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# All principles must be met or 'all bets are off': Scherer

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modate 120,000 people and the needed community infrastructure between 2021 and 2031.

The first scenario for the new 10-year timeframe sees Milton taking all of that growth, while the other four propose that Halton Hills accommodate anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 new residents, with the balance going to Milton.

"The majority of growth, no matter how you slice it, will be coming to Milton," said Town Manager of Planning Policy Bill Mann.

The concepts also outline where employment lands could go on about 600 hectares divided between Milton and Halton Hills, mainly along Hwy. 401.

In response to the concepts, staff developed a list that tells the Region the Town will accept residential growth beyond 2021 only on the basis of the following principles, including:

- Balanced residential and employment growth based upon a minimum .5 employee-to-resident ratio

- Increased financial support from the Region relating to capital projects, with transportation/transit and water/wastewater systems as a priority

- Encouraged financial assistance from the Province for hospitals, schools and transit, including things like legislative changes to development charges

- Continued and respected input into the Region's evaluation of the proposed growth concepts, all the while respecting Milton's Strategic Plan goals and objectives

- That the cost of providing lake-based servicing to Halton Hills be borne by Halton Hills' landowners/developers, and that Halton Hills development doesn't impede Milton's ability to manage its growth

Several councillors expressed their support for the principles, like Wards 2 and 4 Colin Best and Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau.

Ward 2 Councillor Greg Nelson said he considers all of the principles "deal breakers."

"If one is not there, then the

whole structure is going to fall," he said.

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Scherer shared similar sentiments. He said the last item on the list should say if all of the principles can't be met, then "all bets are off."

He also noted the Town needs to know what the costs are going to be for each of the growth options.

Mayor Gord Krantz said he thinks that's a valid point. "We have to and should know what it's going to cost this community."

Wards 1 and 3 Councillor Barry Lee said the Town needs to figure out a way to get the Region's September deadline for municipal feedback on the growth concepts extended.

"We cannot adequately respond by September," he contended.

Staff is aiming to bring the principles list and a preliminary preferred land use concept to town council on August 18 for endorsement.

The Region will host public information centres on the Sustainable Halton growth concepts in each of the four local municipalities in September.

Then on September 22, town council will consider Milton's preferred growth concept. The Region's deadline for municipal input is September 30.

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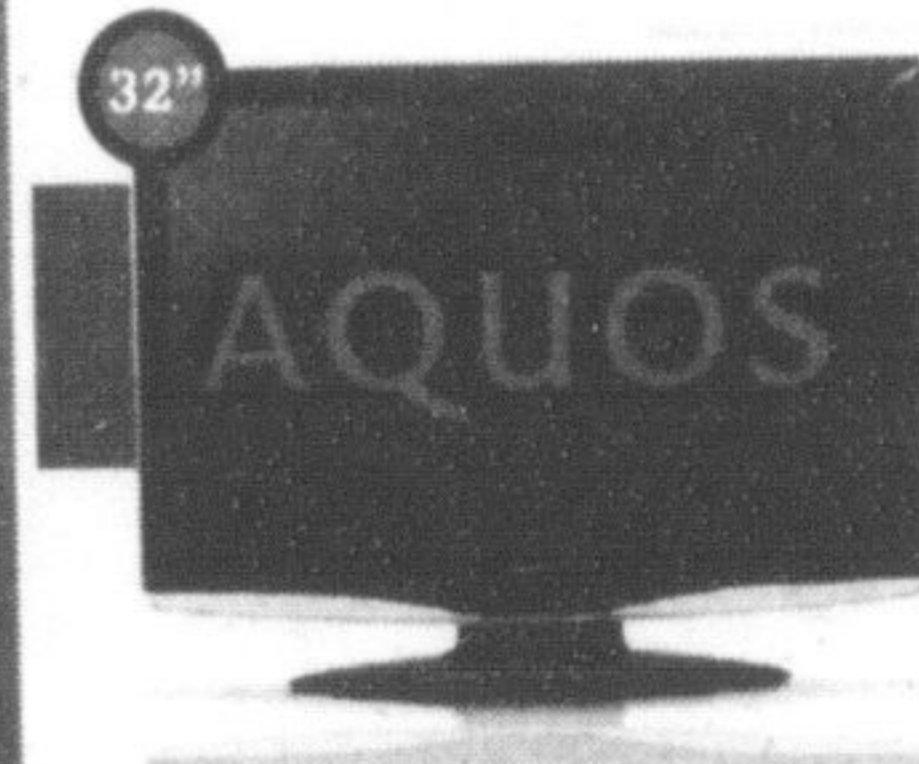
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