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Grand River Conservation Authority- GRCA Current, Volume 21, Number 1 dated January 2016.

Grand River Conservation Authority – Members Meeting Attendance for 2016 Pursuant to Section 8 of the Grand River Conservation Authority’s By-law 1-2014.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario

January 6, 2016

The Hon. Steven Del Duca  
Minister of Transportation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ferguson Block  
77 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister:

I am writing to follow up on a letter you should have received from Town of Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette regarding our upcoming meeting on January 20 to discuss the Town's transportation issues, including the issue of truck traffic on Highway 7 in and around the community of Acton. A copy of the Mayor's letter is enclosed.

Mayor Bonnette is formally requesting that the GTA West Corridor Study be added to the agenda for our meeting. As he points out, the recent developments regarding the GTA West Corridor Study has implications for Highway 7, its associated connecting links through Acton, Georgetown, and Norval, and a number of other important transportation and land use plans within the Town of Halton Hills.

I support the Mayor's request. As you will recall, I first approached you after Question Period on December 3 to ask for a meeting to discuss truck traffic on Highway 7. I appreciate your interest and the fact that your staff responded to my office within days to arrange a date and time.

Thank you once again for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Arnott'.

Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills

TA:dr

Encl:

Cc: Mayor Rick Bonnette, Town of Halton Hills  
Suzanne Jones, Clerk, Town of Halton Hills  
Brent Marshall, CAO, Town of Halton Hills  
Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair  
The Hon. Kevin Flynn, MPP  
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**Rick Bonnette**

December 21, 2015

The Honourable Steven Del Duca  
Ministry of Transportation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ferguson Block  
77 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Del Duca:

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the Council of the Town of Halton Hills for the opportunity to meet with you on January 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Town's concerns regarding truck traffic along Highway 7, especially through Acton's downtown, and the Ministry's willingness to partner with the Town on a long term truck strategy, including the possibility of an Acton Bypass.

I am also writing to you to request that the GTA West Corridor Study be formally added to the agenda of our upcoming meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. As you will appreciate, the recent developments regarding the GTA West Corridor Study have implications for Highway 7, its associated connecting links through Acton, Georgetown and Norval, and a number of other important transportation and land use plans within the Town.

There are a number of major initiatives underway within the Town as a result of the GTA West Corridor Study, so if there is a reversal, while the Town sees this as potentially positive, there are potentially negative implications, and the Town needs to better understand what the possible implications are going forward.

Thank you for taking my request under consideration. I look forward to speaking with you on January 20<sup>th</sup> on these important matters.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Bonnette

- c. ~~Ted Arnott~~, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP  
The Honourable Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour – Oakville MPP  
Eleanor McMahon, Burlington MPP  
Indira Naidoo-Harris, Halton MPP  
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December 18, 2015

His Worship Rick Bonnette  
Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills, Ontario  
L7G 5G2

Dear Mayor Bonnette:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Justin P.J. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding federal infrastructure funding. I regret the delay in replying.

Please be assured that your comments, offered on behalf of the Town of Halton Hills, have been carefully reviewed. As this issue is of particular interest to the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to him. I am certain he will wish to give your views every consideration.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister with your encouraging words of support. You may be assured that your thoughtful gesture was most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Correspondence Officer

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October 23, 2015

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister Elect of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Langevin Block, 80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A2

Town of Halton Hills  
Office of the Mayor  
**Rick Bonnette**

Dear Prime Minister Elect:

On behalf of the Council and residents of the Town of Halton Hills (Ontario), I would like to extend our deepest congratulations on the resounding success achieved by the Liberal Party of Canada in securing a majority government and you becoming Canada's next Prime Minister in the recent Federal election.

Your platform resonated strongly with Canadians across the country. At the Town of Halton Hills, we share and strongly support your emphasis on investing in Canada's future, with a focus on jobs, growth and investment. Investment that will make our lives better. Again, congratulations.

As Prime Minister, as you begin to steer Canada in a new direction, one focused on the health of our economy and investing in our collective future, myself as the Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills, joined by Regional Councillor Clark Somerville who is the First Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and our Chief Administrative Officer, Brent Marshall, would greatly value the opportunity to meet with you to share the infrastructure needs of our community. Our interests and priorities are closely aligned with yours.

Having collected, reviewed and analyzed our data over the past decade, we have a deep understanding of our infrastructure needs. We would like to share this information with you. We would like to be early adopters and partners as you take steps to implement your jobs, growth and infrastructure investment priorities.

Through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and, recently, through the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Mayors and Regional Chairs group, I have called for enhanced federal infrastructure funding and a new fiscal partnership with the federal government. With an engaged federal partner at the table, a predictable, long-term and sustainable source of funding will allow us to eliminate our infrastructure deficit within a generation.

The current funding system is inadequate in funding our infrastructure projects. It also undermines our ability to keep our economy moving forward.



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I am confident that, as Prime Minister, your focus on jobs, growth and investment will effectively address gaps in the current infrastructure funding system. In particular, we look forward to the federal government's investments in:

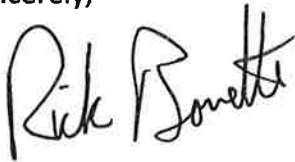
- **Social infrastructure** such as affordable housing with about \$20 billion over ten years.
- **Green infrastructure** with about \$20 billion over the next ten years.
- **Public transportation** with a quadrupling of federal investment.

Once again, we would greatly value the opportunity to meet with you at a date and time convenient for you. Should you not be available, we would be pleased to meet with the appropriate Minister(s) and/or your senior advisors.

Together, we can demonstrate and mobilize real progress in implementing our common infrastructure investment priorities. I look forward to the implementation of your new direction for Canada. The Town of Halton Hills wants to be a partner in that transformation. We too are focused on improving quality of life. Investments in infrastructure are critical to moving us forward.

I look forward to meeting with you in Ottawa in the near future to share our common interests in advancing the jobs, growth and infrastructure agenda.

Sincerely,



Mayor Rick Bonnette  
Town of Halton Hills

c.c. Members of Halton Hills Council

The Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1



La première ministre de l'Ontario

Édifice de l'Assemblée législative, Queen's Park  
Toronto (Ontario) M7A 1A1

December 22, 2015

Ms. Renee Brown  
Coordinator, Council and Committee Services  
Town of Halton Hills  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills, Ontario  
L7G 5G2

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your letter providing me with a copy of council's resolution regarding collaboration between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Union of Quebec Municipalities to address climate change. I appreciate your keeping me informed of council's activities.

I note that you have sent a copy of council's resolution to my colleague the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. I trust that the minister will also take council's views into consideration.

Once again, thank you for the information. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Wynne  
Premier

c: The Honourable Glen Murray





January 4, 2016

Mayor Rick Bonnette and Members of Council  
Town of Halton Hills  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills, ON  
L7G 5G2

Dear Mayor Bonnette,

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Halton Hills Public Library, I want to express my deep appreciation for your support of the expanded Monday hours at the Georgetown Branch, and for the Library program overall. I want you to know that this decision to add Monday evening openings will greatly benefit our students and our significant commuter population, who tend to use the Library after 5:00 p.m.

Our 2015 statistics clearly point to the success of the first phase of the expanded hours of operation, which were introduced in March of 2015. From January-December 2015, the circulation of materials has increased by 4%, exceeding our earlier projection of 3%. Much of this increase is due to the Monday afternoon openings at the Georgetown Branch, which account for 21,300 materials borrowed, and over 13,200 more visitors. We expect this upward trend to continue in 2016, particularly since Monday evening openings give staff the opportunity to introduce more programming for school-aged children.

We are looking forward to seeing this beautifully appointed facility used to its full capacity, and improving access to the Library for many in this community.

Sincerely,

Sheila Taylor

Chair,  
Halton Hills Public Library Board

c. B. Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, Town of Halton Hills  
Halton Hills Public Library Board

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CEO@metrolinx.com

January 8, 2016

Brent Marshall  
CAO  
Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills  
1 Halton Hills Dr.  
Georgetown, ON L7G 5G2

Dear Mr. Marshall,

On behalf of Metrolinx and your local Smart Commute office, I would like to offer my congratulations on your achievement of the *Smart Commute Gold Workplace* designation for 2016.

This is a testament to the effort and resources you and your Smart Commute representative Jennifer Spence have dedicated to ensure the program is a success. Your commitment to promoting and supporting sustainable travel options for your organization positions you as a leader in corporate social responsibility and highlights the alignment of your corporate values and your sustainability efforts.

In the summer of 2015, we had an unprecedented opportunity to leverage the knowledge base of the Smart Commute network, increasing awareness of transportation options and ensuring business continuity during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. Games travel initiatives included creating travel plans and encouraging employees to Reduce, Re-mode, Re-route or Re-time their commutes. Those workplaces that made extraordinary efforts will be recognized with a special "Games Champion" seal for their 2016 workplace designation certificate.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to the Smart Commute program. Your involvement in this region-wide network is making a positive impact on air quality and reducing the number of cars on the roads – critical elements of the health of the communities where we live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Bruce McCuaig  
President and Chief Executive Officer



January 7, 2016

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### Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Transportation is accepting applications for grants to support electric vehicles fast-charging stations. Applications are due February 12, 2016.

As part of the *Fighting Fraud and Reducing Automobile Insurance Rates Act*, the government has approved new regulations that will provide provincial oversight of towing and vehicle storage services. Regulations will come into force on January 1, 2017.

Schedule 6 of *Bill 8 The Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014* amends FIPPA/MFIPPA to include new requirements for recordkeeping. Many municipal governments have already established reasonable measures to protect their records. The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and Ministry of Government and Consumer Services have developed background information that can help those municipalities looking to enhance and improve recordkeeping practices.

### Federal Matters

Ontario municipalities will receive \$617 million from the federal Gas Tax Fund in 2016 to invest in local infrastructure. Municipal allocations for 2016, 2017 and 2018 are available online.

### AMO/LAS Events

2016 AMO Conference Guestroom Booking information is now available online. The 2016 Conference will be held at Caesars Windsor, with guestroom booking at the main hotels opening on **January 12th, 2016 at 10 am**. Please carefully review the guestroom booking policy.

### LAS

Don't be a laggard. Ontario municipalities are now in majority phase of the adoption curve for LED streetlights. Find out why 136 of your peers have opted for the LAS program.

For the 6th straight 6-month period, Ontario's Time-of-Use (TOU) rates increased on November 1, 2015. As most municipal accounts reside on TOU pricing, this is cause for concern. The LAS Electricity Program provides cost saving opportunities by offering access to spot market pricing or an annual electricity hedge. Get away from TOU rates today and save!

**Municipal Matters\***

The Municipality of East Ferris resolution requests that all real estate transactions require the issuance to solicitors of municipal property reports that provide information concerning zoning compliance, and, outstanding work orders with respect to the Fire and Building Codes.

**Careers**

Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Please apply online or call Julia Robarts in Odgers Berndtson's Toronto office at 416.366.1990.

Treasurer - Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston. Resumes with a covering letter will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., January 25, 2016 by mail, fax and email to: Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston, Attention: Janet Denkers, Clerk-Administrator. Email: [jdenkers@brookealvinston.com](mailto:jdenkers@brookealvinston.com). Fax: 519.898.5653.

Policy Intern - AMO. Assisting Senior Advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to [hr@amo.on.ca](mailto:hr@amo.on.ca) by Friday, January 22, 2016 at 12 noon.

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