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**RE: Provincial Government rescinding Halton Region ROPA 49 decision**

Dear Chair Carr,

On behalf of the Town of Milton, I am writing in response to the Hon. Minister Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, recent statement indicating his intention to introduce legislation that would reverse the official plan decisions previously approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, including Halton Region ROPA 49.

I would like to ensure you are aware of the Town's position with respect to the November 2022 approved ROPA 49 and its critical importance to enable Milton to strategically and appropriately manage its projected growth until 2051. Milton's strategic growth plan, endorsed by Milton Council, including critical secondary plan areas, underwent significant public consultation in addition to ROPA 49 consultation, and was developed using sound planning principles and aligned with provincial growth principles that will result in well-planned, transit-oriented communities supported by sustainable local infrastructure.

The November 2022 ROPA 49 Minister's decision:

- Adheres to the intent of Ontario Government's Bill 23, that focuses responsibility for land use policies and approvals in the local, lower-tier municipality
- Enables Milton to achieve housing targets set forth by the Province
- Supports the original 'Preferred Growth Concept' (PCG) recommended by Halton Region staff that was diligently prepared and supported by extensive consultation and in-depth research
- Respects Milton Council's endorsement of the original recommended PCG to meet Milton's local planning requirements, as passed at its January 17, 2022 meeting;
- Aligns and supports Milton's technical planning recommendations that were put forth to Halton Regional Council in February 2022;
- Enables Milton to conform to the Province's Growth Plan which requires that all land must be identified now in order to accommodate population and employment projections to 2051;
- Closes the 10-year gap that the Region's Growth Concept restricted in our available employment lands as our current supply would have been at capacity by 2031;
- That is, supports Milton Council's request for the inclusion of the concurrent delivery of existing designated greenfield areas (Agerton/Trafalgar/Britannia/Milton Education Village) to pre-2031 that ensures Milton has shovel-ready land for innovation/knowledge based job creation in complete community areas, as Milton's main planned employment area (Derry Green) will be built out by 2031
- Addresses phasing of new designated greenfield areas to ensure a continuous supply of market-based housing beyond 2031; and,
- Achieves the appropriate balance between residential intensification and new greenfield development to 2051.

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe provides that the applicable time horizon for land use planning is 2051, including settlement boundary expansions and the land designated as employment areas. The approved ROPA 49 plans for the quantity of land required to accommodate forecasted growth to 2051, and thereby ensures the availability of



sufficient land, in appropriate locations, for a variety of employment to accommodate forecasted employment growth.

The forecasted population and employment growth through 2051 cannot be reasonably accommodated within the existing settlement area boundary. The urban boundary expansion within ROPA 49 ensures Milton's ability to strategically manage population and employment growth and accommodate sufficient housing supply that reflects market demand and what is needed in the local community. Milton has continually put forth a vision that enables building in the right place at the right time to manage growth effectively. Reversal of such designations risks urban sprawl (conflicting land uses), a planning outcome that Milton does not support.

Furthermore, to allow housing and employment growth, the required infrastructure, both new and sustained, must be delivered on a timely basis. Milton is committed to the continued collaboration in the development of the Region's Allocation Program, that at a minimum, should facilitate infrastructure delivery to bring forward Milton's Sustainable Halton lands by 2031 in order to achieve the Region's planned and detailed Integrated Growth Strategy.

If changes are introduced to the approved ROPA 49 that revert Milton's land-use designations or phasing, ROPA 49 will jeopardize Milton's long-term residential and employment growth.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter with you, your staff, as well as with the Hon. Parm Gill, Milton's Member of Provincial Parliament to ensure that Milton's position on ROPA 49 is clear. As well, I have directed Town planning staff to submit their sound, comprehensive technical planning work that supports the Minister's November 2022 decision, and Milton Council's endorsement, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to the December 2023 deadline.

Thank you in advance for your understanding on this matter. If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. A. Krantz", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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Mayor, Town of Milton

Cc: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Hon. Parm Gill, Member of Provincial Parliament, Milton  
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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