

Economic strategy launched

On December 14, 2011 Regional council approved a new 10-year Halton Region Economic Development Strategy Implementation Plan that will guide Halton Region Economic Development, in partnership with our local municipal partners in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

The Strategic Implementation Plan builds on the vision for economic development approved last fall. It outlines Halton Region's Economic Development services and programs, establishes direction, and will inform decision making for economic development across the Region. Halton Regional council's vision for economic development is that by 2021, Halton will be a preferred location for innovative businesses and entrepreneurs who need highly skilled talent, quality infrastructure and a positive business environment in order to contribute to sustainable regional economic prosperity.

One of the key citizens' priorities identified by Halton residents is to attract and retain jobs. To help achieve this goal, the Strategic Implementation Plan sets out twenty-three directions with specific actions, targets and performance measures. In addition, a Strategic Directions Report was developed by Millier Dickinson Blais Inc. This report provides directions in five key pillars supporting economic growth in the region, namely:

- Employment lands— ensure sufficient supply of employment lands in Halton to meet growth targets and fiscal objectives and monitor land

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absorption

- Existing and emerging sectors— undertake information gathering, liaison and support local sector-based strategies

- Investment attraction and retention— establish an investment attraction plan for office and export-oriented development, a "Regional investment response" team, an online data resource centre and ensure industrial tax rates and non-residential development charges are competitive

- Entrepreneurship and innovation— Establish a north Halton Small Business Centre, empower young entrepreneurs and develop entrepreneurship programs for newcomers

- Quality of place— support priority areas, e.g., physician recruitment, tourism and agriculture

Halton Region's Economic Development division will report back to Council annually on its progress in achieving the Strategic Implementation Plan. If you have any Regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at gary.carr@halton.ca

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

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2012 BUDGET MEETING
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Budget Committee will be commencing Operating Budget deliberations on **Monday, January 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.**

Please note all delegations for Operating matters will be heard on **Monday, January 16, 2012.** Accordingly, if you wish to address Budget Committee, please register by 12 noon on Friday, January 13, 2012 with Corporate Services - Clerk's Division at (905) 873-2601, ext. 2333. 2

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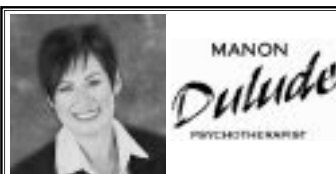
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