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Acton BIA co-ordinator Alex Hilson is cautiously optimistic about the future of the downtown business core.

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There's no denying the past few months have been particularly challenging for small businesses throughout Halton Hills as owners grapple with the harsh realities of the pandemic.

In the downtown cores of Georgetown and Acton, the impact has been particularly visible, with almost 80 per cent of stores initially forced shut by provincial orders in March.

But as the economy slowly starts to reopen, there's cautious optimism among those on the

downtown Halton Hills scene that the majority of stores in the heart of Georgetown and Acton will make it through these trying times.

"This has honestly impacted us heavily. It's been a major blow for our downtown, but we're a resilient community of business

owners," said Downtown Georgetown BIA manager Yaw Ennin. "There's a lot of support and optimism. I think the downtown will survive this."

The sentiment was echoed by Alex Hilson, who took over as

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