

MAYORS CELEBRATE END OF AMALGAMATION THREAT

RESIDENTS' GROUP CREDITS OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN WITH CHANGING GOVERNMENT DIRECTION

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The amalgamation of Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills will not be taking place and the mayors of these communities along with many resi-

dents are celebrating.

The Ford government announced Friday (Oct. 25) during an update on its regional government review that it had decided not to impose changes to size or structure to municipal governments. Instead, it will provide \$143 million to local municipalities to help lower costs and improve services for residents over the long term. Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said he thinks everyone is relieved there won't be any City of Halton or any other scenarios.

"Minister Clark listened to our concerns along with similar concerns from the 82 municipalities and regions that were being reviewed," he said. "I want to thank Premier Ford and

Minister Clark for recognizing that municipalities are the closest to the people and for committing additional resources to support local decision making."

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz says he's happy with the outcome.

"I'm pleased with regards to Halton being left alone because in my opin-

ion it has been working reasonably well," he said. "I'm a firm believer that big government is not necessarily better or more efficient. If anything, it is probably just the opposite. That's one of the things that I have always been opposed to is huge bureaucracies. They don't work efficiently as far as I'm concerned."

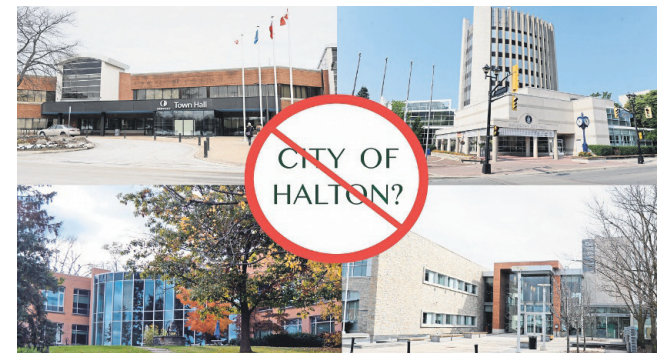
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The news was well received by Oakville Mayor Rob Burton.

"The announcement that the province will not proceed with any amalgamation or other interference in local municipal affairs is exactly what Town council and Oakville residents have been working towards," said Burton.

"Our residents made almost 4,400 submissions to the province in opposition to the amalgamation of Oakville with Burlington,



Torstar file photos

The Province has taken amalgamation off the table.

Milton, Halton Hills or to changes in our municipal representation, and their opposition was heard. We thank all those residents who wrote letters to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, our MPP and others regarding regional review and amalgamation and congratulate them for making a difference. We also thank the Province for listening to council and our recommendations."

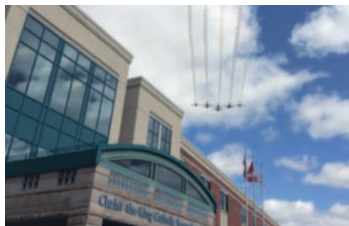
Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward took to so-

cial media to applaud the province's decision to listen to the feedback they received from the municipal and regional governments and local residents.

"Deciding not to overhaul the regional government system with a top-down approach and providing up to \$143 million in funding over four years to all Ontario municipalities will allow us to continue to self-govern and continue to find our own ways to lower costs and improve our ser-

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