

Hello Adam,

On behalf of Headwaters Arts I would like the Planning Department to know that we are in favour of removing the Holding Symbol.

Headwaters Arts (HA) is a non-profit arts organization representing the Headwaters Region, including the Town of Caledon based at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. HA has been involved with the development of Alton Mill since the early 2000s and has been an official collaborator with the owner of the mill in various projects and endeavours including the original RED (Rural Economic Development) funding applications, and several other funding applications including the Trillum Foundation and Central Counties Tourism to name a few.

The project to redevelop the Alton Mill has been a multi-decade endeavour and its business model has three main pillars:

- artist studios, galleries, other retail uses
- assembly uses such as public events (including a range of arts and cultural programs and events) and private functions
- a full service restaurant

The project has been successful to a large degree however the lack of the restaurant has held the project from reaching its full potential. We appreciate that there are some concerns amongst the community mostly about traffic and noise. It's our view that these concerns are being mitigated as well as possible given the location of the mill in the village. Overall, we think the benefit of having a viable, long term sustainable operation focussed on arts and culture is a tremendous asset to the community and therefore we encourage the Town to support the application to remove the H symbol.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Best regards,

Margi Taylor

President, Headwaters Arts