



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

DATE: January 24, 2012

ITEM: Open Data

DATE OF MEETING NOTICE OF MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Council Meeting – January 30, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Councillor R. Di Lorenzo / Councillor Z. Hamid

WHEREAS the Town of Milton values an open and transparent local government with a commitment to community engagement that regularly involves citizens through the sharing of information;

AND WHEREAS the total value of public data is maximized when provided for free or where necessary only a minimal cost of distribution;

AND WHEREAS when data is shared freely, citizens are enabled to use and re-purpose it to help create a more economically vibrant and environmentally sustainable town;

AND WHEREAS Open Data and Open Government initiatives can enhance citizen communications, support the brand of the town as creative and innovative, improve service delivery, support citizens to self-organize and solve their own problems, and create a stronger sense of civic engagement, community, and pride;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of open standards improves transparency, access to town information by citizens and businesses and improved coordination and efficiencies across municipal boundaries and with federal and provincial partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Milton endorses the principles of:

- **Open and Accessible Data** - the Town of Milton will freely share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns;
- **Open Standards** - the Town of Milton will move as quickly as possible to adopt prevailing open standards for data, documents, maps, and other formats of media;

AND FURTHER THAT these Open Data Principles will guide future actions taken in our efforts to operate an open and transparent form of local government;

AND FURTHER THAT working towards the practical applications of these principles on existing data sets, Town staff be directed to report back to council what gradual steps could be taken on existing data sets, with associated risks and benefits identified, taking into consideration what is reasonable using existing staff resources and time.