

Halton Highlights September 2020

Help shape the growth of your community

Halton is reviewing its Regional Official Plan, which guides land-use decisions to ensure new development meets the needs of current and future residents. We are kicking off our public consultation period, and want to hear from you on the five areas under review: natural heritage; rural and agricultural system; climate change; North Aldershot planning area; and our regional urban structure (Integrated Growth Management Strategy).

Get involved and have your say—your feedback is valuable to us! Visit halton.ca/ropr to:

- read summary webpages and discussion papers with more detailed information on the areas under review;
- take our general questionnaire by September 28, 2020;
- learn about upcoming virtual Public Information Centres happening throughout this month that you can attend online or by phone; and
- sign up to receive email updates on the review process.




If you require the questionnaire in an alternative format, please call 311 or email accesshalton@halton.ca. Thank you for participating in the Regional Official Plan review!



The time to act is now on proposed CN truck-rail hub in Milton

CN is proposing to build a 400 acre truck-rail hub in the Town of Milton. As part of the Federal Review process, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada is in the final stages of public consultation regarding their environmental assessment of the proposed facility. I am encouraging everyone who lives or works in Halton to learn more about the proposal and to take action to make sure the Federal Government knows where you stand on this issue.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change will announce a decision by September 23. Make your voice heard now by:

-  calling or emailing your Member of Parliament and telling them that the health of your family and neighbours matter;
-  watching and sharing our latest video on halton.ca/cn that highlights the many impacts to our community and those who live here; and
-  joining the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #sayNO2CNhub and following @RegionofHalton.

For more information about CN's proposal and the Halton Municipalities' position on this project, please visit halton.ca/cn.



We all have a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19.





Gary Carr, Regional Chair

Resources to support a safe return to school this fall

Decisions around heading back to school will be different for every family depending on your child's academic needs and your family's unique situation. Returning safely to school is a community effort. To best support you, Halton Region offers a variety of resources that can help parents and their children adjust and thrive throughout the school years, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Halton Region Public Health continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health, school boards and community partners to ensure all students return to a safe learning environment this September. This includes providing recommendations to school boards for reopening to be considered in conjunction with directives and guidance provided by the Province. We are also encouraging parents and guardians to talk to your children about the importance of keeping themselves, their classmates, their teachers and school staff safe. For helpful tips, please watch the latest video from Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health on halton.ca/COVID19.

For more resources and information about navigating the school years, I encourage you to:

-  visit Halton's Halton's Ready, Set, Go! webpage for tips and resources if you have a preschooler starting kindergarten;
-  explore the Transition to High School webpage for resources to navigate your teen's successful transition to high school;
-  find resources on our Mental Health webpage for information on agencies in our community; and
-  connect with our HaltonParents team to access supports for you and your family through their social media channels.

For more information about COVID-19 and related supports, please visit halton.ca.

Meetings at Halton Region

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to halton.ca.

Visit halton.ca for full schedule.

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