Region making key investments to ensure successful future

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The total cost of growth-related infrastructure is estimated to cost $23.8 million, representing 10 per cent of the Regional portion of the property taxes.

These costs are expected to increase each year as the Region continues to face the challenges of mandated growth without the provincial investments to support it, he states.

Despite the challenges however, the Region is making some key investments in six strategic priority areas to shape Halton s future.

The strategic investments include:

• $1.5 million (net $782,000 after subsidy) for the new East Milton paramedic station to have dedicated staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as well as logistic support

• $2 million for the Halton Region Community Investment Fund, up from $1.4 million to respond to increasing demand, solidify funding for Halton s food security program and address emerging needs from community safety and well-being planning.

• $1 million in support of implementing the Waterfront Master Plans

• $1.3 million to provide housing subsidies for survivors of domestic violence and help prevent homelessness (funded by subsidy)

• $1 million to provide sustainable funding for the 10-year road resurfacing program

• $3.4 million in social housing improvements

• $689,000 for The Oakville Seniors Citizen s Residence to operationalize new governance arrangements.

• $409,000 to support an increase in road maintenance contracts with local municipalities and regional countracts to address growth in the road network

• $200,000 to expand the internship and apprenticeship program from 12 to 16 interns/apprentice positions and $60,000 to open the landfill on Sundays.

• $85,000 to increase nursing hours in support of Halton s growing child and youth population needs for immunization

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