



Ward Meetings Consultation & Response from letstalkhaltonhills.ca

The community was asked to share their thoughts, questions and issues of interest.

The Town received input from 32 people.

COMMUNITY INPUT	TOWN RESPONSE
<p>Climate change, reducing use of road salt, volunteer and community participation opportunities, public transit (to Mississauga and Toronto and on weekends)</p>	<p>The Town has a Climate Change Adaption Plan and the Mayor’s Community Energy Plan to reduce greenhouse gases emitted by the corporation and the community. The Corporate portion of the Plan is being updated in 2019 and the community-focused portion of the plan will be updated in 2020. Read more at: https://www.haltonhills.ca/Sustainability/plansAndStrategies.php</p> <p>The Town’s winter control budget is \$2.2M. In 2019, the Town used an estimated 5,426 tonnes of road salt. Halton Hills obtains its water from well- based systems and recognizes that these systems can be negatively affected by excessive salt usage. The Source Water Protection Act requires municipalities to have salt management plans in order to protect the natural environment. Staff is conducting a detailed review of the current Winter Maintenance Strategy so as to recommend changes to help respond to the impact of extreme weather fluctuation.</p> <p>Explore volunteer opportunities with the Town at: https://www.haltonhills.ca/Volunteer/index.php</p> <p>Read about the Town’s Transit Service Strategy at: haltonhills.ca/transitservicestrategy/</p>
<p>Transit, new development and recreation opportunities</p>	<p>Read about the Town’s Transit Service Strategy: haltonhills.ca/transitservicestrategy/</p> <p>Active developments are listed under four categories: Acton, Georgetown, 401-407 Premier Gateway Business Park, Rural Area See: https://www.haltonhills.ca/development/ActiveDevelopments.php for more information.</p> <p>Recreation opportunities are listed in the Community Activity & Service Guide available at: haltonhills.ca/guide/index.php</p>

<p>Seniors housing</p>	<p>Currently, the Town has several developments targeted to seniors including the Rockport development on Maple Avenue. Recently, Council directed the creation of an Affordable Housing Working Group to research and recommend strategies to address affordable, accessible and seniors housing in Halton Hills. The group is to partner with community groups, non-profits, the Region of Halton, Province and Federal government to access funding and facilitate more affordable, accessible and housing appropriate for seniors. See report TPW-2019-0016 for more information.</p>
<p>China related issues</p>	<p>The Town signed a Sister City agreement in 2016 with Wenjiang, China. Council approved a 22 point action plan. Learn more at: haltonhills.ca/SisterCity/index.php</p>
<p>Roads</p>	<p>For information on this year's road maintenance, please refer to the 2019 Pavement Management Program and Capital Works program at: haltonhills.ca/roads/index.php for more information.</p>
<p>The Town owns a lot of companies (SWE, Quality Tree, Halton Hills Hydro) how is the income reported on the budget?</p>	<p>Income from Halton Hills Hydro and wholly owned subsidiaries (SWE and Quality Tree) is reported in the Town's budget report on page 2-41. See: haltonhills.ca/financials</p>

<p>Plans for the Barber Mill and the McGibbon.</p> <p>I keep hearing out homelessness in Georgetown. Has the Town been able to quantify?</p> <p>Renting within Georgetown has become almost impossible. Rent within our town is almost double that of neighbouring towns. Is there anything the Town can do to help?</p>	<p>The McGibbon Hotel project is a private development and the Town was disappointed to learn last December it was cancelled. The Town remains open to working with the current or any new developer of the property. See: haltonhills.ca/hpa/McGibbonHotel.php</p> <p>The Town has met with the owner of the Barber Mill property to try and re-start development plans. To date, no formal application plans have been submitted.</p> <p>The Region of Halton has a Comprehensive Housing Strategy to help address short and long term housing needs for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Visit: halton.ca/For-Residents/Housing-Supports-and-Services</p> <p>There are a number of different housing programs and services in place. For rental information or other housing supports such as the Housing Stability Fund, see <i>Halton Region Housing Supports and Services</i> at: halton.ca/For-Residents/Housing-Supports-and-Services</p> <p>Other services:</p> <p><i>Bridging the Gap</i> provides outreach services to at-risk and homeless youth. They also operate Host Homes for youth in need of temporary accommodations. Visit: http://www.bridgingthegaphalton.ca/hosthome.html</p> <p><i>Support and Housing Halton</i> offers many different housing options for those with mental health issues, addictions or youth at risk. Visit: http://www.shalton.org/housing.html</p> <p>The <i>Lighthouse Emergency Shelter</i> is open 24/7 for individuals experiencing a housing crisis and in immediate need of shelter. Transportation is available.</p>
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<p>Trees - how to protect our tree canopy</p> <p>Ward residents supporting their residents who need it (re the close proximity within the Ward) ex. companionship, respite, gardening, special projects etc.</p>	<p>The Town is currently developing a strategy to manage trees located on Town property which is scheduled to be completed in 2019. The Town is also initiating a strategy to manage trees located on private properties in Halton Hills. To review the Terms of Reference see: https://pub-haltonhills.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=4755</p> <p>The Hillsview Active Living Centre (for residents 50+) has a mission statement 'To engage adults in outstanding experiences which enhance their quality of life.' This non-profit organization is committed to enhancing adults' well-being. Learn more at: haltonhills.ca/50plus</p>
<p>GoTransit updates - any additional parking planned?</p> <p>Any updates on old Beardmore property?</p> <p>Update on new water treatment plant expansion. Any tours planned?</p>	<p>Metrolinx is currently in the design stage for improvements to the Georgetown GO Station parking lot. At this time, the proposed design does not include any additional parking. For more information regarding the project contact Laura Durie at Laura.Durie@metrolinx.com. For all other GO Transit inquires please visit www.metrolinx.com</p> <p>This former tannery is owned by Maple Leaf Foods. The Town is working with them to determine land use opportunities; the CAO has sent a letter to this effect.</p> <p>Water/waste water treatment and distribution is managed by Halton Region. See: Halton.ca or email: accesshalton@halton.ca</p>

<p>More on budget and decision regarding \$ - how \$ is spend to benefit the greatest number of people (ie, plowing sidewalks, maintaining sidewalks, regular review of infrastructure).</p>	<p>Each year Town Council determines its priorities and advises staff on the budget target. Departments then develop business plans to support their delivery. These plans are presented to Council who deliberate and ultimately approve the budgets.</p> <p>Read the business plans at: haltonhills.ca/financials</p>
<p>Mature neighborhoods, updating parks, destination Downtown, McGibbon project</p>	<p>Public concern about the character and integrity of the Town’s mature neighbourhoods prompted the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study in May 2016. See: haltonhills.ca/neighbourhoodcharacter</p> <p>The Glen Williams Mature Neighbourhood Study has been completed and in April, By-law 2019-0017 to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 34 and By-law 2019-0018 to amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2010-0050 was passed in order to implement the study’s final recommendations. Learn more at: haltonhills.ca/GlenWilliamsNeighbourhoodStudy/index.php</p> <p>The Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan is underway. This plan will include an opportunity to comment on what is desired or needed in parks.</p> <p>The Town is nearing completion of the Destination Downtown project which will culminate in a detailed land use/built form plan for Downtown Georgetown (known as a Secondary Plan) as well as detailed Urban Design Guidelines. The June 25 Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting is targeted for consideration of the final draft documents, followed by Council on July 8. The Secondary Plan and Design Guidelines are designed to work together to implement a vision for Downtown Georgetown to accommodate additional residential development, while protecting the heritage resources and existing businesses, complemented by enhanced public spaces and mobility.</p> <p>The McGibbon Hotel project is a private development and the Town was disappointed to learn last December it was cancelled. The Town remains open to working with the current or any new developer of the property. See: haltonhills.ca/hpa/McGibbonHotel.php</p>

<p>Each of the Town's 4 Wards (Ward 1 - Acton, Ward 3 - Georgetown, Ward 4 - Georgetown, Ward 2 - Esquesing and the hamlets) may require a different way to implement this ward/community meeting concept. For example, Ward 2 is a large rural ward made up of diverse areas and hamlets, all with their own issues. In reality, there are enough pending subdivision developments, engineering projects, and rec & parks planning issues in Glen Williams alone for a full evening of discussion. Please give some thought as to how to best approach this new concept (eg: multiple meetings), so residents in all areas of this large ward can feel that they have been given adequate time to be informed and heard. Thanks for doing this.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest. The Ward Meetings are a first-time, corporate initiative (though many Councillors have held their own community or issues-based meetings). We will be reviewing the process and outcomes and determining how best to enhance our efforts to connect with residents.</p>
<p>Development plans</p>	<p>Active developments are listed under four categories: Acton, Georgetown, 401-407 Premier Gateway Business Park, Rural Area See: haltonhills.ca/development/ActiveDevelopments.php for more information.</p>
<p>Future housing Development, park improvements</p>	<p>Active developments are listed under four categories: Acton, Georgetown, 401-407 Premier Gateway Business Park, Rural Area. See: haltonhills.ca/development/ActiveDevelopments.php</p> <p>The Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan is underway. This plan will include an opportunity to comment on what is desired or needed in parks.</p>

<p>I would like to hear about reforestation efforts in the Dr. Claude Williams Wood Lot (the area the was clear cut after the ice storm) as well as plans for a play structure at the Mary St. Parkette, given the growing number of young families moving into the Mary Woods area. This was mentioned to our councillor prior to the recent election.</p> <p>Another concern is the traffic speeds on Mary St. and the need for a traffic study / assessments of options to slow traffic down.</p> <p>Lastly, I would like to hear about plans to continue revitalizing the downtown core along with more green spaces and walking trails. Thank-you,</p>	<p>The Dr. Claude Williams Wood Lot is owned and managed by Halton Region. See: Halton.ca or email: accesshalton@halton.ca The Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan is underway. This plan will include an opportunity to comment on what is desired or needed in parks.</p> <p>Transportation staff will schedule installation of the Radar Messaging Board to educate the public/area residents and determine the actual operating speeds on Mary Street.</p> <p>The Town is nearing completion of the Destination Downtown project which will culminate in a detailed land use/built form plan for Downtown Georgetown (known as a Secondary Plan) as well as detailed Urban Design Guidelines. The June 25 Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting is targeted for consideration of the final draft documents, followed by Council on July 8. The Secondary Plan and Design Guidelines are designed to work together to implement a vision for Downtown Georgetown to accommodate additional residential development, while protecting the heritage resources and existing businesses, complemented by enhanced public spaces and mobility.</p> <p>An Active Transportation Plan which includes walking trails is currently underway. The Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan will provide opportunities for the public to comment.</p>
<p>Looking forward to attending the Ward meetings.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>

<p>Road resurfacing on 17th Sideroad west of Hwy 25. Road, edge of road, shoulders and pothole repairs are not lasting and potholes are large enough to damage wheels/vehicles. On some sections of the road, the shoulder/side of the road dips drastically, making it difficult and unsafe to go for walks or ride bikes (and we have many walkers and young families in the area).</p>	<p>Road resurfacing on 17 Side Road west of Hwy 25 is not currently identified in the Pavement Management or Capital Works Program. Please note however, that the Town is continually updating/revising these programs and in the interim, the Town will continue to conduct maintenance and repair activities as required.</p>
<p>More opportunities for residents to express their views at Council. Eg. Brampton and some other nearby Municipalities end Council meetings with a short question period. Ward Councillors having "boots on the ground" more often in Wards they represent.</p>	<p>The Town's meeting cycle provides residents the opportunity to speak to topics on the agenda at a committee of council prior to final adoption at Council. There are numerous avenues through which residents can seek information or express their views. Write, email or call your Ward Councillor directly or contact Town Hall via email, fax, mail or telephone and the information will be forwarded to the appropriate staff for follow up. You can also direct enquiries, in writing via email, to the Town Clerk who will forward your information to council members and/or respective staff.</p> <p>Please share your thoughts at a Ward Meeting.</p>
<p>What is the current status/plan for the downtown McGibbon hotel project. Is it dead? Are the buildings up for sale in the hope of attracting new tenants to some of the main street addresses that are currently boarded up? Does the town and or developer have a plan B? Thank you</p>	<p>The McGibbon Hotel project is a private development and the Town was disappointed to learn last December it was cancelled. The Town remains open to working with the current or any new developer of the property. See: haltonhills.ca/hpa/McGibbonHotel.php</p>

<p>When will the reconstruction of the bridge over the train tracks on Mountainview Rd North begin and will the area residents be notified beforehand?</p>	<p>The McGibbon Hotel project is a private development and the Town was disappointed to learn last December it was cancelled. The Town remains open to working with the current or any new developer of the property. See: haltonhills.ca/hpa/McGibbonHotel.php</p>
<p>New developments</p>	<p>Active developments are listed under four categories: Acton, Georgetown, 401-407 Premier Gateway Business Park, Rural Area See: haltonhills.ca/development/ActiveDevelopments.php for more information.</p>
<p>Everything.</p>	<p>Please visit: haltonhills.ca for current information on Town programs and services. Consultation opportunities can be found at: letstalkhaltonhills.ca</p>
<p>Air traffic. I am concerned about the volume for planes and significant noise as a result. With spring/summer around the corner I will once again be disturbed with the noise especially after 11pm and before 6am. This noise affects my sleep quality and now need to keep my windows closed. This trend of increase air traffic is very concerning.</p>	<p>The Town of Halton Hills has no authority with respect to aircraft noise; we regret that we don't have the capability to respond to noise complaints. In our area, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) in cooperation with Nav Canada is responsible for aircraft noise management.</p> <p>To make a complaint or comment about aircraft noise, you contact the GTAA using their online complaints form or call the GTAA Noise Management Office at: 416-247-7682.</p> <p>Visit: torontopearson.com/en/community and click 'noise management'</p>
<p>Do you announcement says that the public is invited to attend to hear about issues. Are we not also invited to speak about issues?</p>	<p>Yes – the public is welcome to share their thoughts and ask questions. The original concept was to present information followed by a Q & A period with the public. The meetings have since been changed to an informal program without any presentations so the entire meeting time is available for Councillors to respond to questions from the public.</p>

<p>Has any member of council actually driven on the rural roads? 3rd Line between 32nd side road & Hwy 7 is atrocious...how many others are this terrible? Mayfield Rd in Halton is pretty bad as well.</p> <p>Why is the Town allowing so much development to some contractors and giving other a really hard time?</p>	<p>The Town currently has the reconstruction of Third Line between 32 Side Road and MacDonald Blvd forecast for 2022 and the Region has watermain construction scheduled for 2021. The Town and Region will work to coordinate these two projects which may result in the reconstruction being advanced to 2021.</p> <p>The reconstruction/realignment of the Tenth Line – River Drive intersection and Mayfield Road to Winston Churchill Blvd is forecast for completion beyond 2025. Please note that the Town is continually updating/revising these programs.</p> <p>The level of rigour or scrutiny applied to any specific development proposal is not determined by who the applicant/builder is, but by the nature of the proposal itself. No two proposals are alike and some may require additional time to properly evaluate given their contentious nature or the technical complexities associated with the project. The quality of the drawings and reports, or lack thereof, submitted in support of a proposal also contributes to the length of time it may take to obtain approval from the Town.</p>
<p>Abandoned vacant lot on James St. adjacent to Rem. Park.</p>	<p>In 2018 Council approved Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications to permit six, three-storey townhouse units on the vacant property to the east of Remembrance Park (municipally known as 25 James Street). The townhouses will be configured to front on to James Street with parking for the units located at the rear of the site. Site Plan approval is expected to be issued in the coming months, which will resolve the detailed design for the site. The applicant has not indicated when they would look to begin construction.</p>
<p>Increased venues for visual arts in Halton Hills</p>	<p>The Town is committed to growing and supporting culture. Contact the Town and/or visit: haltonhills.ca/culture/index.php</p>

<p>Thank you for this opportunity “Let’s Talk” within our community! It’s very important to open up + encourage dialogue. Not sure whether it has been developed, but some rules/boundaries for ‘civil discourse’ (within The Let’s Talk initiative) would add extra value. Choosing a ‘meeting facility’ within the Ward (so if possible - people could walk to), for these Ward meetings - would also be important.</p>	<p>The meeting venues are Ward-specific.</p> <p>For the Ward Meetings, only the survey tool of the ‘letstalk’ platform was used. However, two other tools that encourage dialogue include third-party moderation to support civil discourse.</p>
<p>Congratulations to the Town on taking another positive step to enhance the quality of Public Engagement. It is great to see that we are moving forward with this promised initiative.</p>	<p>The Ward Meetings were identified as one initiative of the Public Engagement Strategy. Read more at: haltonhills.ca/PublicEngagement</p>
<p>Standing Committees meeting at times that are more "citizen friendly". Most people can't Live Stream during the work day.</p>	<p>Meeting times for standing committees were chosen through consensus of Council in consultation with staff. Live Streaming and web streaming (where anyone can watch at their convenience) is available through the Town’s website. Items that are on agenda at a Committee are adopted at the following meeting of Council. People can delegate on an agenda topic at the respective Committee and/or at the Council meeting. Residents can also forward their comments in writing to the Town Clerk who will then forward comments directly to Council members and respective staff.</p>
<p>I love this town and council usually does a great job. Keep up the good work.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>

<p>Can something be done about the "U Turns" that take place on Mountainview North between Maple Ave and King Street? A lot of people make them, but lately the GO buses have been making them as well. Last week a fire engine (not on a call) pulled a U turn in that area as well, to head back to the station. You can't see the cars that are coming up the hill from River until they've actually crested the bridge. U turns in this area are just an accident waiting to happen.</p>	<p>Transportation staff will schedule the necessary studies and propose any recommendation as necessary.</p>
<p>Would like to see our area cleaner! Weeds are a huge problem!</p>	<p>Open Spaces are often considered "weedy" by the general public but are intended to be like this. Please contact Service Halton Hills to advise of a specific area so staff can review and respond accordingly.</p>

<p>As a visual artist I would love the Council to consider making the McGibbon Hotel, a 'Gladstone Toronto' or 'Alton Mills' format. The way I would see it is to have the rooms to be rented to artists who would use them as working studios. The Foyer would have regular musical events with art gallery surrounding the musical stage/seating area. This area would be licenced for LCBO bar and the top floor would be renting out room to visitors. As A visual artist I would be glad to be on a focus group to help start this project and I know lots of artist some of whom I would be sure would serve too. This I feel would be a great tourist attraction for our Main Street in Georgetown and also parking would be easier as the underground carpark would not be part of the project. From a historical basis we would keep the hotel in its current design just re-decorate and interiors. What do ye think! Bring the arts alive to all types of musicians and artists.</p>	<p>The McGibbon Hotel project is a private development and the Town was disappointed to learn last December it was cancelled. The Town remains open to working with the current or any new developer of the property. See: haltonhills.ca/hpa/McGibbonHotel.php</p> <p>The Town is committed to growing and supporting culture. Contact the Town and/or visit: haltonhills.ca/culture/index.php</p>
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