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To: **Halton Regional Chair Carr, Oakville Mayor Burton, Oakville Councillors**

Re: Halton Regional Official Plan Review (ROPR): regional staff's Preferred Growth Concept

The Trafalgar Chartwell Residents' Association (TCRA) wishes to acknowledge Mayor Burton's tireless efforts to bring the Halton ROPR and its key matter of Growth Concept to the attention of Oakville's citizens. We also acknowledge the hard work which all of you and the Region's and Oakville's staffs have put into the ROPR.

The TCRA board is unanimous in its discomfort with the proposed 2,120 hectare expansion of Halton's urban boundaries embodied in the Preferred Growth Concept. This discomfort stems from our conviction that continuing to convert agricultural land into settlement land is a dangerous policy in this time of dramatic climate change, food insecurity and political uncertainty. We note Oakville staff opinion (in the excellent Update Report – Regional Official Plan Review Integrated Growth Management Strategy January 17 2022), *"..that settlement area boundary expansions should be viewed as a last option to be used when opportunities to accommodate growth within the existing settlement areas are exhausted"*. We caution also that any urban boundaries expansion, be it ever so modest, will be seen as support for continued urban sprawl.

However, we understand the methodology driving the Land Needs Assessment has identified that no urban boundary expansion will not fulfil the Provincial requirements to accommodate the projected population and employment growth out to 2051. Accordingly, notwithstanding our reservations, the TCRA defers to our Town and Regional councils on this thorny issue. We will support your decision.

Yours sincerely,

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President, Trafalgar-Chartwell Residents' Association

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Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton Regional Councillors