• DPINION **HELP SHAPE THE** FUTURE OF HALTON'S WASTE MANAGEMENT

FEEDBACK VITAL TO **OUR PLANS, WRITES GARY CARR**



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Reducing community waste and protecting the natural environment have always been top priorities for Halton Region, and for our residents.

For decades, we have worked together to upgrade services, enhance programs and deliver on new technologies that reduce our community impact on the environment.

In fact, through your participation in our waste diversion programs - including curbside collection of Blue Box, Green Cart, yard waste and bulk waste materials — we have extended the life of our landfill by more than 30 years. But there's still more we can do.

As the region grows and our community changes, we are continuing to find new ways to improve our waste management programs and services for you. I'm pleased to share that we are developing a proposed Solid Waste Management Strategy, which builds on our collective successes and identifies new ways we can deliver waste management services and how we can all make a difference.

The proposed strategy includes medium (four to بع 10 years) and long-term (11+ years) initiatives that will help the region: · increase our waste diversion rate:

• further extend the life of the Halton Waste Management Site (landfill); and reduce carbon emis-

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are now underway, and we want to hear from you. To share your feedback, complete our short online survey at halton.ca/waste by Dec. 10. You can also visit our website to view recordings of our recent PICs on the proposed strategy.

To request the survey in an alternate format, please email accesshalton@halton.ca or call 311.

I encourage you to read the proposed Solid Waste Management Strategy and provide your input on this important initiative. Community feedback will be used to inform the final Solid Waste Management Strategy, which will be presented to regional council in spring 2022.

Thank you in advance for your participation and helping to shape the future of waste management in Halton — from single-family and multi-residence households to businesses, community-wide programs and our regional waste system.

Your input is valuable and will help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

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WHAT COMPANIES SHOULD YOU INVEST IN?

OWNING MANY STOCKS MAY BE A **GOOD STRATEGY.** WRITES PETER WATSON

My suggestion is to change your perspective on investing. Don't focus on which companies to invest. Expand your focus to be much broader.

Consider having a globally diversified portfolio that could have many different companies. In effect, you are buying the market; you are investing in capitalism.

Stock markets around the world allow investors to own a significant number of companies. There are well over 10,000 publicly traded shares that you can choose from.

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in each company on your own is not feasible. There are investment vehicles, including mutual funds and ETFs (exchange traded fund), that provide the opportunity to own many thousands of companies.

Stock markets have a long history of providing extremely attractive returns. That should be your focus. Yes, you could hit a home run by investing in the next big tech stock, but there are significant examples that investing in single companies that have been disappointing.

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