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Halton's Campus Plan: An Innovative Partnership



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You may have heard about an innovative model for the delivery of quality government services being developed in Halton. The initiative was conceived by Halton's own CAO, Brent Marshall. The proposed Halton Regional Campus Plan would ensure residents get the services they need in one easily accessible

location by co-locating administrative and operating facilities from four partners on the current site of the Halton Regional Centre. Although the proposal features one shared location, each partner would retain autonomy via separate and distinct buildings, linked by a multi-services facility. In this way, partners can continue to administer their core function responsibilities in their own buildings which would also accommodate any specialized or unique requirements that they may have.

In late 2005, representatives from Halton Region, the Halton Regional Police Service, the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board completed the Halton Regional Campus Business Case that identified potential benefits of their collaboration including service delivery improvements and financial savings. Regional Council and the police and school boards will consider the proposal in late spring 2006.

Over the next 25 years, Halton's population could double from 400,000 to nearly 800,000. To meet this challenge, we recognized the necessity of developing new ways to meet existing and future needs. The Halton Regional Campus Plan addresses these projected demands. Halton residents will realize several benefits, such as being able to access a variety of government services in one location. The plan, when implemented, would stimulate new partnerships with a shared-space facility resulting in a savings of more than \$20 million on construction-related and operating costs, and that's good news for Halton's taxpayers.

The success of the Campus Plan requires the support and direct involvement of the Provincial government. Over the last few months, we have coordinated several meetings with key Provincial officials and ministries and we will continue to engage them in the process.

The Campus Plan is a forward-thinking and practical approach to meeting the forecasted needs of Halton residents and re-confirms our commitment to partnership and accountability.

Improving Access to Government Services



A. Brent Marshall
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Halton Region continues to be a leader in effective customer service. The Halton Regional Campus Plan that would see a collaboration amongst four principle partners at one location, is a key initiative in addressing the needs of Halton residents.

The plan delivers financial savings, builds on already-strong partnerships, optimizes our existing infrastructure investments and provides a single point of access to a host of government services.

Last December, we completed the purchase of the land immediately south of our existing location. This was a strategic acquisition as the property will be utilized in the long-term plan of the Halton Regional Centre regardless of the outcome of the Campus Plan proposal.

A Project Team and three sub-committees are working together to make sure the Campus Plan meets everyone's needs. The Campus Steering Committee, made up of chairs, directors and senior staff from each partner organization, is currently drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This agreement will govern how each of the four partners will work together on the Campus without compromising their own distinct identity or autonomy. It is anticipated that Regional Council and the Boards will consider the MOU in late spring.

Halton is committed to communicating regularly with our residents and stakeholders throughout the Campus Plan process. Watch for regular updates on our website.

The Campus Plan was developed on the basis of five guiding principles and is a made-in-Halton solution to the changes our community will face in the coming years. These principles are:

- 1. Improved access to services for the general public**
- 2. Improved service delivery through sharing of services and location**
- 3. Realization of capital and operating cost savings through reduced space requirements and sharing of services**
- 4. Maintenance/protection of individual corporate autonomy, accountability and identity**
- 5. Maintenance/enhancement of core service delivery and security (internal autonomy)**

Halton Meetings & Events

April Meetings at Regional Headquarters

Tuesday, April 11	9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee
Wednesday, April 12	9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee
Friday, April 14	Offices closed for Good Friday
Wednesday, April 19	9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting