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A Message from Mayor Rick Bonnette

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There are some issues I feel very strongly about and that's why as a member of Halton Regional Council, I seconded the motion put forward by Burlington Mayor Meed Ward that called on the Provincial government to stop imposing the former Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) rules on the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

Let me start by calling out the costs of these hearings. Collectively Halton Region and the four municipalities have spent over \$5 million in the last three years. Halton Hills has spent an average of \$230,000 a year which equates to half a percent tax increase. That's money from your wallet and mine!

I believe that communities should have the ability to determine their own future; how we grow and what this growth should look like. The Town's Official Plan, the document that sets out the Town's policies for growth and development through to 2031 serves this purpose. Importantly, the plan was developed through consultation so as to reflect the interests of residents and local stakeholders.

Consultation is a principle that we at the Town hold dear; we invite, listen to, consider and above all value input from our community.

For this reason, I am opposed to any type of body that holds authority over local governance. After all, who understands the Halton Hills community better than those who live here?

Sincerely,

Rick Bonnette
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills

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