Investing in Roads and Infrastructure

Transportation and infrastructure continue to be priority issues of concern for Halton residents. Investments in infrastructure make Halton Region a strong economy and a desirable place to live and do business. Halton Region is committed to creating complete communities that ensure a high quality of life for residents and a competitive economy.

Halton Region effectively meets the needs of the people of Halton. Some of Halton’s long standing achievements include the following:

- **98%** of residents rate their quality of life very high
- **97%** of residents are satisfied with the quality of Regional services
- **13 years** of keeping average property tax increases at or below the rate of inflation
- **AAA** Credit Rating for 31 years
- **13 years** as the safest municipality in Canada
- **8 years** as one of Greater Toronto’s Top Employers

Keys to success include:

- Investing in roads and infrastructure
- Supporting safe, affordable and accessible government-assisted housing
- Proposed truck-rail hub
- Addressing climate change and supporting resilient communities
- Delivering universal access to broadband internet

Halton Region is strategically located in the Greater Toronto area (GTA), close to major markets in Canada and the U.S. which is important to the provincial and national economy. Businesses continue to invest in Halton Region because of its proximity to major markets, low taxes and a highly educated and skilled workforce.

Halton Region shares the Federal Government’s priorities of continuing to strengthen the economy and investing in the creation of good and well-paying jobs for Canada’s middle class.

To be successful in meeting the expectations and addressing the concerns of Halton residents, a strong, collaborative, action oriented partnership with the Federal Government is necessary.

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**2019-2028 Capital Financing: $4.3B**

**Halton Region Federal Gas Tax Funding**

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**Federal Gas Tax**

- 0.2 B (4.1%)

**Regional Financing**

- 4.1B (95.9%)

Halton requests:

- Permanently double the Gas Tax transfer to support local infrastructure.
- Provide long-term sustainable infrastructure funding and investments to support the movement of goods and people.
The provision of safe, affordable, accessible housing is a critical component of fostering healthy communities. For many residents, affordable homeownership remains out of reach.

Halton Region is investing $107 million in our social infrastructure through the 10-year Comprehensive Housing Strategy (2014-2024). This Strategy provides government-assisted housing options to low income residents. Long-term sustainable investments allow for the planning and delivery of, and access to, safe, affordable, and accessible housing which improves the lives of residents and strengthens communities.

By the end of 2019, Halton will have created a total of 1,701 government-assisted housing opportunities, since 2008. Halton is projecting to have 1,752 government-assisted housing opportunities by the end of 2020.

Universal access to broadband internet enables small businesses to access high-speed internet to effectively compete in a digital world. It is essential that the Federal Government partner with municipalities, the Provincial Government and service providers, to ensure that universal access to broadband internet is available. This will support Halton in maintaining a high-quality of life, while ensuring that our local businesses can thrive in a competitive digital economy.

Halton requests:
- Provide funding and access to universal rural broadband internet, regardless of proximity to urban communities, within the next four years.

Halton Region is committed to responding to climate change by reducing the impacts to the environment, ensuring its infrastructure and services are resilient, and that risks associated with severe weather events are mitigated. Halton has committed $85 million to flood mitigation strategies and continues to make this a priority as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

Halton requests:
- Provide sustainable funding and climate change mitigation support to enable municipalities to deliver resilient communities.

Halton Region is committed to creating planned, complete, active and healthy communities and is eager to work cooperatively with both the Provincial and Federal Governments to build a strong and sustainable community for the residents of Halton.