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10th Anniversary of Earth Hour™ in Halton Hills

HALTON HILLS, ON – For the tenth consecutive year the Town of Halton Hills experienced an overall reduction in the amount of energy used during Earth Hour on Saturday, March 25.

Earth Hour is a global movement where communities reduce their energy consumption for one hour to show their commitment to reducing energy and bringing awareness to climate change. This is also an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of energy conservation all year long.

“Halton Hills’ residents continue to take local practical actions to reduce energy consumption to participate in this global movement. I encourage residents to continue to reduce energy through our daily choices such as: turning off unnecessary lights and electronics, replacing inefficient lighting with more efficient lighting, turning down the heat when it is not necessary or waiting to use electronic appliances later in the day when the energy demand is not as high. All of our collective actions make a positive difference in our community. I am proud we are celebrating our 10 year anniversary of participation in Earth Hour,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

In 2017, with the support of our local businesses, schools, residents and other organizations, local energy consumption decreased during Earth Hour by 2.8 per cent. The amount of the decrease is equivalent to powering about 1,494 homes for one hour. Since first participating in Earth Hour in 2008, the community has saved enough electricity to power about 28,146 average homes for one hour!

To celebrate Earth Hour the Town partnered with Halton Hills Hydro and Wastewise to promote Earth Hour and collected electronic waste. Thank you to everyone who brought their electronic waste to Wastewise.

Earth Hour is a global event that encourages everyone to take energy conservation steps where possible throughout the year to help address climate change. Visit the Earth Hour webpage to view global Earth Hour statistics at: www.earthhour.org

For information on conservation tips and programs visit: www.haltonhillshydro.com

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives is available via:

- Website: www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/haltonhills
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownOfHaltonHills

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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