

Keeping Property Taxes and Water/Wastewater Rates As Low As Possible for Halton Residents and Businesses



WORKING WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT



A STRONG AND GROWING REGION

666,454
Population 2025

884,890
Expected Population (2051)

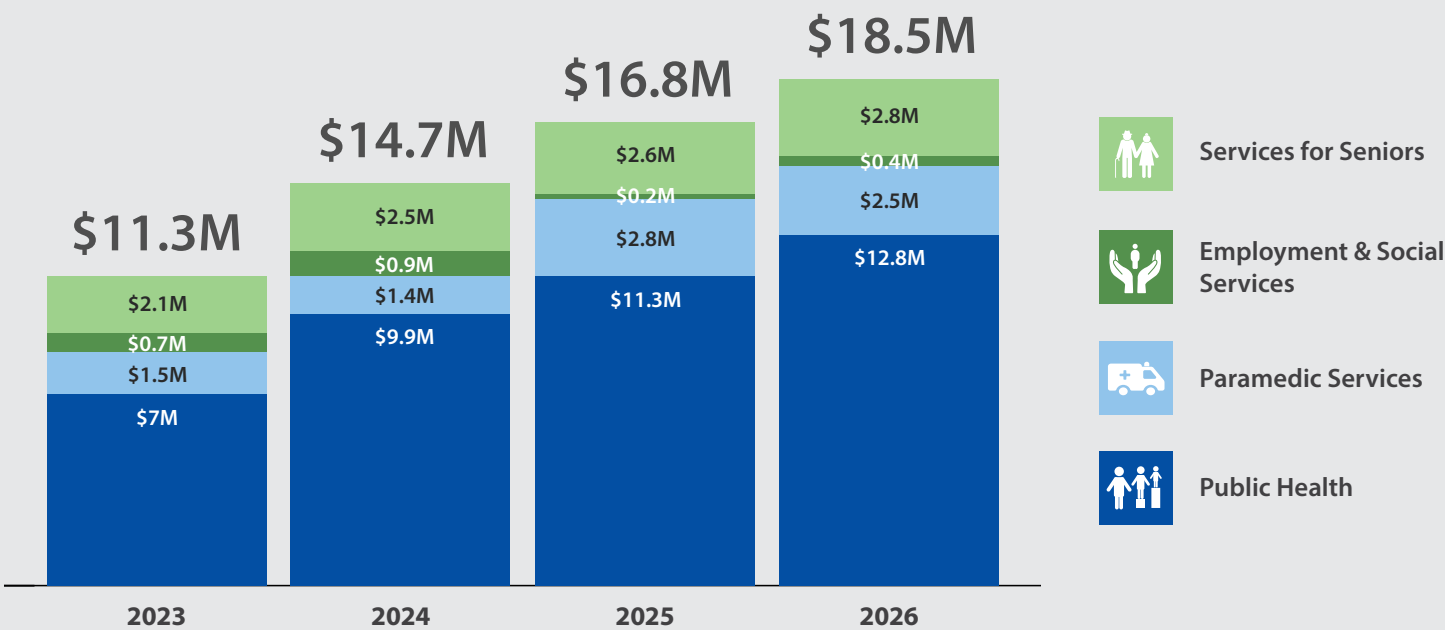
Population growth, inflation and increasing demand are outpacing Provincial funding for essential cost-shared health and social services

- Halton and the Provincial Government share the costs of critical health and social services including public health, paramedic services, employment & social services, and services for seniors
- Provincial funding has not kept pace with inflation and population growth, creating shortfalls requiring funding by property tax payers to maintain service levels to support the community



Over the past 3 years, inflation averaged **3%** whereas Public Health funding increases remained at **1%** each year.

Provincial Funding Shortfalls



Growth no longer pays for growth

- The *Development Charges Act* limits the recovery of growth-related costs from new development
- This creates funding gaps that have to be financed from tax and rate payers or alternate revenue sources

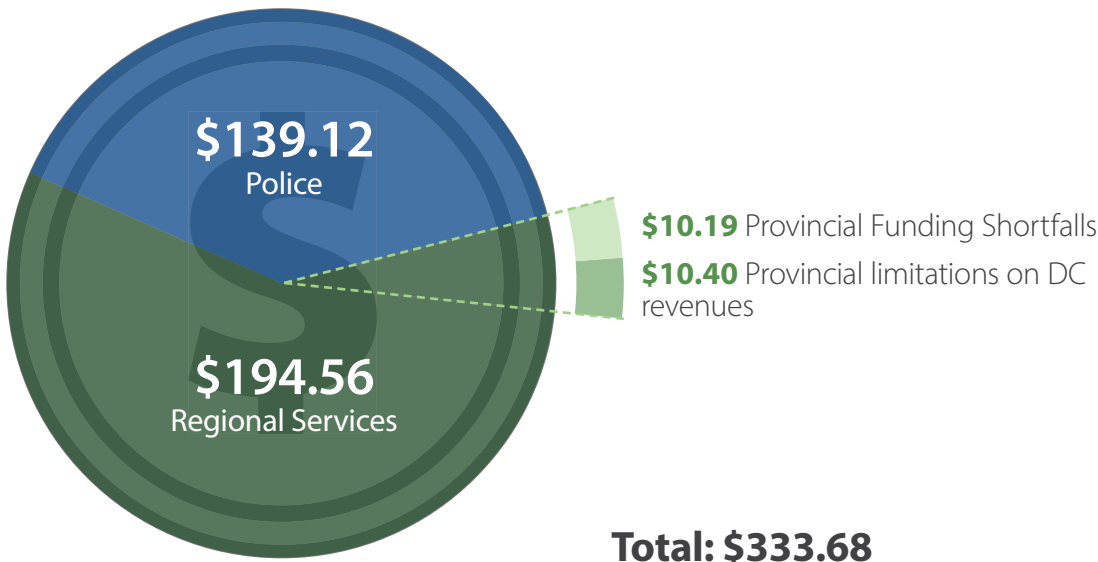
\$20.5 million

Estimated development charges funding gap in the 2026 budget that property tax and rate payers are covering
Equates to \$10.40 property taxes per \$100,000 Current Value Assessment and \$7 per annual water/wastewater bill



We are committed to keeping property tax and rate increases as low as possible while maintaining essential services and delivering the critical infrastructure needed to support our Local Municipal Housing Targets

Breakdown of Halton's Total 2026 Property Taxes of \$333.68 per \$100,000 Current Value Assessment



6.2%

of property taxes collected are covering Provincial funding shortfalls and DC revenue limitations

The Provincial Government can support Halton in keeping property taxes and water/wastewater rates as low as possible for our residents and businesses by:

- 1 Increasing the Provincial funding allocation by \$18.5 million for cost-shared programs in health and social services and ensuring Provincial funding keeps pace with inflation and growth
- 2 Working with Halton to explore alternative sources of funding to finance growth-related infrastructure, that does not impact property tax and rate payers
- 3 Participating in further discussions with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' on the potential for a National Prosperity Partnership and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as part of the call for a Provincial Social and Economic Prosperity Review