

TOWN JOINS INCLUSIVITY COALITION

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The Town of Halton Hills is joining a Canada-wide network to assist the municipality in combating racism and discrimination.

Local councillors have approved a motion for Halton Hills to become a member of the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

"Joining the coalition means joining the call to

mobilize against racism and discrimination," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

The Town joins 82 municipal members across Canada that have pledged to work toward fulfilling the coalition's 10 commitments regarding human rights, diversity and public interest.

"It's timely and fitting that the Town of Halton Hills has joined this network, recognizing that the

municipality is taking steps to develop a diversity strategy; that we are working with partner organizations such as Halton Region and the Halton Equity Diversity Roundtable, as well as supporting local interest organizations," said Bonnette. "There is no one solution nor one body that can combat issues of racism and discrimination."

The coalition's 10 commitments are:

1. Increasing vigilance against systemic and individual discrimination.
2. Monitoring discrimination in the municipality and taking action to address it.
3. Supporting individuals who experience discrimination.
4. Providing police services that are exemplary institutions for fighting discrimination.
5. Providing equal opportunities as a municipal employer, service provider and contractor.
6. Supporting measures



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Mayor Rick Bonnette put the motion forth to join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

that promote equity in the labour market.

7. Challenging discrimination and promoting diversity and equal opportunities in housing.

8. Involving citizens by giving them a voice in anti-racism initiatives and deci-

sion-making.

9. Challenging discrimination and promoting diversity and equal opportunities in education and other forms of learning.

10. Promoting the respect, knowledge and appreciation of cultural di-

versity and the inclusion of Indigenous and racialized communities in the cultural fabric of the municipality.

For further details, visit www.ccunesco.ca and click on "Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities."

Join Halton Healthcare's Strategic Planning Session

We are looking for your input to help refresh our Strategic Plan.

Over the past few months our strategic planning partners at Optimus SBR have engaged with patients, families, residents of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills and members of the Halton Healthcare team. Feedback from surveys, focus groups and one-on-one meetings has identified key themes and areas of focus.

Now we'd like your feedback to make sure we are heading in the right direction. Please join Optimus SBR at our Virtual Strategic Planning Session on **Tuesday, February 23, 3:30 – 5:00 pm**. Event is open to everyone.

To register visit www.eventbrite.ca and search 'Halton Healthcare Strategic Planning Session'.