



HALTON REGION

MOTION

DATE: December 13, 2017

DATE OF MEETING

MOTION TO BE

CONSIDERED: Council Meeting – December 13, 2017

MOVED BY: Mayor R. Bonnette

WHEREAS Halton Region and municipalities across the Province rely on the information provided by MPAC in order to prepare annual budgets, property tax rates and accurately bill for property taxes;

AND WHEREAS there have been shortcomings identified by municipalities of the services provided by MPAC that has caused challenges for the Region and local municipalities with respect to obtaining accurate and reliable information;

AND WHEREAS in the current MPAC online system (Municipal Connect 2.0) used by the Region and local municipalities for assessment values (eg. Control totals), these values can fluctuate significantly, as properties are reviewed providing inconsistent totals which cause challenges for the Region and the local municipalities while preparing annual budgets;

AND WHEREAS MPAC provides reports with growth forecasts for municipalities which do not align with the timing of preparing municipal budgets in Halton;

AND WHEREAS Section 9(1) of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997, (MPAC Act) provides that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation shall perform the duties assigned to it under the Assessment Act or any other Act and assigned to property assessors under any other Act;

AND WHEREAS the Assessment Act section 1(1) defines the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation as the assessment corporation;

AND WHEREAS Section 14(1) of the Assessment Act provides that the assessment corporation shall prepare an assessment roll for each municipality;

AND WHEREAS Section 12(1) the MPAC Act provides that MPAC shall require each municipality, other than a lower-tier municipality, to pay for services in the amount as required by the Act;

AND WHEREAS due to the provisions of the MPAC Act and Assessment Act, municipalities are not permitted to choose an alternate service provider;

AND WHEREAS MPAC's total levy request from all municipalities in 2018 is an increase of 2.65% from the approved 2017 levy, above the rate of inflation, which is projected to result in a cost of \$9,243,400 to the Region, an increase to the Region's budget for these services of \$459,500 or 5.2% over the 2017 budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Finance to express the concerns raised with MPAC's service provided to municipalities and request a review of MPAC's service level agreement (SLA) to ensure it clearly outlines the required MPAC deliverables to municipalities;

AND THAT staff forward a copy of this resolution to all Halton MPs, MPPs, the Regional Municipalities of Peel, York and Durham, the City of Toronto, the City of Hamilton, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville.