

COMMUNITY

TOWN DECLARES SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS ESSENTIAL WORKERS

MELANIE HENNESSEY

mhennessev@ metroland.com

While rising COVID-19 numbers are putting a damper on some plans, the Town of Halton Hills is making sure that pandemic rules can't stop the jolly old man in red this holiday season. Town council passed a motion at its last meeting of the year to declare Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus essential workers, ensuring they can still make Christmas bright for local chil-

Coun. Clark Somerville, who brought the resolution forth, said with concern in the community about rising COVID-19 numbers and the possibility of another lockdown, he wanted to make sure all who believe



Graham Paine/Metroland

Halton Hills council has declared that Santa is an essential worker this holiday season.

in Santa know that he can still get the job done as an essential worker.

"I think it's important during this pandemic that parents can see this and let their kids know that yes, Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to town," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, who seconded the motion.

The resolution notes

Santa is vaccinated and worldwide health experts have confirmed that he's immune to COVID-19.

It goes on to encourage Halton Hills residents to "spread goodwill, kindness and best wishes to everyone they encounter this holiday season, especially to all our essential and frontline workers."



have **YOURSELF** a merry Christmas BungWise

11 Mountainview Rd., N. Georgetown, ON L7G 4T3 905-873-0236 • www.buy-wise.ca