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## Sustainable Halton Update: Planning for Our Future



by Regional Chair Gary Carr

Sustainable Halton is Halton Region's response to provincial growth management legislation including the *Places to Grow Plan*. This plan requires Greater Golden Horseshoe communities, including Halton Region, to reach specific population and employment levels by 2031. To meet this provincial target, we are planning for an additional 134,000 people and 54,000 jobs in the 2021-2031 time period.

Sustainable Halton outlines how we can plan complete, healthy and sustainable communities where our children can afford to live, where there is clean air and water, where there is an abundance of parks and trees, and where farmland is protected.

### Sustainable Halton Timeline and Process

Sustainable Halton is divided into four phases: Phase One – Research, Phase Two – Analysis and Plan Development, Phase Three – Strategy Development, and Phase Four – Implementation.

*Phase One*, launched in May 2006, included 22 technical research reports covering: aggregates, agriculture, archaeology, climate change, energy, health, housing, land supply, Natural Heritage System (natural environment), population and employment growth, sustainability, transportation, water and wastewater, and waste management.

After this research was complete, the Region held two public consultation sessions and one symposium to collect public comment on the results. The goal of these sessions was to inform residents, businesses and other key stakeholders about the province's growth management requirements and the research results. This work was completed in late 2007.

*Phase Two* focused on identifying potential growth management concepts. It ran from January to September 2008. In that time, the Evaluation Framework for Sustainable Halton was released along with preliminary growth concepts. Public consultation was held in January and September 2008.

*Phase Three* began in September 2008. Its focus is to develop the strategy for implementing Sustainable Halton, specifically to identify the best growth management concept and land use option.

To meet the province's timeline requirements, Halton Region staff broke Phase Three into three separate streams. Stream One, Sustainable Halton Growth Management Strategy, continues the work of identifying a land use plan for Halton.

Stream Two, Conformity to Places to Grow Plan, includes preparing an amendment to Halton Region's Official Plan – called a ROPA. This amendment, ROPA 37, "An Amendment to Incorporate the Basic Requirements of the Provincial Places to Grow Plan", is expected to be adopted on June 3, 2009.

Stream Three is the Five-year Official Plan Review. A special report, "Directions Report: Towards Sustainability" is central to this planning review process. This directions report will be used to create ROPA 38, "An Amendment to Incorporate the Results of a Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan".

The draft ROPA 38 will be released in September 2009. Public consultation will happen soon after, in early fall 2009. And in December 2009, Regional Council is expected to consider and adopt ROPA 38.

*Phase Four*, Implementation, will begin once ROPA 38 is adopted by Regional Council, expected December 2009.

### In Closing

Sustainable Halton is a comprehensive process involving technical research, public consultation, internal staff reviews, and Regional council and committee reviews. I think it is an example of a process where input from every stakeholder has produced a better, more refined idea of the future and how Halton can be an even better place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

To learn more about the Sustainable Halton process, to read the research reports, or to understand more about Halton Region's Official Plan Amendment process: go to [www.halton.ca/sustainablehalton](http://www.halton.ca/sustainablehalton) or, email [Sustainable@Halton.ca](mailto:Sustainable@Halton.ca) or, call: 905-825-6000, ext. 7455 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-422-5866).

### Opportunities for Public Feedback

During Phases One and Two, people had a variety of opportunities to learn about and provide feedback on the Sustainable Halton research and proposals. Phase Three's feedback process is now under way and will finish in fall 2009.

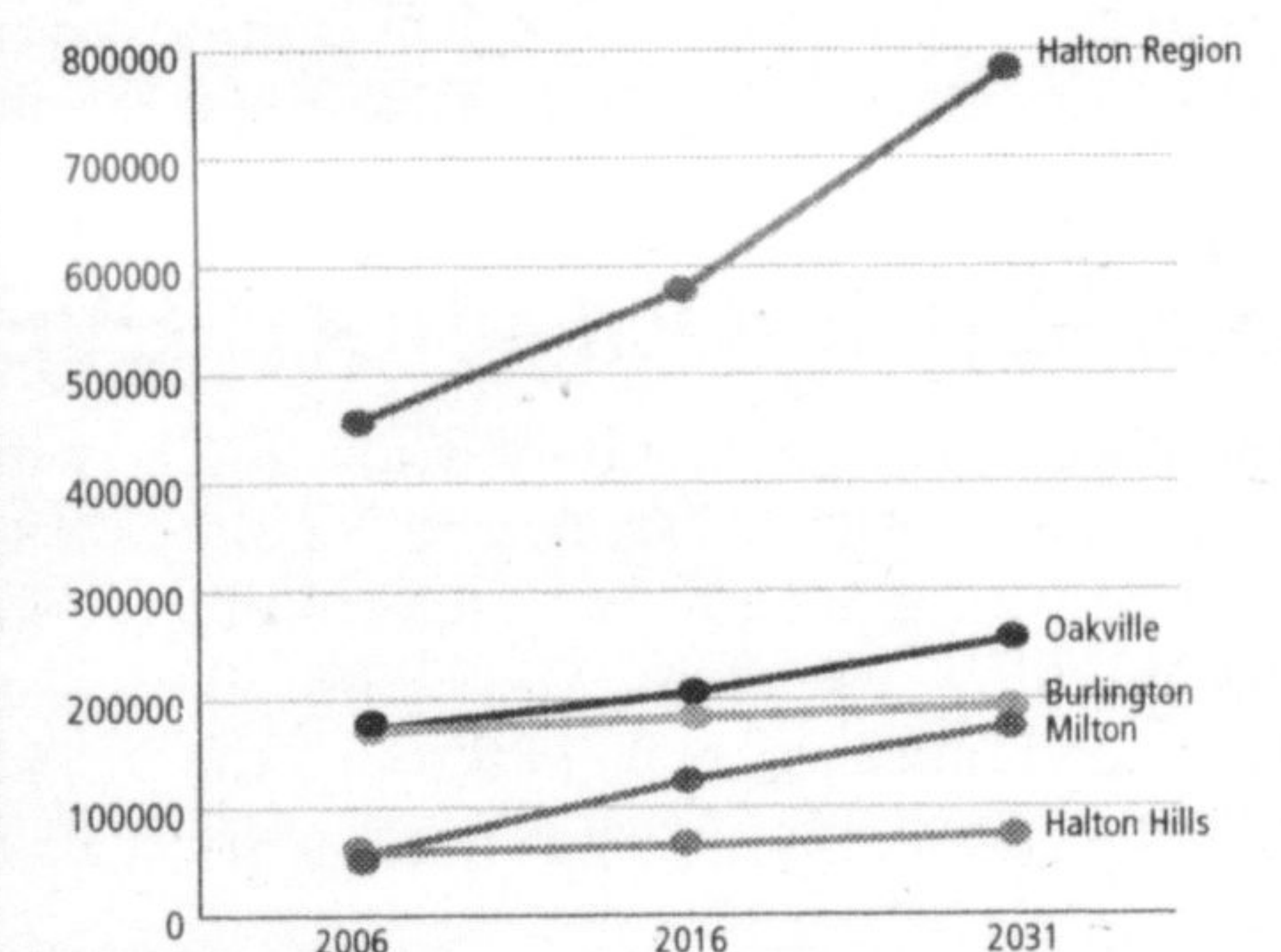
Phase One	June 2006 Four Public Meetings June 2007 Four Public Meetings and One Symposium
Phase Two	January 2008 Four Public Meetings September 2008 Four Public Meetings
Phase Three	April 2009 Four Public Meetings May 2009 Two Workshops Fall 2009 Public Meetings

## Quick Facts: Population and Employment

Halton's population and employment opportunities are growing. Sustainable Halton's goal is to plan for this growth in a way that preserves Halton Region's, and its Local Municipalities' character and landscape.

### Population Growth Targets

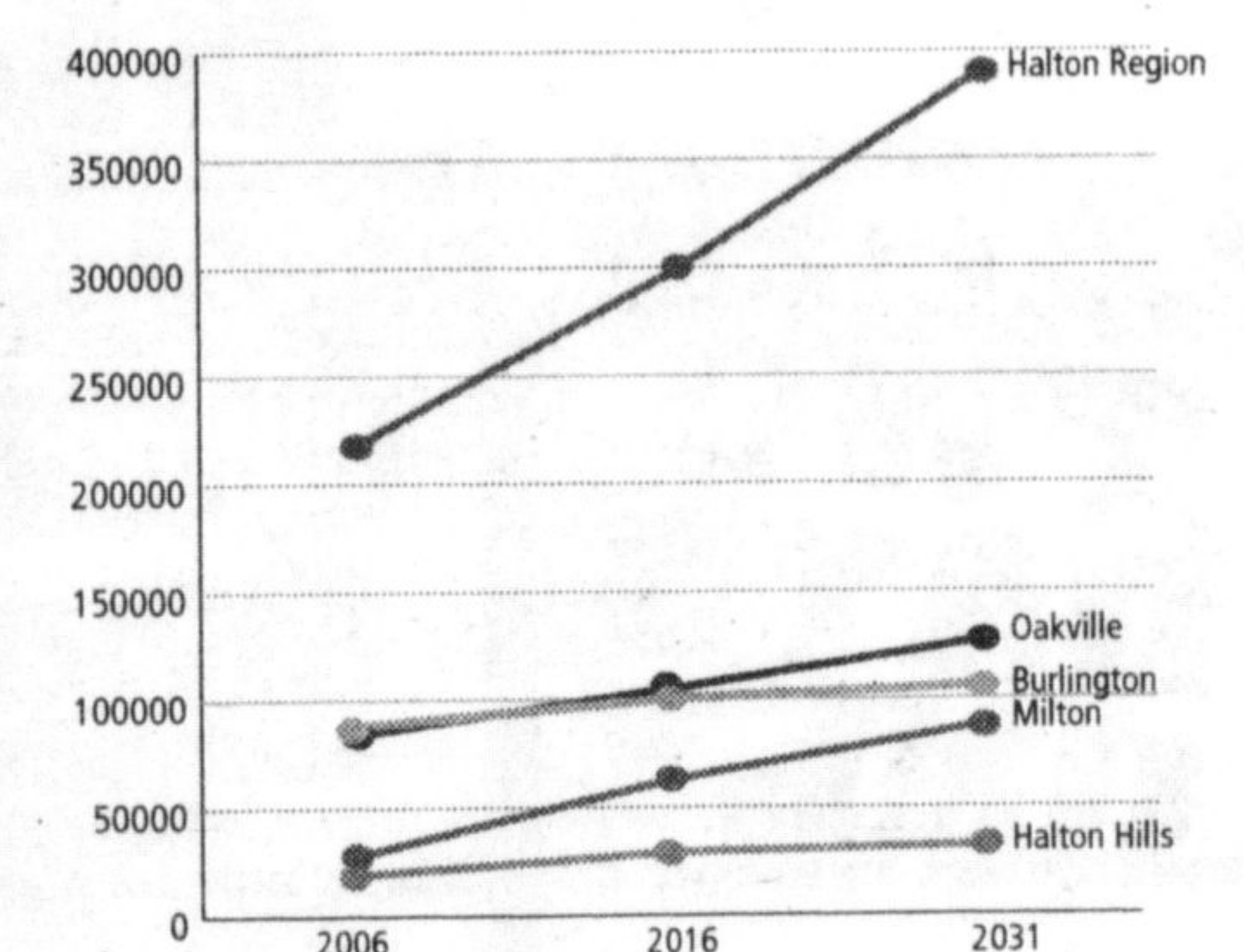
This chart shows you the overall Halton Region population targets set by the province, plus the projected populations in the Local Municipalities to meet these required targets.



Sources: Statistics Canada Census of Canada and Hemson Consulting

### Employment Growth Targets

This chart shows you the overall Halton Region employment targets set by the province, plus the projected jobs needed in the Local Municipalities to meet these required targets.



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### May Meetings at Halton Region Headquarters

**May 6, 9:30 a.m.** Planning & Public Works Committee  
**May 13, 9:30 a.m.** Regional Council  
**May 18, 9:30 a.m.** Offices closed for Victoria Day  
**May 26, 9:30 a.m.** Health & Social Services Committee  
**May 27, 9:30 a.m.** Planning & Public Works Committee  
**May 27, 1:30 p.m.** Administration & Finance Committee

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