



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: Rich Bonnette Date: November 11, 2019
Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: James F. Fogal Resolution No.: 2019-0195
Councillor J. Fogal

WHEREAS The Ontario Ministry of Transportation initiated Stage 1 of the GTA West Environmental Assessment in 2008;

AND WHEREAS in May 2017 the GTA West Advisory Panel released its final report and its recommendations to the MTO;

AND WHEREAS this GTA West Highway has created uncertainty for many land owners in the protected area since 2008;

AND WHEREAS in February 2018 the Province announced that it would not be proceeding with the GTA West project;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government reversed the previous decision and restarted the GTA West project on June 19th 2019;

And whereas on May 3rd 2019 the Town of Halton Hills declared a Climate Change Emergency ;

AND WHEREAS on Sept 11th 2019 the Region of Halton declared a Climate Change Emergency;

AND WHEREAS responding to the climate emergency requires immediate re-evaluation of all transportation plans to ensure that those investments help to reduce GHG emissions;

AND WHEREAS a basic strategy necessary to reduce GHG emissions, which are the cause of the Climate Emergency, is to shift transportation to more sustainable modes such as mass transit;

AND WHEREAS all funding for the development, planning, and building of a new 400 series highway is in effect an enormous subsidy for individual automobile drivers and is also an enormous incentive for people to drive more and drive further;

AND WHEREAS once a new highway is built it induces more driving and rapidly fills to capacity;

AND WHEREAS the focus of provincial spending should shift priorities away from subsidizing and incentivizing individual travel to investing in less carbon intense modes of transportation such as transit and high speed rail;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills Council opposes further investment by the Province in the GTA West Transportation Corridor

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Transportation, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, MPP Arnott, Halton Region.



Mayor Rick Bonnette