

Town implements audio, video feeds in council chambers

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Sustainability is the Town of Halton Hills' middle name, and it is bringing that theme to council chambers. During the regular meeting on Jan. 15, council approved a recommendation to bring electronic agenda management and web streaming implementation into council chambers, creating paperless agendas and minutes. Two parts of the recommendation, the electronic meeting management and web streaming, and the closed captioning services,



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A web project will allow residents who are unable to attend a council meeting to watch on the town's website.

will be implemented this year by Markham-based company eSCRIBE Software Ltd., and will be purchased in the amount of just over \$64,000. The other part, video capture and encoding services, will be supplied by MacLean Media Systems of Burlington, and will be purchased for over \$94,000. Council members will also receive mobile tablets to read agendas, and will have the ability to mark them up as they would a

piece of paper. The project will allow residents who are unable to attend a meeting to watch on the town's website. As a result, the town expects more community involvement. According to a report from the town, the project is "an integral part of moving toward a more efficient, sustainable, and accessible approach in providing council and committee information."



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