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■ NEWS

TOWN APPROVES LOW CARBON TRANSITION STRATEGY

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Plans that aim to drastically reduce Halton Hills' carbon emissions have been given the green light by council.

The municipality's low carbon transition strategy, which was endorsed during the Nov. 15 town council session, identifies specific actions in four main areas to reduce emissions by 74 per cent by 2030:

1. Low-carbon mobility: enable travel by foot, bicy-



Metroland file photo The low carbon transition strategy aims to reduce Halton Hills' emissions by 74 per cent by 2030.

cle, emission-free transit or electric vehicles

- 2. Energy efficiency and green development: increase energy efficiency in new and existing buildings
- 3. Local renewable energy: replace fossil fuel energy with renewable energy sources
- 4. Natural assets: protect and expand the town's natural assets to absorb more carbon from the atmosphere.

The initiative was laud-

ed by Coun. Jane Fogal, who heads up the Halton Hills Climate Action team with local resident Janet Duval.

"Climate change is one of the most important issues we face today, and it is an effort that must be shared amongst people and amongst communities around the world," she said. "I hope that the efforts and support put forth by our municipality serve as an inspiration to others."

In 2019, the municipality made a climate change declaration to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030.

To date, Halton Hills has: updated the town's green development standards, installed an electric vehicle charging network in public parking lots, invested in retrofitting Town facilities to save energy and reduce carbon, and developed a home energy retrofit pilot program, among other initiatives.

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