



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: March 4, 2019
SUBJECT: Regional Government Review
CONSIDERATION DATE: March 4, 2019
REQUESTED BY: Mayor Krantz
SECONDED BY: Councillor _____

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced a review of Ontario's eight regional municipalities (Durham, Halton, Muskoka District, Niagara, Oxford County, Peel, Waterloo, York), Simcoe County, and their lower-tier municipalities by appointed Special Advisors;

AND WHEREAS the provincially-appointed advisory body will develop recommendations for the Minister for the purpose of improving governance, decision-making and service delivery in the regions and Simcoe County and their lower-tier municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario informed its members that last August, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing began informal discussions, wishing to hear from people about how this system of governance is working recognizing it was established in the 1970s;

AND WHEREAS the provincially appointed advisory body has included in the review consideration of moving to single-tier municipalities or amalgamating existing municipalities;

AND WHEREAS neither the provincial review nor amalgamation was ever discussed during the recent provincial election by the Premier or our local Member of Provincial Parliament;

AND WHEREAS in the sixteen municipal elections since the 1974 creation of our two-tier system of municipal governance, no one has run or been elected to change the structure of municipal government in Milton;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region is a model of municipal efficiency through service agreements between municipalities and the Region and 98 per cent of Halton residents rate their quality of life very high;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 Municipal Study by BMA Management Consulting Inc. indicates that residents in Milton currently enjoy the lowest municipal cost (tax rates & water/wastewater rates) as a percentage of household income in the Province of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Milton endorses the current effectiveness of our two-tier municipal government;

AND THAT through circulation of this motion, Council communicate to the Province that residents of the Town of Milton value the autonomy to build a unique community that aspires to be a place of possibility, and should have their democratic say before any change in municipal representation, or possible amalgamation with other municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Halton municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.