

# Halton Highlights

## November 2022

### Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month

November is Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month, an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous culture, traditions, and heritage while continuing to engage in Truth and Reconciliation. There are many diverse communities of Indigenous Peoples, each with rich histories and legacies. During this month of celebration, we honour the Indigenous leaders of the past and present and increase awareness of Indigenous voices today. Days of importance including Treaties Recognition Week, National Indigenous Veterans Day and Louis Riel Day remind us of the immense contributions made by Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

To learn about the steps Halton Region is taking to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous Communities, visit [halton.ca](http://halton.ca).



### Tell us what you think of a potential vacant homes tax in Halton

Housing supply and affordability can be a challenge for those who want to live in our growing community. For many, high prices and demand have made it difficult to rent or buy a home.

Halton is considering a potential tax on vacant homes, which could help increase housing supply by encouraging owners to rent or sell. The tax would only affect vacant homes.

We are asking the community to provide input on the potential tax throughout the month of November. If you currently rent or own a home in Halton, or if you hope to do so one day, I encourage you to complete our short online survey or attend one of our virtual public meetings:

- Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 23, 2022 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To learn more about the potential vacant homes tax, take the survey or add a virtual meeting to your calendar, please visit the Public Consultation: Vacant Homes Tax webpage on [halton.ca](http://halton.ca).



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

Gary Carr, Regional Chair

### Honouring our nation's heroes on National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day

Each year in November we gather to reflect on the courage of Canadian veterans and soldiers at home and abroad, including our Indigenous veterans who have deep roots of service in the Canadian Armed Forces. We thank all our veterans and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces for their great sacrifices at home and abroad to serve our country and protect freedom and security.

We remember all those who sacrificed their lives in the World Wars, Korean War, the War in Afghanistan and in ongoing peacekeeping missions and exercises. We recognize as well members of the Armed Forces who are currently serving, and who continue to bring aid to areas in conflict and support at home during times of crisis – including essential supports during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On National Indigenous Veterans Day (Nov. 8) and Remembrance Day (Nov. 11), we proudly honour the bravery of Canada's Armed Forces, both past and present. I encourage you to wear a poppy as a symbol of recognition and remembrance.



### Meetings at Halton Region

Regional Council meetings are taking place through web conferencing until further notice. Videos will be posted to [halton.ca](http://halton.ca).

Visit [halton.ca](http://halton.ca) for the full schedule.

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