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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Metrolinx recognizes the Town with the Smart Commute Halton 'Employer of the Year' Award**

On Tuesday November 15, 2011, the Town's commitment to sustainability was once again recognized, this time by Metrolinx – a provincial agency responsible for coordinating and integrating all modes of transportation across the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA). Metrolinx presented the Town with the Smart Commute Halton 'Employer of the Year' award. Smart Commute, a program of Metrolinx, is focused on encouraging alternative commuting options such as carpooling, cycling, walking and teleworking.

On behalf of the Town, Damian Szybalski, Sustainability Coordinator, accepted the award. As 'Employer of the Year', Halton Hills was recognized for its successful implementation of the Smart Commute program at the Civic Centre, including:

- Not only being one of the newest Smart Commute partners, but also one of the most successful.
- In the first six months, 34% of employees joined the Carpool Zone, a carpool matching service. Of these, 53% participate in a carpool.
- Installation of secure bike lockers.
- Exploration of ways to encourage cycling through programs such as bike-sharing.

Halton Hills was one of just eleven employers recognized in 2011, out of a total of nearly 180 participating Smart Commute employers representing more than 430,000 employees in the GTHA, and the only winner from within Halton Region.

The Smart Commute Awards were introduced in 2007 to recognize the top employer in each of the eleven Smart Commute regions. Winners are selected for outstanding achievement in areas of commitment, leadership, innovation and results.

Referring to the Award, Mayor Bonnette said:

"We are truly honoured to have received the Smart Commute Halton 'Employer of the Year' award from Metrolinx. We are proud to be one of just eleven participating Greater Toronto Hamilton Area employers to be recognized for our commitment to encouraging more sustainable commuting options through our Smart Commute initiative at the Civic Centre."

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives is available at:  
[www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability)

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