

tween \$20,000 and \$40,000.

"The dogs help to mitigate people's mental health, illnesses and injuries," Bruno Amari, head trainer of Searchlight Service Dogs, said. "The most common is for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which is running rampant through our society."

However, the psychological service dogs are primarily paired with military and first-responders.

"Those occupations tend to have bigger support systems for fundraising," Amari said. "They band together in a way civilians cannot."

While Maiden was provided to McLeod free of payment, the family is expected to help raise funds to allow Searchlight to continue training dogs.

"If I could give the dogs away for free, I would, but we need to cover the costs," Amari said. Service dogs are purchased from reputable breeders, and the cost to train them appropriately adds up.

"A fully trained service dog is trained in such a manner that it does have legal access rights to accompany its client anywhere the public has access," Amari said.

Emotional support dogs, Amari notes, are a completely different relationship.

"Emotional support dogs are basically a companion," he said. "They don't have public access rights."

Right now, Amari said, anybody with a couple hundred dollars is able to purchase a service dog vest for their pet.

"There's no way to differentiate between a fully trained service dog and somebody's pet," Amari said. "The only thing that stands out is the way that dog behaves."

However, Amari noted, while there is no current accreditation in the province, he hopes to see that change.

The Ontario Service Dogs Act was introduced in 2016, passed its first reading and has been awaiting its second reading.

McLeod and her family are actively fundraising, with a goal of raising \$25,000, to support Searchlight Service Dogs. Donations can be made through the family's GoFundMe page, with funds going directly to Searchlight Service Dogs.

## Notice of Statutory Public Meeting - Ward 2



### Concerning an Application for an Amendment to the Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law (2010-0050)

Municipal Address: 8173 Trafalgar Road

File No: D14ZBA20.002

### Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting

To join the virtual meeting, use one of the following methods and a staff member will admit you once the item is being discussed:

- Visit <https://zoom.us/j/94039566148>
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- Call 647-374-4685

Town of Halton Hills Council will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss the proposed application for an amendment to the Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law. Proposed amendment seeks to expand a legal non-conforming use (Hope Place Centres). The proposal contemplates the construction of a new 3-storey building and future 1-storey gymnasium.

**Please note:** the Council Meeting will commence at 6 p.m. but there may be other preceding items which could impact the 6 p.m. start time for this Public Meeting. Please consult the Council agenda available online the Friday before the Monday meeting.

#### Legal Notices Required Under the Planning Act:

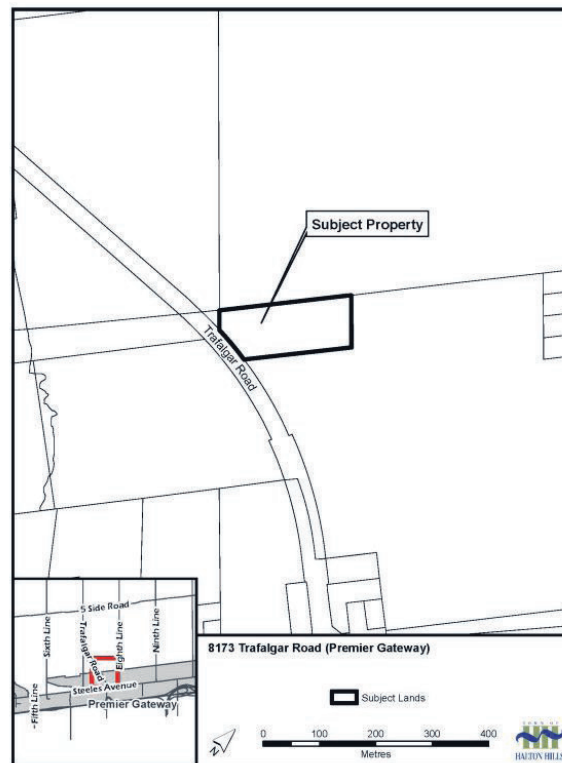
1. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Town of Halton Hills Council to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
2. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Any written comment/objection submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding these applications which are being processed under the Planning Act, may be made public as part of the application process.

Additional information and material about the proposal can also be obtained by contacting Ruth Conard at 905-873-2600, ext. 2214 or by email at [rconard@haltonhills.ca](mailto:rconard@haltonhills.ca). A copy of the related Staff Report will be available on Friday, November 6, 2020, on the Town's website at [calendar.haltonhills.ca/meetings](http://calendar.haltonhills.ca/meetings).

#### Notification:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills on the proposed or Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills Planning & Development Department, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON, L7G 5G2.



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