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## Quality of life issue raised

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palities better address their pressing needs.

"There must be real investment by the senior levels of government and a willingness to reassume the full responsibility for social services funding," Ms Savoline said.

The pooling system is the creature of the former Tory government created to help Toronto pay for social services that had been downloaded when the city was amalgamated in 1998.

The issue of quality of life was a heavy theme in Ms Savoline's address, which referred to it seven different times.

"You told us we created a great quality of life and that our quality of life must be maintained."

She said Halton's pace of development has caused residents "some fear" and council has to strike a balance with growth and the needed services.

Milton and north Oakville, in particular, will grow rapidly over the next few years.

"As in the past, we will continue our tradition of balancing future needs without (sacrificing) quality of life," she said.

After the ceremony, Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale — who has been vocal about a new deal with the two upper-tier governments — said she was encouraged to hear the call that the pooling system needs other partners to contribute.

"They (the other levels of government) have sustainable revenue streams far larger than the revenue streams created by residential property taxes," she

said, noting the re-distribution of gas or sales taxes are a start.

Halton council represents the four municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville, with a total population of about 400,000.

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