



Notice of Adoption
Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment No. 14
Policies Related to School Sites

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has adopted By-law 2011-0101, a By-law to adopt Amendment No. 14 to the Official Plan of the Town of Halton Hills – Policies Related to School Sites, on the 12th day of December, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, 1990, R.S.O., c.P. 13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency who objects to all or part of By-law 2011-0101 or Official Plan Amendment No. 14 may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Senior Administrative Assistant, Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, Town of Halton Hills **no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 12th day of January, 2012.** During the office closure from 12 noon on December 23, 2011 until 8:30 am on January 2, 2012, appeals can be left in the drop box outside the main doors of the Civic Centre. The Notice of Appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal and be accompanied by a fee of \$125.00 made payable to the Minister of Finance. The Board only accepts filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OMB website at www.omb.gov.on.ca.

General

1. This proposed Official Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Region of Halton. The decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before 4:30 pm on the 12th day of January, 2012.
2. Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.
3. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Purpose and Effect of the Proposed By-law

The purpose of By-law 2011-0101 is to adopt Amendment No. 14 to the Official Plan of the Town of Halton Hills – Policies Related to School Sites. The amendment implements the recommendations resulting from the Town of Halton Hills School Site Land Use Planning Study by including new policies in the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan. These new policies reinforce the value of school properties in a neighbourhood and the desire by Council that school sites be preserved for their intended educational purposes in consideration of their importance as community hubs and neighbourhood gathering places.

Location

Official Plan Amendment No. 14 applies to all school properties within the entirety of the Town of Halton Hills.

Explanatory Note

The Official Plan Amendment enhances the existing policy framework in the Official Plan by adding additional policies which:

- Reinforce the importance of elementary school properties as community hubs and neighbourhood gathering places.
- Encourage the retention of schools in existing neighbourhoods in consideration of the role they play as a focus for community activity and neighbourhood interaction.
- Require that once a school site has been identified in a newly developing area, a sign be placed on the property advising residents that a school is planned for the site but that the need for the site and timing of construction is at the sole discretion of the school board.
- Prioritize consideration of alternative uses of elementary and secondary school sites, with other public institutional uses and parks and open spaces as the first priority, private institutional uses as the second priority, and commercial and residential uses subject to applicable Official Plan criteria as the third priority.

A copy of Zoning By-law 2011-0101, Official Plan Amendment No. 14, and recent staff reports area available for inspection at the Town of Halton Hills Planning Development and Sustainability Department or on the Town's web site at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/initiatives/schoolSite.php>. Further inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, located at the Civic Centre, or at (905)873-2601 ext 2214.

DATED at the Town of Halton Hills this 23rd day of December, 2011.

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