

Town taking Region to court over facilitation

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The Town of Caledon is taking legal action in an effort to overturn a motion passed last month by Peel Regional council to take part in facilitation to deal with Bolton employment land expansion.

There have been calls from the Region to use facilitation in dealing with these issues, but the Town has always resisted them, stating facilitation does not offer a full open public process.

According to legal documents released late last week by the Town, the application is going before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to have the resolution quashed on the basis that it's illegal. It is being argued that the June resolution was contrary to one passed at Region in April, which called for facilitation, subject to a number of conditions, including that the Town take part in it. The Town's position was a two-thirds vote at Regional council was needed before the June resolution could be considered, and that vote was never taken.

The Town is also arguing that the June resolution is contrary to the Planning Act, Peel's Official Plan and the Places to Grow Act.