

Halton Region Integrated Master Plan - Public Information Centre #1

The following provides a text version of the audio that is included in the videos.

Video 1 – Introduction

Slide 1 (Integrated Master Plan)

Hello, thank you for your interest in Halton Region's Water, Wastewater and Transportation Integrated Master Plan Project. My name is Chris Hamel and I'm a part of the consultant team working closely with Halton Region to help define the vision for long term water, wastewater, and transportation servicing across the Region.

Slide 2 (About this Public Information Centre (PIC))

The following videos will address the project introduction and background information, as well as Water and Wastewater conditions, Transportation conditions, and next steps.

- Video 1 will provide an introduction and general information on the Integrated Master Plan as well as the preliminary Vision, Main Considerations and Problem/Opportunity Statement of the Integrated Master Plan.
- Video 2 will provide an overview of the Water and Wastewater systems, opportunities, and considerations.
- Video 3 will provide an overview of the Transportation systems, opportunities, and considerations.
- Lastly, Video 4 will summarize our next steps.

The goal of this Public Information Centre, also known as a P-I-C, is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments and feedback on the P-I-C materials. We encourage you to provide your comments and feedback by completing the online survey on halton.ca by January 2, 2024.

For more information on the Integrated Master Plan, you can visit the project webpage on halton.ca or email imp@halton.ca.

Slide 3 (Project Introduction)

Halton is completing its next region-wide Water, Wastewater and Transportation Master Plans as a single, coordinated approach: an Integrated Master Plan, or I-M-P. The outcome of this work will be a long-term servicing strategy for Regional infrastructure to accommodate future growth.

The Region has initiated the I-M-P for Water, Wastewater and Transportation to:

- Identify the preferred water, wastewater and transportation strategies to support projected growth to year 2051;
- Determine the need, timing and cost of infrastructure requirements; and
- Follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for Master Plans.

Through this, the I-M-P will:

- Guide the management and development of the Region's water, wastewater and transportation systems, including the active transportation network;
- Maximize capacity, system flexibility and life expectancy of Regional water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure; and
- Provide the strategies, policies and tools required to meet the water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure needs of the community now and in the future.

The I-M-P study area includes Halton's four local municipalities: the City of Burlington, the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville as depicted on the map to the right.

Slide 4 (What is the Integrated Master Plan?)

The three components of the I-M-P are :

- Water – which focuses on the delivery of safe, clean drinking water to homes and businesses within the urban areas.
- Wastewater – which addresses the collection and treatment of sewage from the urban areas before returning the treated water to the environment, and
- Transportation – which focuses on a Regional transportation network for transit users, active transportation (such as pedestrians and cyclists), cars and trucks (including farm vehicles) that accommodates all users of all abilities.

We recognize that the needs of our communities are changing. Planning these systems together will allow us to evolve and support a dynamic future.

Slide 5 (Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 Objectives)

We have recorded this presentation to support our public engagement as part of the I-M-P. We are holding this P-I-C virtually to ensure we reach all residents and stakeholders.

The goal of P-I-C #1 is to provide the public and stakeholders with an understanding of the Master Plan process, to learn about the study, problem and opportunities, and preliminary servicing considerations, and to outline the Class EA process and the overall project schedule.

We encourage you to provide your comments and feedback by completing the online survey on halton.ca by January 2, 2024

Slide 6 (Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Process)

The figure on the right demonstrates a simplified flow chart of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, also known as M-C-E-A.

The main elements of the M-C-E-A planning process are incorporated into five phases depending on the level of complexity of the project or Master Plan.

The I-M-P follows phase 1 and 2 of the M-C-E-A planning process.

The focus of Phase 1, the current stage of the project, is to develop a problem opportunities statement that identifies opportunities and challenges that will be addressed through the Class EA process. Phase 2 addresses important technical questions that will guide the development and assessment of the alternative options.

Slide 7 (Master Plan Process Inputs and Outputs)

The Master Plan process includes technical inputs, as well as feedback from the community and stakeholders. Technical inputs guide the plan's focus, objectives and integration, while community and stakeholder inputs help provide further detail in the plan. These three inputs, Technical, Community and Stakeholder, will lead to the outputs of an I-M-P document.

Slide 8 (Planning for Growth)

Halton Region is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Ontario.

The primary purpose of this Master Plan is to clearly define the water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure requirements needed to support population and employment growth forecasts out to the year 2051.

Slide 9 (Vision Statement and Considerations)

A vision statement is a compact, high-level statement that will guide the master planning process and inform the considerations developed for the plan.

A draft vision statement was created, which aims to build a safe, equitable and sustainable future for the Region's Water, Wastewater and Transportation systems through responsible and proactive planning. This vision statement is the overarching belief that is embedded throughout the project.

Under the project's vision statement, there are two additional vision statements that focus directly on Water and Wastewater, and Transportation.

The Water and Wastewater vision aims to plan for a future Regional water and wastewater system that is safe, efficient, resilient and prioritizes the environment.

The Transportation vision aims to plan for a future Regional transportation system that is safe, continuous, connected and coordinated for all users and all abilities.

Each vision statement will help guide the I-M-P decision making process.

You can share your thoughts about the Draft I-M-P Vision through the online survey available on the project webpage on halton.ca.

Slide 10 (Vision Statement and Considerations)

In addition to the vision statement, there are considerations that will also help guide the I-M-P decision making process.

The considerations include:

- Equitable Infrastructure Services – with the goal of providing for water and wastewater services in urban areas and access to Regional transportation infrastructure.
- Safe and Healthy Communities – supporting healthy and active lifestyles and community well-being.
- Sustainability – balancing social, environmental and economic goals to support growth in a sustainable manner.
- Climate Change – all phases of Regional water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure planning must recognize and incorporate climate change.
- Communication and Consultation – ensure the integrated master plan process and strategies are clearly and openly communicated and consulted on.
- Integration of Planning for Regional Infrastructure – ensure a coordinated approach to implementation of Regional water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure, and
- Technical Innovation – include innovation in the development of Regional water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure strategies.

When watching the following videos, we ask that you keep the vision and these considerations in mind to support you as you complete the survey on the project webpage.

You can share your thoughts about these Draft I-M-P Considerations through the online survey on **halton.ca**.

Slide 11 (Problem and Opportunity Statement)

The problem and opportunity statement provides the key objectives of the study.

Based on the vision and considerations, the problem and opportunity statement is to update the Region's long-term servicing strategy and capital implementation plan for water, wastewater and transportation to support future growth to year 2051.

Slide 12 (We Want to Hear From You)

Thank you for your interest in this study. This video highlighted an introduction to the project and project background, the M-C-E-A process, where Halton Region is now and where Halton Region wants to be. We also discussed the vision statement and considerations that are being considered throughout the master plan process.

We encourage you to provide your comments and feedback on the vision statement and considerations by completing the online survey on **halton.ca** by January 2, 2024. All comments and feedback will be taken into consideration as we move into the next phase of the Master Plan study.

This concludes Video 1. Please continue to Video 2 for Water and Wastewater.