

# HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED AT TOWN COUNCIL

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Here are a few items from the recent Town of Halton Hills council meeting:

**PARKING BYLAW WILL REMAIN ON PAUSE**

Parking enforcement in the town was relaxed as of the April 12 council meeting following a provincial "stay-at-home" order, to allow residents to park longer during the pandemic.

The initial order was to remain in effect until the end of the stay-at-home order — which ended on June 2.

However, as the reopening will occur in steps, the town will extend the relaxed bylaw until the province enters Step 2 of reopening. Enforcement will still occur for parking mat-

ters such as blocking sidewalks, roadways, or fire hydrants.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING SPACES INCREASED**

Council approved the increase of overnight parking spaces at various municipally owned lots. The overnight parking permit fee will increase from \$30 per month to \$50 per month beginning in 2022.

**RATE RELIEF FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Some community groups will be able to defer loan payments to the town for 2021. The Georgetown Soccer Club and Halton Hills Minor Football for KIWANIS Field will be able to defer annual loan payments valued at \$132,600. The Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre can defer loan payments valued at \$38,500

in 2021.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR BELL BOX PROJECT**

Professional artists living in or having their artistic practice in Halton Hills can submit proposals for designs to paint one of four Bell Canada utility boxes. There are opportunities available for at least four artists or artist teams to participate.

Commissioned artists will receive between \$1,024 and \$1,952 plus HST, based on \$32 per square foot. The cost of materials is incorporated into the fee. Artists can apply until July 19. Painting will take place from Aug. 21 to Sept. 27.

**WHISTLE CESSATION WILL NOT BE STOPPED**

Halton Region recently passed a motion to prohibit train whistles at the Trafal-



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Parking, loan deferrals and whistle cessation were on the agenda at the latest council meeting.

gar Road crossing between Lindsay Court and 20th Sideroad. The Trafalgar Road crossing is slated to become an underpass in

the future.

However, Halton Hills councillors opposed whistle cessation at seven rail crossings across Halton

Hills.

"My position on this has never changed," Coun. Clark Somerville said. "It's a matter of public safety.

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