

# Advocating for a Strong Halton



## Message from the Regional Chair

Halton Region is a vibrant and growing community with more than 550,000 residents and four distinct communities – Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Recognized for its high quality of life and close proximity to Lake Ontario and the Niagara Escarpment, Halton Region is committed to ensuring that its future is strong and stable.

The *Provincial Places to Grow Act* mandates that Halton Region's population grow to 780,000 by the year 2031. Planning for this growth to create complete, active, healthy communities served by high-quality infrastructure, including a comprehensive transportation system, is a high priority for Halton Region.

Halton's future success is dependent on its strong financial foundation, and ensuring that growth pays for itself is imperative to the future vitality of Halton Region. The growth targets set by the Province must be matched with the funding to support them.

A strong regional economy is essential to supporting high standards of living and quality public services. Many multinational companies like Amazon, Lowes and Siemens are choosing to call Halton home. Halton's prosperous business community helps drive the Province's economic engine. A **Strong Halton** helps build a Strong Ontario.

Halton residents value the quality of life and services offered by the Region, and in order to maintain it, there are a number of critical supports required from both the provincial and federal governments.

Halton Region is advocating for support from all levels of government in the form of long-term, predictable funding and legislative changes.

Halton Region's overall goal is to enhance the quality of life for all people of Halton, today and into the future. By working together we can ensure that Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr  
Regional Chair

In order to grow, Halton Region must ensure that the infrastructure and human services required to support development is planned and adequately financed in advance of need.

The Region will make planning decisions based on a proper balance among the following factors: protecting the natural environment, preserving prime agricultural areas, enhancing economic competitiveness, and fostering a healthy, equitable society.

- Gary Carr, Regional Chair