

## Our Commitment to Building a Better Halton

by Regional Chair Gary Carr

Residents have identified that maintaining current infrastructure and planning for future infrastructure requirements is a top issue of concern. At Halton Region, we are making a significant commitment to infrastructure in 2010 – \$362 million – because it will help us support and manage growth, and contribute toward our goal of creating sustainable communities.

Upgrading and adding to our infrastructure will help us to reduce commute times, provide a high-quality water supply to new communities and complete preventive maintenance on key services such as wastewater mains.

### Infrastructure Planning Process

Infrastructure planning is a complex process. Our planning teams start each year with a strategy and a budget that identifies what we need to achieve, as well as when and how much it will cost.

In addition to this annual planning, we regularly conduct a five-year review of our transportation, water and wastewater services master plans. These reviews follow updates of the Regional Official Plan and ensure that our infrastructure plans meet Halton's current and anticipated needs.

In 2010, we are moving forward with the review of our master plans for transportation, water and wastewater following Regional Council's approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA 38) in December 2009.

During these master plan reviews, we are looking at how to incorporate the core vision of ROPA 38 – sustainability – into our infrastructure plans.

### Three Key Strategic Considerations

All projects must satisfy the following three strategic considerations before they are included in our capital program.

1. To provide the high-quality, reliable, essential road, water and wastewater services that our residents and business owners deserve.
2. To ensure long-term environmental and economic sustainability. That is, to plan and budget for projects that we can afford to complete and maintain.

3. And finally, to coordinate our construction plans with the Local Municipalities (Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville) to minimize the impact on local residents and businesses.

### Community Consultation

Whenever we look at expanding or renewing infrastructure, we seek community input from residents, business owners, the Local Municipalities and the province.

Every time we receive public comments, they help us to understand what people are concerned about and how to improve our plans, whether it's adjusting schedules, planning for alternate routes, or accommodating specific community concerns.

### Construction Project Management

In delivering each of our infrastructure projects we follow a logical, planned and phased project management process to deliver. There are four phases to this process.

First, we start at **Planning** to identify the high level need. Then, we move to the **Design and Approval** phase to identify technical solutions and gather public feedback. Once this work is done, we "put the shovel in the ground" at the **Construction** phase. Finally, with construction complete, we enter the **Restoration** phase where we renew the site so that it is appealing and accessible to the community.

Whether it's a large, multi-year project like a water treatment plant or a smaller project like an intersection improvement, we have a plan and we see it through to provide you with the high-quality services you deserve.

*Building a Better Halton* is our infrastructure plan for Halton Region. It has its own identity which you will see on construction signs, mail outs to your home and business, Halton's website and other communications materials.

As the spring construction season starts, remember we're Building a Better Halton to ensure that Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

To find out more about Halton's construction plans, dial 311 or visit [www.halton.ca/construction](http://www.halton.ca/construction).



## Building a Better Halton

### 2010 Infrastructure Construction Projects in Halton

Here are some of the major projects that we will be working on this year.\*

#### Roads

- Bronte Road Widening (Oakville)
- Tremaine Road Widening (Milton)
- Derry Road Widening (Milton)
- Upper Middle Road and Burloak Drive Widening (Burlington)

#### Water

- New Water Supply Main to Milton (Oakville/Milton)
- Zone 5 Reservoir and Feeder Main (Milton)
- New Todd Road Water Tower (Halton Hills)

#### Wastewater

- Oakville Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 3 Upgrades (Oakville)
- Skyway Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion (Burlington)

\*From the Halton Region 2010 Budget and Business Plan.

### Stimulus Funding

Federal and provincial stimulus funding of \$147 million helped us accelerate three construction projects this year.

- Skyway Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion (\$103 million)  
*Benefits: Will minimize environmental impact of wastewater in Hamilton Harbour, create 1,700 jobs and improve waterfront experience for residents.*
- Oakville Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 3 Upgrades (\$33.4 million)  
*Benefits: Will ensure wastewater entering Lake Ontario meets high quality standards, providing significant environmental benefits to lake.*
- Tremaine Road Improvements in Milton (\$10.6 million)  
*Benefits: Will ease traffic congestion and help support Region's economic growth.*

### Meetings at Halton Region Headquarters

- June 2 9:30 a.m.** Regional Council Meeting
  - June 15 9:30 a.m.** Health & Social Services Committee
  - June 16 9:30 a.m.** Planning & Public Works Committee
  - June 16 1:30 p.m.** Administration & Finance Committee
  - June 23 9:30 a.m.** Regional Council Meeting
- Meetings can be viewed at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

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