

# HALTON CALLS FOR NEW PRODUCT ALLOCATION AT FORD PLANT

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With hundreds of layoffs being announced this year at Ford's Oakville assembly plant, Halton is urging the company to find something new for the local facility to produce.

Regional council passed a motion Nov. 20 that appeals to the Ford Motor Company to identify and allocate new production to the Oakville plant to ensure it's fully-utilized.

"Employees of Ford and their families, along with related industries and services, depend on the operations at the Oakville Assembly Plant," said Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, who brought the resolution forward.

"The Region of Halton is

committed to being a partner with Ford and Unifor to continue building on our successful and mutually beneficial relationship."

Burton told his regional council colleagues that he's been in contact with Ford and knows there's a positive outlook for the continuation of the local plant, which equates to securing new product for the facility.

Unifor - the union which represents the Ford plant workers - has expressed similar notes of optimism, he added.

The motion was seconded by Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, who said Ford is not only important to Oakville, but Halton and surrounding area.

"It creates a lot of jobs," he said. "We want them to

know - Unifor, the plant and everybody involved - that Halton Region is behind them. We want to work with them, and we want them to be very successful."

In October, Ford announced it will lay off 450 workers at the Oakville plant early next year.

Unifor said the company indicated the layoffs are happening due to cost expenses, slowing sales and the discontinuation of the Ford Flex and Lincoln MKT models.

Ford executives recently told Metroland Media that globally, the company is replacing 75 per cent of its vehicle lineup by the end of 2020, expanding its truck and utility lineup with new models, including the Escape, Explorer and the new Super Duty



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pickup truck.

The new lineup will also include more hybrid model and electric vehicle choices.

In his motion, Burton notes there's federal and provincial funding available that could assist the

Oakville plant in switching to newer production models more easily and efficiently to secure employment for all workers.

The Oakville mayor is the founder and chair of the Ontario Auto-Mayors caucus, which works at the

provincial and federal levels to promote awareness, advocacy and strategic policy initiatives to keep the automotive sector strong.

-with files from David Lea

## Notice of Public Meeting - 2020 Budget Committee, Capital & Operating Budget



Budget Committee will be commencing Capital & Operating Budget deliberations on **Monday, December 2, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please note all delegations for Capital & Operating Budget matters will be heard during this time. Accordingly, if you wish to address Budget Committee, register online as a delegation at [haltonhills.ca/forms](http://haltonhills.ca/forms) (item 25) by 4:30 p.m. on Friday November 29, 2019.

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## Notice of Council Resolution - Development of Hornby Park (2018-0185)

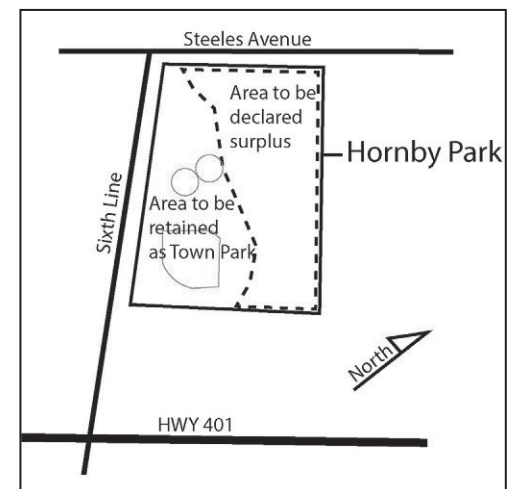


**Please be advised:** Town of Halton Hills Council has approved the sale of approximately 5.36 acres of developable area in Hornby Park to allow for the construction of the District 1 Halton Region Police Station. A portion of the site will be retained for existing park uses in recognition of the historic use of the Hornby area.

The public is also advised of the intent to rename the remaining ball diamond in Hornby Park to the "Howden Diamond" in recognition of the many years of service of Elva Howden, long-time community volunteer. In addition, one of the future ball diamonds proposed by the Trafalgar Sports Park Field of Dreams Project will be designated as the "Hornby Diamond" in recognition of the legacy of ball play at Hornby Park.

Revenue from the sale of the site will be directed to the Trafalgar Sports Park Field of Dreams Project, Hornby Park King Pavilion improvements and the Special Infrastructure Levy Reserve in support of other Council objectives.

Any questions or comments about this information, please contact Warren Harris, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks at 905-873-2601, ext. 2265 or warrenh@haltonhills.ca



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