climate Change Emergency Resolution adopted in May 2019 to reach net-zero GHG emissions by the year 2030, which is consistent with the current scientific data indicating that this is required by all jurisdictions if we are to avoid catastrophic climate-related events;

AND WHEREAS Residential and commercial buildings account for 33% of the GHG emissions in Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills is actively implementing its Low Carbon Transition Strategy and has committed millions of dollars in the current budget to upgrade energy efficiency in its corporate building stock;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills has adopted its third upgraded iteration of its Green Development Standards to ensure that all new buildings are built above the current Ontario Building Code mandatory requirements;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building Code;

AND WHEREAS The greenhouse gas reduction targets set out in municipal climate Change strategies across the province will not be achievable without a commitment by the Provincial government to use this opportunity with respect to updates to Ontario Building Code to upgrade the energy efficiency of all new builds in line with other Provinces and the National Standards;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied;



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AND WHEREAS the lack of strong energy efficiency standards in the current and proposed OBC have resulted in the costly development of local green development standards as individual municipalities are forced to negotiate energy upgrades as they strive to meet their GHG reduction goals (Halton Hills, Toronto, Whitby, Pickering, City of Waterloo);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

AND FURTHER THAT if the OBC is not upgraded to the National Model Building Code that municipalities be given the authority to adopt a higher level of energy efficiency consistent with the National Building Code;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Halton MPP's to the leaders of all Provincial political parties and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2022-0077.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Halton MPP's
leaders of all Provincial political parties
all Ontario municipalities



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

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Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Item No. 15.3

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Mayor Rick Bonnette