



The Corporation of the
Town of Milton
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Krantz, Councillor Ali, Councillor Best, Councillor Challinor, Councillor Malboeuf, Councillor Ijaz, Councillor Marshall, Councillor Khalqi, Councillor Minakakis

The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Milton met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with Members of Council having the opportunity to participate in-person at Town Hall or electronically.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairs for this meeting: Mayor Krantz and Councillor Khalqi

2. **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION / O' CANADA / TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

3. **AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS / AMENDMENTS**

The Town Clerk noted that all written submissions regarding this agenda were circulated to Members of Council in advance of tonight's Council meeting.

The Town Clerk noted that at the request of a Councillor and confirmed by the Chair, Consent Item 5.4 DS-028-26_Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Rename existing portions of Tremaine Road be moved to be considered as Items for Consideration Item #9.10.

The Town Clerk also noted that there are two procedural motions that will require two-thirds support from members of Council. Two delegations were received from Hisham Mohammad and Donna Donielli for item 9.9 Notice of Motion - Local Governance Support. In order to add these delegations, Council will need to first approve procedural motion, Item 9.8 to waive the rules so that Item 9.9 can be introduced, discussed and voted on at this meeting. Following approval of procedural motion Item 9.8, Council will then need to consider the procedural motion to add the two delegations. Both of these motions have been prepared in advance for the Chair.

The Town Clerk stated that there is one Statutory Public meeting scheduled with regard to We Make Milton Official Plan. The Town Clerk also provided information on how to speak during the Public Meeting both in person and remotely, noting that these instructions will be provided again at the point in the Agenda that the Public Meeting will be held and will also be scrolling across the livestream video.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Mayor noted that Councillor Khalqi will return the Chair position to the Mayor for Item 9.6, 9.7 and 9.9 and then resume for all other items.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Krantz turned the Chair Position over to Councillor Khalqi and the following procedural motions were dealt with:

Res. 053-26

WHEREAS Procedure By-law 014-2024, provides that Notices of Motion shall not be discussed or debated upon introduction, but shall be included on the next regular Council meeting agenda for consideration;

AND WHEREAS Section 7.8.3 of the Town of Milton Procedure By-Law 014-2024, as amended, permits a Notice of Motion to be considered upon its introduction by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed impractical or not in the best interests of the Town of Milton to delay consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the pertinent rules contained in Section 7.8 of Procedure By-law 014-2024, be waived to permit the introduction and consideration by Council of the Notice of Motion on the Council agenda pertaining to Local Governance Support.

Carried

Res. 054-26

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the pertinent rules of Procedure By-law 014-2024, be waived to permit the addition of delegations for Item 9.9:

- Hisham Mohammed (Seeds of Leadership)
- Donna Danielli

Carried

Res. 055-26

THAT Consent Items 5.1 to 5.3 be approved.

Carried

5.1 Minutes from Council Meeting held on March 16, 2026

5.2 ES-020-26_Risk Management – 2025 Annual Report

THAT the Risk Management - 2025 Annual Report be received for information.

5.3 DS-027-26_Street Name Bank Recommendation Report 2006

THAT the Report DS-027-26, be APPROVED;

THAT Council APPROVE the revised Naming Streets Corporate Policy No.70 to update the evaluation criteria for street names;

THAT Council APPROVE adding new street names to the Street Name Bank, as listed in Appendix 'A' of this report;

THAT Council APPROVE moving previously approved names from the Alternate Street Name Bank into the Street Name Bank, listed in Appendix 'B' of this report;

AND THAT Council REJECT the proposed street names listed in Appendix 'C' of this report.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Item for Consideration #9.9

- 1. Hisham Mohammed (Seeds of Leadership)**
- 2. Donna Danielli**

7. PUBLIC MEETING

7.1 DS-029-26_We Make Milton Official Plan Consultations

Gail Anderson, Senior planner, provided an overview to Council.

Mitch Morawetz, Jennifer Lawrence, John Opsteen, David Houle, Lori Foster, Ellen Whitehouse, addressed council with respect to Staff Report DS-029-26. As no other members of the public came forward at this time, the Acting Chair closed the public meeting.

Res. 056-26

THAT Report DS-029-26 regarding the Milton Official Plan review be received for information for the purpose of a Statutory Public Meeting

Carried

8. PRESENTATIONS

9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 ES-015-26_2025 Year End Capital Variances

Res. 057-26

THAT the new budget adjustments that amount to a net decrease of \$7,018,398 to approved capital projects, including the transfers to/from reserves and reserve funds as summarized in the Financial Impact section of report ES-015-26, be approved;

AND THAT the capital projects identified as pending closure in Appendix B, with an approved budget totalling \$87,201,887 be closed;

AND THAT a budget amendment be approved on previously closed capital project C30010923 – Transportation Master Plan to increase budgeted expenditures by \$7,689, funded from project variance reserve and development charges.

AND THAT a new capital project C56012426 Non-Fixed Route Bus (6M) – Replacement be established in the amount of \$1,043,049, funded from the Equipment Replacement Reserve and Federal Gov Transfer Reserve to replace capital project C56012226 Specialized Transit – 8 Metre Bus – Replacement which will be eliminated, resulting in a net neutral impact within the entire capital program.

AND FURTHER THAT \$3,000,000 be transferred from the Project Variance Reserve with \$2,000,000 to the Infrastructure Renewal – Stormwater Reserve and \$1,000,000 to the Infrastructure Renewal – Roads and Structures Reserve.

Carried

9.2 ES-016-26_2025 Operating Variance and Journal Entries

Res. 057-26

THAT the 2025 Financial Statements be prepared on the basis of the year-end transactions set out in report ES-016-26;

AND THAT staff be directed to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Legal and Insurance Reserve to the WSIB Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare accounting entries to transfer the surplus, estimated at \$4,129,919, from the operating fund to the following:

- \$3,000,000 to the Growth Capital – Other Reserve
- \$1,129,919 to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve

Carried

9.3 ES-017-26_2025 Year End Report on Investments

Res. 058-26

THAT report ES-017-26 be received for information.

Carried

9.4 ES-018-26_Tax and Assessment Base Management Policy Update

Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer made opening remarks.

Res. 059-26

THAT the updated Tax and Assessment Base Management Policy (Policy No.111) that is attached as Appendix A be approved.

Carried

9.5 ES-019-26_Purchasing Various – April 2026

Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer made opening remarks.

Res. 060-26

THAT Council approve the budget amendments and related funding sources, as outlined in Schedule A;

AND THAT Council approve the budget amendment for Boyne Limestone Trails in the Greenlands System (East of 16 Mile Creek-JSP), as outlined in Schedule B;

AND THAT the tender award for the 2026 Asphalt Overlay Program to D. Crupi & Sons Limited in the amount of \$3,188,889 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule C;

AND THAT the proposal award for Electric Ice Re-surfacer to Zamboni Company Ltd. in the amount of \$239,605 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule D;

AND THAT the single source award for the Supply & Install of Vortex Splashpad Equipment at Coates Park to ABC Recreation Ltd. for the in the amount of \$28,865 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule E;

AND THAT the single source award for the Wireless Communication Services to Telus Mobility in the amount of \$67,100 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule F;

AND THAT the delegated authority to award the Reconstruction of Appleby Line Phase 3 in the estimated amount of \$4,703,038 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule G;

AND THAT the contract extension for Banking Services to Scotiabank, be approved as outlined in Schedule H;

AND THAT the contract renewal for the design and contract administration for the 2027 Asphalt Overlay program in the estimated amounts of \$578,310 and \$577,320, as well as the design and contract administration for the Crack Sealing program in the estimated amounts of \$27,300 and \$90,328, to WSP Canada Inc. be approved as outlined in Schedule I (all figures noted are exclusive of HST);

AND THAT the contract increase for the Contract Administration of Appleby Line Phase 3 to WSP Canada Inc. in the amount of \$476,200 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule J;

AND THAT staff be delegated the authority for up to a 20% contingency award(s) for any remaining costs associated with the Appleby Line Phase 3 project works that are required to project completion, as outlined in Schedule J;

AND THAT the contract increase for the 2025 Bridge and Culvert Rehabilitation - Design to GEI Consultants in the amount of

\$10,465 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule K;

AND THAT the contract increase for the implementation of the 40 km/h Neighbourhood Signs and Rural Road Safety signs to Edgar Howden and Sons Ltd. in the amount of \$125,150 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule L;

AND THAT the contract increase for the Preliminary Design of Boyne District Park to The MBTW Group in the amount of \$33,745 (exclusive of HST), be approved as outlined in Schedule M;

AND THAT staff be delegated the authority for up to a 30% contingency award(s) for any remaining costs associated with the Boyne District Park project works that are required to project completion, as outlined in Schedule M;

AND THAT the emergency award for the glass pane replacements at the Sherwood Community Centre to Active Wall Inc. in the amount of \$41,160 (exclusive of HST), be received for information as outlined in Schedule N;

AND THAT the emergency award for the two HVAC unit replacements at Nassagaweya Community Centre to The State Group in the total amount of \$31,975 (exclusive of HST), be received for information as outlined in Schedule O;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager, Procurement be authorized to execute the contract(s), as outlined by the purchasing by-law, and the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign any required paperwork.

Carried

9.6 CORS-010-26_ Boulevard Maintenance

Kristene Scott, Commissioner, Corporate Services, made opening remarks.

Res. 061-26

THAT the necessary by-law amendments regarding boulevard maintenance regulations, included on the April 13, 2026 Council Meeting agenda, be considered for approval.

Carried

9.7 Motion to Consider - Outdoor Maintenance Subsidy Program for Eligible Seniors with Low Income and Persons with Disabilities with Low Income - Councillor Khalqi

Res. 062-26

WHEREAS maintaining residential properties, through lawn care, yard maintenance, snow removal and other similar activities can be physically and financially challenging for some seniors and persons with disabilities with low income; an Outdoor Maintenance Subsidy Program would provide financial assistance to eligible residents to help recoup the cost of outdoor maintenance service fees;

AND WHEREAS this program would support the upkeep of neighbourhood aesthetics and property standards, while also reducing potential by-law issues related to property maintenance; contributing to aging in place, enhancing community safety, ensuring property standards compliance, and improving the overall quality of life for residents;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) provides funds to the Town of Milton through the Municipal Contribution Agreement (MCA), and such contributions are intended to support community improvements and programming that benefits the residents of Milton for the broader public good;

AND WHEREAS funding for this program could be sourced from the Town of Milton's OLG reserve, with an estimated annual program cost of \$125,000 plus administrative expenses, without affecting the municipality's existing 10-year operating or capital budget. The proposed program would offer a subsidy of \$500 per eligible resident, with a cap of 250 applicants per year;

AND WHEREAS the OLG reserve fund is currently projected to vary between approximately \$9.5 million and \$6.1 million over the next 10 years, and allocating funding for this program would result in an estimated reduction of approximately \$1.25 million plus administrative costs over the same 10-year period;

AND WHEREAS while this funding approach would support the program within the 10-year forecast period, the long-term sustainability of the program, beyond the 10-year mark, may need to be reassessed if OLG revenues change or if an alternative funding source is not identified;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report back to Council prior to the deliberation of the 2027 Milton budget on the feasibility of implementing an Outdoor Maintenance Subsidy Program for Eligible Seniors with Low Income and Persons with Disabilities with Low Income in the Town of Milton;

AND THAT in undertaking this work, staff are further directed to complete a jurisdictional scan and consult with other municipalities that have similar programs in place, in order to model a program tailored to the needs and benefit of Milton's residents;

AND THAT staff consult with Halton Region to determine whether administrative support could be provided to assist with program implementation.

Carried

9.8 Notice of Motion – Waive Rules of Procedure to Permit NOM Consideration at Council Meeting - Councillor Best

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**9.9 Motion To Consider - Local Governance Support - Councillor Best
Res. 064-26**

WHEREAS school trustees have existed in Ontario since 1816 and have long played an essential role in delivering accountability, reflecting local priorities and ensuring that the students they

represent are receiving the resources and education they need and deserve. This role has been central to the operation of Ontario's schools since before confederacy, enshrining democratic representation as a key principle at the heart of our publicly funded education system;

AND WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Milton rely on these representatives to advocate for students and reflect the priorities of the Town's diverse communities. Trustees are responsible for maintaining accountability, transparency and local representation for parents and students in the publicly funded education system;

AND WHEREAS with the passing of Bill 33, which received Royal Assent in November 2025, which grants the province overriding authority over school boards – authority which the Minister signaled may be used to eliminate the role of trustees in Ontario's education system in part or in whole;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Milton Town Council express its support for the role of locally elected trustees in ensuring accountability, representing local priorities and advocating for the needs of students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Milton Town Council request that the Province of Ontario first initiate a robust, province-wide consultation on school board governance models before considering any decision that would alter the governance role of trustees. That this consultation process includes province wide Town Hall meetings, surveys, virtual and in person focus groups and round table discussions that would seek input from students, parents, staff, leaders, and community and also discuss research concerning the pros and cons of eliminating local Trustee representation while also promoting open dialogue and two-way conversations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Milton Town Council forward this item to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Hon Minister of Education for Ontario, as well as Members of Provincial Parliament representing ridings in the Region of Halton.

Carried Unanimously

9.10 DS-028-26_Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Rename existing portions of Tremaine Road to Gaetan Road and Troop Point

The Town Clerk noted in the Agenda Announcements that at the request of a Councillor and confirmed by the Chair, ' Consent Item 5.4 DS-028-26_Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Rename existing portions of Tremaine Road' be moved to be considered as Items for Consideration Item #9.10.

Res. 065-26

THAT the motion be deferred until all parties including the Town of Halton Hills are consulted and there is a consensus.

Carried

10. INTRODUCTION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

11. REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

12. STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

13. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Council did not convene into confidential session and made the following resolution in open session:

14. OPEN SESSION

Res. 066-26

THAT the recommendations contained in Staff Report COMS-003-26 be approved.

Carried

15. BY-LAWS

Res. 067-26

THAT By-law Numbers 017-2026 through to and including Bylaw 020-2026 be READ, PASSED AND NUMBERED;

AND THAT the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to sign the said By-laws, seal them with the seal of the Corporation and that they be engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried

- 15.1 021-2026_Designation By-Law - 71 Thomas St - John Ezard House
- 15.2 022-2026_Designation By-Law - 230 Ontario St - Evergreen Cemetery
- 15.3 023-2026_Designation By-Law - 11367 Guelph Line - McPhedran Family Home
- 15.4 024-2026_Community Standards By-law
- 15.5 025-2026_Bylaw to Approve Expropriation 55 Ontario Street South
- 15.6 026-2026_General Signing By-law Amendments
- 15.7 027-2026_Confirm Proceedings By-law

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Gordon A. Krantz, Mayor

Meaghen Reid, Town Clerk