

PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AND MAINTAINING QUALITY OF LIFE

REGION WORKING TO ENSURE RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, WRITES GARY CARR



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Column

Halton is a large, diverse and great place to live and work; it continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, with the population expected to reach one million by 2041.

To ensure responsible growth and a sustainable future, Halton Region undertakes comprehensive planning, works closely with its partners and creates policies that support informed land use decisions.

Our current Regional Official Plan provides a clear vision for Halton's physical landscape and community character. It lays the groundwork for creating complete, sustainable communities and sets out goals and objectives to maintain the quality of life that we collectively value. These include how and when communities may grow, natural heritage preservation, employment land opportunities and where vital infrastructure such as roads, water and wastewater systems are needed.

Regional Official Plan Review underway
To ensure we remain

aligned with provincial policies and are responsive to current social, economic and demographic conditions, certain areas within the current plan are officially under review, including:

- Rural and agricultural systems - preserving agricultural land and supporting local farming.
- The Natural Heritage System - ensuring natural areas are connected and protected for present and future generations.
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation - setting policies to ensure we are resilient to a changing climate.
- Growth management and urban systems - managing population and job growth, and balancing new residential and em-

ployment land opportunities.

I encourage you to learn more about regional planning and the policy areas under review by visiting halton.ca. You can also stay up-to-date by signing up for email updates or emailing ROPR@halton.ca to ask questions about the review process.

Thank you for your interest in this important process that will ensure the region remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

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PASSING THE SAW



Melanie Hennessey/Torstar

Acton Home Hardware recently celebrated a change in ownership with the presentation of a ceremonial saw from head office. The local store was operated by Bill and Valerie Manes (third and fourth from left) for over two decades. They took over in downtown Acton in 1996 and built a new store on Queen Street in 1999. Acton Home Hardware remains in the Manes family, with Bill and Valerie's children, Brett and Terresa, along with their spouses Jessica and Chris, taking the reins last year.

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