

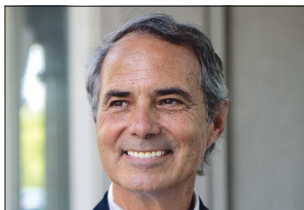
SUPPORTS IN PLACE FOR ALL HALTON RESIDENTS

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN FIGHTING COVID, WRITES GARY CARR

As we reach the two-year mark of the pandemic, I would like to thank all Halton residents for your patience, kindness and commitment to following public health measures as we continue to respond to COVID-19.

Our Halton Region team has continued to work around the clock to deliver essential services and provide public health response and guidance for residents.

Halton Region Public Health and our local



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Column

health-care partners have made an incredible effort to roll out vaccines and help residents get vaccinated as quickly as possible over the past year.

Our health-care professionals have shown an incredible amount of resilience and dedication throughout the pandemic to provide high quality care and protect our community. I would like to

thank every one of you for the work you do every day.

The past two years have been a challenging time for all of us. I'd like to remind you that Halton Region has support to help you and your family get through the pandemic.

Visit halton.ca to learn about available supports, including:

- support with finding meaningful employment;
- financial, social and community supports;
- information on how to access local mental health resources and services; and
- resources and supports to assist business owners.

As the situation continues to change, please re-

member to get COVID information from reliable sources:

- For information about vaccines, including where to get vaccinated in Halton, vaccine safety, frequently asked questions and more, visit halton.ca/COVIDvaccines.

- For up-to-date COVID-19 information, including what to do if you test positive, have symptoms or have been exposed, please visit halton.ca/COVID19 or ontario.ca/exposed.

Thank you for continuing to do your part to protect our community by following public health measures and getting vaccinated. Our collective actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect each other will ensure Halton remains a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Gary Carr is the regional chair of Halton Region. To contact him, email gary.carr@halton.ca.

A VOTING LEGACY FOR HALTON'S FUTURE

Will Halton Regional council vote to expand the existing urban boundaries to meet provincial expectations?

Living in Georgetown is great, but to possibly see the remaining very viable farmland and open space developed for housing is unbelievable.

The urban boundaries are already planned for expansion. Increased density can fulfil the need for additional housing. Let our planned urban boundaries remain as is and allow Halton to do its part to reduce the carbon footprint to help protect the environment.

Our supply chain of goods is challenged. We can't grow enough produce in Canada. We need to keep some of the most productive farmland in Canada viable.

In Halton Hills, our ability to build the needed infrastructure to provide services for present and future residents is compromised.

It is my opinion that the needed services to support our two urban areas, Georgetown and Acton, are lagging.

The hospital service is overwhelmed, transportation and the road networks are challenged and recreational services are lacking.

With increased urban development and expansion, we will be even further behind and taxes will increase.

Let us live within our means to promote a healthier climate and an affordable lifestyle.

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