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REPORT TO: Mayor R. Bonnette and Members of Council
REPORT FROM: Damian Szybalski, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: June 4, 2009
REPORT NO.: PDS-2009-0065
RE: Sustainable Halton (Sustainability Matters)
File No.: D27-09 SUS-015

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PDS-2009-0065, dated June 4, 2009, regarding Sustainable Halton (Sustainability Matters) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse Town staff's position on sustainability matters related to Sustainable Halton, as contained within this report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Region be respectfully advised that it is the Town's position that:

- In principle, the Town supports the Region's decision to develop a 'sustainability lens' or 'test' for future decision-making, as set out in Direction #1 of the Region's Directions Report (dated April 14, 2009).
- At this time, it is premature to conclude that The Natural Step is the most appropriate sustainability framework for the implementation of sustainability initiatives, prior to the Region completing a detailed Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats analysis, and undertaking public consultation relating to The Natural Step and other contemporary sustainability frameworks.
- Any sustainability framework adopted by the Region should be sufficiently flexible to enable local municipalities to respond to local sustainability programs, policies and directions.
- The proposed requirement for *all* development applications to be evaluated through the Region's 'sustainability lens/test' is premature and may place an onus on the Town to adopt The Natural Step as its sustainability framework, prior to a detailed evaluation of this and other contemporary sustainability frameworks

being completed. Furthermore, the Region should consider local Secondary Plans as a means to implement sustainability requirements at the policy level as an effective alternative to the development application level.

- The Region should investigate the development of sustainable community indicators to complement the preparation of a Regional sustainability lens or test.

AND FURTHER THAT, in light of the Town's own and delegated planning authority under the Planning Act and the Halton Area Services Review, the Region be respectfully advised that it is the Town's position that the Region should *not* be involved in detailed land use development review by way of requiring the application of a Regional sustainability lens/test, especially when this would pertain to local planning applications;

AND FURTHER THAT, it is Town staff's position that, the Region's land use planning interests should be vested at the Regional and Provincial level, and focus on setting broad sustainability policy direction rather than requiring the application of a sustainability lens/test to all development applications;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report and associated Council recommendation be forwarded to Halton Region, the City of Burlington, and the Towns of Oakville and Milton, the Town Environmental Advisory Committee, Sustainable Halton Hills and P.O.W.E.R.



REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor R. Bonnette & Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Steve Burke, Senior Planner - Policy

DATE: June 5, 2009

REPORT NO.: PDS-2009-0066

RE: Regional Official Plan Review – Directions Report: Towards Sustainability
File No.: D08/SH Sustainable Halton

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PDS-2009-0066, dated June 5, 2009 regarding the Regional Official Plan Review – Directions Report: Towards Sustainability, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the staff recommendations discussed in this report, regarding Directions 2 to 13 of the Regional Directions Report, and that Report No. PDS-2009-0066 be provided to the Region of Halton in response to their request for comments on the Regional Directions Report;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the City of Burlington, and Towns of Oakville and Milton for information.



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REPORT TO: Mayor R. Bonnette & Members of Council

REPORT FROM: John Linhardt, Manager of Planning Policy

DATE: June 9, 2009

REPORT NO.: PDS-2009-0067

RE: Sustainable Halton – Selection of a Preferred Growth Option
File: D08/Sustainable Halton

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PDS-2009-0067 dated June 9, 2009, regarding Sustainable Halton – Selection of a Preferred Growth Option be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Region of Halton be advised that Option 2b, as it pertains to Halton Hills, constitutes the Town's Preferred Growth Option to accommodate population and employment growth to the 2031 planning horizon;

AND FURTHER THAT the Region of Halton be advised that the Town's Preferred Growth Option includes the rounding of the Stewarttown Boundary in accordance with Schedule Seven to this report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Hamlet of Stewarttown be incorporated into the Georgetown Urban Area through ROPA No. 38, being the comprehensive amendment to implement Sustainable Halton;

AND FURTHER THAT the subsequent local Growth Plan conformity exercise and required Secondary Plan recognize Stewarttown as a Special Character Area and ensure that any new development associated with the rounding of the existing community is contextually appropriate;

AND FURTHER THAT no development occur within the lands included within the Town's Preferred Growth Option until such time as the:

- a) The lands are incorporated into the Halton Hills Official Plan through the Town's pending Growth Plan conformity exercise;

- b) Appropriate Secondary Plans are prepared by the Town and adopted as an amendment to the Halton Hills Official Plan to the satisfaction of Town Council and the Region in accordance with the policies of the Regional Official Plan and the Halton Hills Official Plan;
- c) An appropriate Block Plan prepared to the satisfaction of Town Council and the Region in accordance with the policies of the Halton Hills Official Plan;
- d) Appropriate Financial Plans and Agreements, including any necessary front ending agreements, have been secured to the satisfaction of the Region of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- e) Appropriate Development Charge By-laws have been prepared to the satisfaction of the Town Council.

AND FURTHER THAT with respect to the on-going Halton-Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study (HPBATS), the Region of Halton be advised that:

- a) should any existing employment lands within the 401/407 Employment Corridor designated as part of the Halton Urban Structure Plan (ROPA No. 8) and the 401 Corridor Integrated Planning Project (OPA No. 94) be displaced or frozen as a consequence of the findings of HPBATS that are subsequently endorsed by the Region and the Town, the Town will require such lands to be relocated and serviced in the Town in a timely fashion such that they can be utilized during the current 2021 planning horizon;
- b) it will be necessary for ROPA No. 38, being the comprehensive amendment to implement Sustainable Halton, or a separate amendment as may be appropriate, to contain appropriate policy direction to allow for the relocation of any existing employment lands that are displaced or frozen as a consequence of the findings of HPBATS, that are subsequently endorsed by the Region and the Town, without requirement for a study or comprehensive review as set out in the Growth Plan, provided that such lands are located within the Strategic Employment Lands identified through Sustainable Halton;
- c) should any proposed employment lands identified to date on the north side of Steeles Avenue for the 2021-2031 planning period be displaced or frozen as a consequence of the findings of HPBATS that are subsequently endorsed by the Region and the Town, the Town will require such lands to be relocated in a timely fashion;
- d) it will be necessary for ROPA No. 38, being the comprehensive amendment to implement Sustainable Halton, to contain appropriate policy direction to allow for the relocation of any proposed employment lands that are displaced or frozen as a consequence of the findings of the HPBATS, that are subsequently endorsed by the Region and the Town,

without the requirement for a comprehensive review or study as set out in the Growth Plan, provided that such lands are located within the Strategic Employment Lands identified through Sustainable Halton; and,

- e) HPBATS must appropriately address east-west transportation linkages across the Halton – Peel boundary to the satisfaction of the Town including the provision of the Georgetown/Norval By-pass.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Region of Halton, the Region of Peel, the City of Brampton, the City of Burlington and the Towns of Milton and Oakville.