KEEPING A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN HALTON



GARY CARR Column

We have achieved so much together during the past four years. The Halton Region 2019-2022 Strategic Business Plan is a reflection of the priorities that matter to the community and has guided our work for this term of council.

While faced with the un-COVID-19 precedented emergency, we have made progress on many priorities set out in the plan, maintained our essential programs and services, and kept tax rate increases at or below the rate of inflation.

region's 2019-2022 Strategic Business Plan were identified across five themes. Some of our key achievements in each area include:

- · Planning and growth management: Housing grew by an additional 15,000 units and established a framework to accommodate provincial growth targets that minimizes urban boundary expansion through the adoption of Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 48 and
- · Transportation and infrastructure: Halton invested more than \$900 million in transportation infrastructure and almost \$1 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure since 2019.
- · Community well-being: New assisted-housing opportunities were created and we invested approximately \$13M through the

Investment Fund emergency shelter program was modified and expanded, and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program launched to support low income seniors.

- · Environment and sustainability: Declared a climate emergency, achieved a decrease in corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and a reduction in heating consumption per square foot.
- Effective government: Halton achieved the highest credit rating (AAA) each year from independent credit agencies and kept tax rate increases at or below the rate of inflation.

In addition to planned priorities, Halton Region also had significant responsibilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020 to 2022. More than 50,000 cases and

were managed, and the needs of vulnerable residents and those most impacted financially and socially by the pandemic were supported.

Through the co-ordinated delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination program, more than 1.35 million doses have been administered and 89 per cent of residents aged five and up have received at least two doses.

For a comprehensive

summary of key achievements, please visit halton-

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CORRECTION

A photo caption in the IFP's July 14 edition contained a misspelled last name. The young girl featured in the Georgetown Ribfest photo spread is Melanie Salazar.

The IFP regrets this error, as well as any inconvenience it may have caused.



The Town of Halton Hills has initiated a study to undertake a Stormwater Master Plan to ensure stormwater (rainfall and snowmelt) is properly managed and planned for. The project team has completed the study area characterization, initial analysis and hydraulic modelling, and assessment of the existing stormwater management system.

Visit the Stormwater Management Master Plan project page on letstalkhaltonhills.ca to watch a brief presentation on the project progress to-date, view background materials and connect with Town staff about the project.

