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# Halton Highlights 2019

### No "top down" approach: Local municipalities will decide what is best for local service delivery, governance and decision making

On October 25, the Province announced the decision not to impose changes in size or structure on municipal governments. This is great news for Halton Region and for the 580,000 residents that rely on us to provide programs and services that matter most to the community.

Instead of implementing "top down" changes, the Province will allocate \$143 million to local municipalities to help lower costs and improve services for residents. We appreciate the Province's recognition that municipalities are well positioned to determine what is best for their communities.

Halton Region has always been fiscally responsible, with low taxes and a AAA credit rating, while delivering high quality programs and services. We look forward to collaborating with the Province and local partners to find more efficiencies and support a high quality of life. Thank you to all residents and businesses who participated in the consultation process—your voices were heard. We will continue to advocate to the Province on Halton's priorities.



#### Start up. Expand. Go global.

Halton Region's business services team is your one-stop shop to help your company succeed at any stage. If you are looking to turn your entrepreneurial idea into an enterprise, find a second location for your small business or launch into the world of exports, we are here to help.

Our consultants offer expert advice, tools and resources to help you navigate you next steps and guide you in the right direction. Here are just a few of our services:

- consultations and coaching
- seminars, funding and mentoring programs
- assistance with business and name registration support in developing your export plan
- one-on-one export counselling
- market research

Visit halton.ca to learn more, connect with a consultant and take advantage of our Small Business and Global Business Centre services.



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

Gary Carr, Regional Chair

## Lest we forget

On November 11, Canadians from coast to coast will honour the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. Throughout our history, Canadian soldiers have bravely served in wars, conflicts and peace-keeping missions. Current members of the Canadian Armed Forces continue to bring aid and support to areas in conflict while protecting civilians from the dangers of war.

On Monday, I encourage you to wear your poppy with pride and observe a moment of silence to remember the service and sacrifice of those who helped make Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

#### **Meetings at Halton Region**

1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, L6M 3L1

Visit halton.ca for full schedule.

**November 20** 9:30 a.m. Regional Council

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