

Halton Highlights

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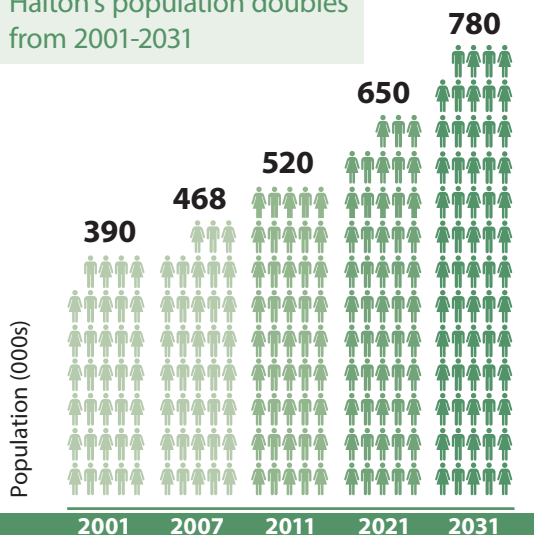
Advocating for a Strong Halton

Halton Region is a vibrant and growing community. My Regional Council colleagues and I are committed to ensuring that Halton remains strong and stable in the future.

The *Provincial Places to Grow Act* mandates that Halton Region's population grow to 780,000 by 2031. To support this growth while maintaining the high quality of life we enjoy, we must ensure that growth pays for itself. Halton's strong financial position and AAA credit rating are key strengths, demonstrating that we are fiscally responsible with our budget. We have frozen or reduced taxes for eight straight years, while enhancing and maintaining service levels. We will not compromise this position of strength to accommodate growth.

Provincial Places to Grow Plan

Halton's population doubles from 2001-2031



Source: Halton Region (2007)



Keeping you informed by highlighting what makes Halton a great place to live.

Gary Carr, Regional Chair

Halton Region is advocating for support from all levels of government in the form of long-term, predictable funding and legislative changes in order to ensure that Halton's taxpayers are not burdened with the cost of growth. By working together we can ensure that Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

To learn more about the Advocating for a Strong Halton campaign visit www.halton.ca/advocacy.

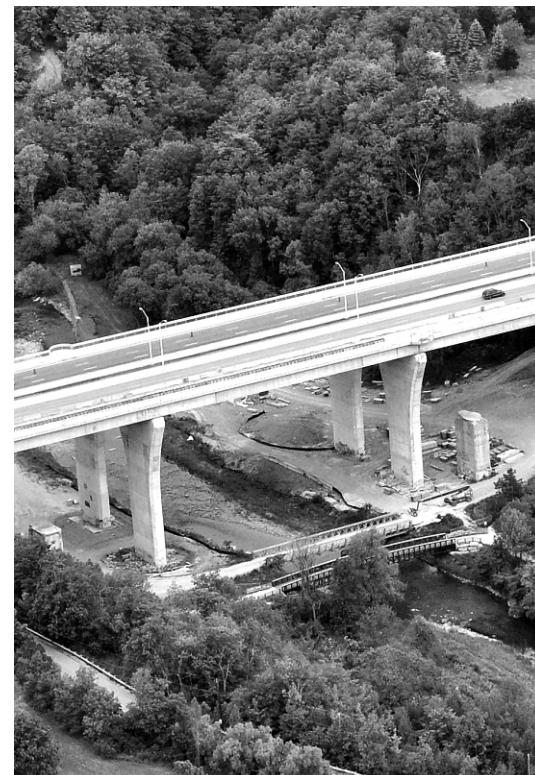
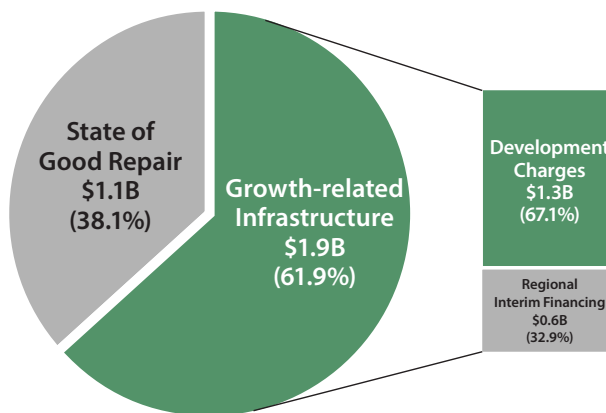
Protecting Halton taxpayers from the financial impacts of growth

Accommodating growth – and meeting the infrastructure needs of this growth – remains our biggest challenge. Halton's provincial growth targets must be matched with the funding to support them.

We are asking the Provincial Government to:

- Enhance funding sources, including changes to the *Development Charges Act*, that support the recovery and collection of growth related costs to ensure that Halton's taxpayers do not bear the financial impacts of growth
- Provide predictable funding and deliver on committed projects to meet the infrastructure and transportation needs of our growing community
- Commit to delivering long-term, sustainable funding at the agreed-upon levels of cost sharing for public health programs and Paramedic Services
- Provide long-term, predictable, sustainable funding for affordable and assisted housing to meet Halton residents' housing needs

2014-2023 Total Capital Financing: \$3.0B



Meetings at Halton Region

1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville L6M 3L1

- Apr. 8, 9:30 a.m.** Health & Social Services Cmte.
- Apr. 9, 9:30 a.m.** Planning & Public Works Cmte.
- Apr. 9, 1:30 p.m.** Administration & Finance Cmte.
- Apr. 16, 9:30 a.m.** Regional Council



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Working together

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