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Halton Region an industry leader in public-private partnerships



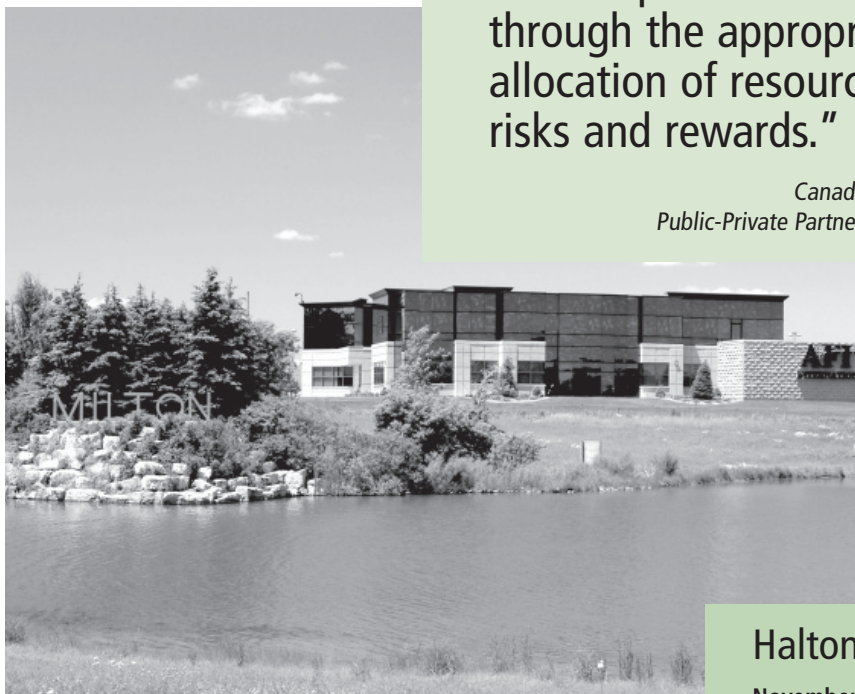
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REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

Halton Region works to ensure a high quality of life for our residents and businesses that is cost-effective and responsible. To preserve this balance, we make the most of strong relationships with both the public and private sectors. In fact, Halton Region has a proven record of harnessing the potential of public-private partnerships by entering into arrangements that combine the strengths of each sector for the cost-effective delivery of services and infrastructure.

As a municipal government, Halton faces significant fiscal challenges in addressing infrastructure requirements. To meet these needs, Halton Region leverages its resources through partnerships with the public and private sectors. These partnerships provide the necessary public control over projects, while taking advantage of the specialized technologies or financial resources of the private sector.

Public-private partnerships can even accelerate project timelines without adding to the tax burden on residents. One such partnership was the financing agreement designed to bring water and wastewater services to the employment lands on the Milton 401 Business Park and the Halton Hills 401-407 Gateway Business Park. Guided by the Region, this plan involved a financial partnership between public and private partners, using resources from all sectors. The plan builds on the Region's original investment of \$26.2 million in water and wastewater infrastructure as part of the Halton Urban Structure Plan (HUSP). This public-private partnership kick-started the strong industrial and commercial growth in the Milton 401 Business Park that is so evident today. The HUSP plan was recognized with the Canadian Council on Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) Silver Award in 2000.

We continually strive to explore new and better ways to deploy the resources available to us. Working together with our partners, Halton will remain a prosperous community with an enviable quality of life.



Milton 401 Business Park
Photo courtesy of the Town of Milton

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Providing unparalleled service delivery with multi-sector support



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Public-private partnership is a concept woven into many initiatives underway at Halton Region. Halton Regional Council recently approved the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, a document designed to guide decision-making and provide a framework for coordinating fiscal planning and policy development. One of the strategy's themes is "Strategic Partnerships to Support Business," which recognizes that strong relationships with Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments are crucial, but the private sector plays an important role in terms of fostering innovation and enhancing competitiveness.

What is a public-private partnership?

"A cooperative venture between the public and private sectors, built on the expertise of each partner, that best meets clearly defined public needs through the appropriate allocation of resources, risks and rewards."

Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP)

Partnerships with public and private organizations have been essential to many Regional programs, such as our skills training and workforce development programs. The Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and RBC Royal Bank together have made Halton's youth entrepreneurship programs, including Summer Company and our annual Business Plan Competition, very successful.

Halton's approach to leveraging partnerships is also applied to our responsibilities for a strong social and community services infrastructure. Through an agreement with a local private child-care provider, Halton is able to provide child care at our Oakville and Burlington Long Term Care Homes, facilitating an inter-generational use at the properties and providing quality, licensed daycare for more than 150 children.

Finally, another major project that could potentially see private sector involvement is the Halton Regional Campus Plan. The current proposal, which includes a shared use facility amongst public sector partners, allows for the flexibility to accommodate additional collaborations. Partnerships such as this demonstrate Halton's progressive and cost-effective approach to planning for our community's needs.

Halton Meetings & Events

November Meetings at Regional Headquarters

Tuesday, November 21	9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee
Wednesday, November 22	9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee
Wednesday, November 29	9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting

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