

# Halton Region releases questionnaire for provincial election candidates

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The region of Halton is looking to test the waters on provincial candidates' opinions before the election.

They have released an online questionnaire that asks candidates from the Milton riding, Oakville and Burlington, Wellington-Halton Hills and the new Oakville North-Burlington, questions on five key issues.

"The reason is simple," said Gary Carr, chair of the Halton Region. "We at the region have more revenue coming from the province than even the local municipalities do."

Candidates will be questioned about their positions on the regional and provincial regulatory jurisdiction of the proposed CN Rail hub in Milton, as well as their thoughts on road and infrastructure investments in order to meet growth mandates.

In that case, the region is asking the province to join them in taking legal action against CN.

"It's very important the provincial government stand with us in our court challenge with CN," he said.

In addition, the region is asking about the prospective MPP's interest in advocating for

public health programs in order to close a funding gap that is upwards of \$9.3 million.

The form also touches on issues with the region's servicing for ambulance calls, as well as the promotion of government assisted housing programs in the region.

Carr has been calling for the implementation of new technologies to increase response times for ambulance dispatch calls, and says the province is finally moving forward on the topic.

Carr says the region follows up to measure the impact of the questionnaire, which the region has been sending out to candidates since 2006, as part of their advocacy strategy.

"Most of them are very good," Carr said, at filling them out and sending them back for the region to post on their website.

"Later on, after the election we follow up with them to ensure that they're carrying our message forward."

Sometimes, he says, the candidates will have their researchers fill out the questionnaire on their behalf.

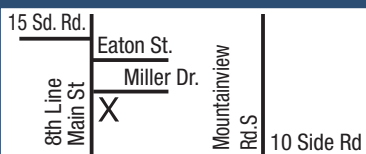
"Upwards of 25 per cent of our revenue actually comes from the province," said Carr. "It's extremely important the candidates fill it out and let us know where they stand."



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