

Steps taken to bring new courthouse to region

Progress is being made towards a much-needed new courthouse in Halton Region.

In letters sent last week to Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, as well as other local courthouse advocates, Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur announced that Infrastructure Ontario will soon be releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a functional programming consultant to begin planning for a new Halton courthouse.

According to the letters, this work will involve a series of con-

sultations to review existing business processes and explore opportunities for innovations that would help enhance access to justice in Halton Region. The results of this work will inform further planning, such as project design and scope.

The RFP is expected to be released in early June.

I'm hopeful. This appears to be a positive step forward, Arnott said. While this isn't the final approval that we've been seeking for a new courthouse, it appears to be progress towards that goal.

The letter is dated May 31, the

same day as when Arnott again raised the need for a new Halton courthouse with the Attorney General during the morning Question Period.

A new courthouse is needed to replace the existing facility in Milton, which is aging, overcrowded and has serious security and privacy concerns. According to the Halton County Law Association, litigants are often required to travel to Brampton and Guelph because the current Courthouse simply cannot handle the volume of cases.

I want to acknowledge Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr and Regional Council, Paul Stunt, Ken Kelertas, Clarke Melville, and the many others who have helped bring attention to the need for a new courthouse, Arnott said. Working together, we're making progress. We're going to continue to push for this until it gets done.

Arnott has raised the need for a new courthouse repeatedly, not only in debate in the Legislature and in Question Period, but also in private conversations and letters to the Attorney General. Last

year, he initiated a meeting with the Attorney General, Halton-area MPPs, and local lawyer Paul Stunt to discuss the issue.

According to page 285 of the government's 2016 Budget Papers document, the Ministry of the Attorney General plans to spend \$255 million on justice infrastructure this year.

The Attorney General stated in the Legislature as recently as May 31 that the Milton Courthouse is still our number one priority in our Ministry, in response to Arnott's question on the subject.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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Temporary Road Closure Due To Event

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and Town of Halton Hills By-law 2008-0020 regarding the following temporary road closure for the purpose of the following community event:

Bike it to the Market • Saturday, June 25th, 2016 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Maple Avenue to James Street (closed just before Cote Terrace) Church Street to Market Avenue, Park Avenue (at Main Street) to Mill Street.

Organized by: Georgetown B.I.A.

If you require any additional information regarding this road closure, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department 905-873-2601 ext. 2269.

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Notice of Passing of By-law 2016-0026

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills adopted By-law 2016-0026 on May 30, 2016, which amends Interim Control By-law 2016-0009 in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. No key map is provided as this By-law only applies to 16 Bairstow Crescent, Georgetown.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency who objects to all or part of By-law 2016-0026 may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Town Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 29, 2016. The Notice of Appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and be accompanied by a fee of \$125.00 (certified cheque or money order) made payable to the Minister of Finance. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, an appeal form is available for download from the OMB website at www.omb.gov.on.ca. Only individuals, corporations, or public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group, however, a Notice of Appeal may be filed by an individual on behalf of an unincorporated association or group.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED BY-LAW:

The purpose of By-law 2016-0026 is to exempt 16 Bairstow Crescent, Georgetown, from Interim Control By-law 2016-0009, to permit a proposed single-storey addition to the rear of the existing dwelling and single attached garage addition to the side.

The purpose of Interim Control By-law 2016-0009 is to control the erection of, or additions resulting in, any large scale single-detached dwellings within defined areas of the Town of Halton Hills for a period of one year, until the Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study has been completed. The Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study was initiated to examine whether the Town's Zoning By-law is effective in maintaining the character and integrity of the Town's mature neighbourhoods, in response to increased pressure for large scale home rebuilds that are sometimes referred to as monster homes.

Further inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the Planning and Infrastructure Department, located at the Civic Centre, or at (905) 873-2601 ext. 2302.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 31st day of May, 2016.

Rukshan de Silva, MCIP, RPP, LEED GA
Planner Policy



BY-LAW NO. 2016-0026

A By-law to exempt the property with the municipal address of 16 Bairstow Crescent, Georgetown, from Interim Control By-law 2016-0009.

WHEREAS on February 29, 2016, Council for the Town of Halton Hills enacted Interim Control By-law No. 2016-0009 to control the erection of, or additions resulting in, any large scale single-detached dwellings within defined areas of the Town of Halton Hills for a period of one year.

AND WHEREAS on March 21, 2016, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PI-2016-0034, dated March 4, 2016, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the Exemption Process for Interim Control By-law 2016-0009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- Interim Control By-law 2016-0009 is hereby amended by adding the following section:
 - Notwithstanding Section 1 of this By-law, the By-law shall not apply to the property with the municipal address of 16 Bairstow Crescent, Georgetown.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 30th day of May, 2016.

MAYOR - Rick Berinette

TOWN CLERK - Suzanne Jones

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