

COMMENT

'Quote
unquote'

'It feels a lot like 1966 around here'
—Fred Eaglesmith... see story pg. 16

The way we were



A sign of spring

All the signs of spring can be seen with the annual flooding at the dam in Glen Williams from this image from 1930.

Image: courtesy of the Esquesing Historical Society Content: Heritage Halton Hills.

From our readers

PICTURE THIS

Diane Gardisch on Gollop Crescent sent this photo of a deer behind her house. There have been about 25 deer looking for snacks in the corn fields near 10th Line/10th Sideroad last week. Gardisch is also a member of the Halton Hills Camera Club.



Got a photo you want to share?

Email: cgamble@theifp.ca.

Region proves itself a great place to work and live

Halton Regional Council is committed to ensuring that you are informed about both our priorities and the management of your tax dollars. Our Citizens' Report 2013 provides a progress report on both.

I am very proud of what we have accomplished over the past year.

According to our most recent survey, Halton residents rate the overall quality of life in Halton very high at 99 per cent, which is above the national average.

Satisfaction with Halton Regional services is also very high, with 97 per cent of Halton residents satisfied with the job that the region is doing.

Halton Region has maintained a strong, sustainable financial position, including a Triple A credit rating while minimizing impacts on you the taxpayer.

In fact, on average, we have had a zero per cent tax increase over the past eight years.

We have supported the growth and success of innovative businesses, adding new jobs and continued economic success in Halton.

Infrastructure has been identified by Halton residents as a priority. In 2013 we invested \$289 million in roads alone, a significant investment.

Last year in Georgetown, we improved access to health services by moving our public health clinic

to the Georgetown Market Place.

Last year, council also approved a Development Financing Plan that ensures growth pays for itself as well as a new Action Plan that sets the direction for Halton's agri-tourism efforts.

Municipalities receive only 11 per cent of every tax dollar. With this small amount, we provide cost-effective and high quality programs and services that touch your life daily. Through our Advocating for a Strong Halton campaign, we work with the provincial and federal governments to ensure that they

are our funding partners in delivering the programs and services that Halton residents have identified as a priority. You can find more information at www.halton.ca/advocacy.

In 2014, we continue to work to ensure that Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

To review the Citizens' Report and our 2014 key actions, visit www.halton.ca/actionplan.

As always, if you have any regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at gary.carr@halton.ca.

You can also find me on Twitter @garycarrhalton, LinkedIn or Facebook.

— Gary Carr is the Regional Chair of Halton



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