

# Halton

*A World Class Place To Be.*

## 1987 Financial Report

### Chairman's Message



Peter Pomeroy

It is my pleasure to present, on behalf of your elected Halton Representatives, the results of Halton's operations for 1987.

Regional services are paid for by monies raised through Property Taxes, Water and Sewer Rates, and Landfill User Charges. The services provided with these funds include: water supply, sewage collection and treatment, waste disposal, public health programs, day care provision, Home for the Aged, social assistance, road construction and maintenance, land use planning, and business development. Operating grants are provided to autonomous boards and agencies, including: the Halton Regional Police Force; The Children's Aid Society, and Conservation Authorities. Capital grants are provided to local hospitals.

The rapid growth witnessed by Halton in prior years continued through 1987. Housing building permits issued in 1987 increased 20% over the number issued in 1986. More than 80 firms either started or expanded business operations in Halton during 1987.

Over the past year the Region has worked to meet the needs of its growing community. These needs and demands on the taxpayers' and ratepayers' dollars must be planned for and prioritized in the most equitable and efficient manner.

In August of 1987 the Halton Urban Structure Review process was begun with completion scheduled for August of 1988. Its purpose is to provide a strategic assessment of urban development parameters. This will serve as a key tool in laying the ground work for future growth, ensuring that future needs are met without risk to the current environment and lifestyle of Halton.

In order to meet the increasing burden of the waste generated by our growing population, a site was purchased in December of 1987 for conversion to a recycling facility. This marks a commitment on the part of the Region to make recycling a fundamental component of its waste management program over the next 20 years.

A strong financial position is essential to the continued support of these and similar ventures. The combined 1987 operating surplus was \$7.5 million. Of this amount, \$5.1 million was generated from rate supported operations (water, sewer, and landfill), with the remaining \$2.4 million coming from property taxes. This surplus will provide for a stabilizing effect on taxes and rates during the upcoming period of continued economic growth and expansion.

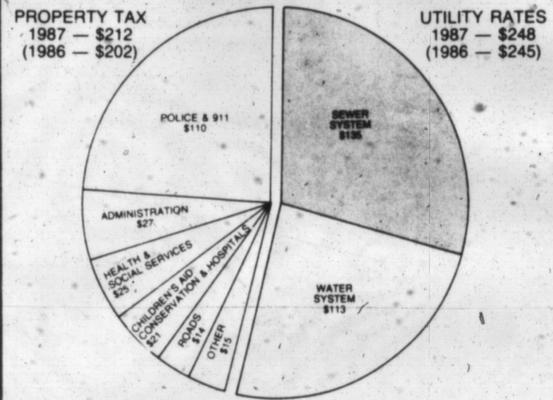
Peter D. Pomeroy,  
Chairman,  
Halton Region.

### Major Services Provided and their Cost

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING REGIONAL SERVICES

	1987	1986		1987	1986
<b>POLICE FORCE:</b>					
Uniformed officers, cadets and civilians	455	444	Pollution control plants in operation	6	6
Calls for service responded to	96,211	89,304	Kilometres of sewer mains	1,128	1,085
New criminal files opened	2,481	2,263	Sewage treated or purified		
Motor vehicle accidents investigated	9,166	8,514	(thousands of cubic metres)	51,356	53,034
911 emergency calls received	433,326	133,608	Customers in sewer system	64,410	63,169
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES:</b>					
Placed in Home for the Aged	342	342	Sewage pumping stations in operation	66	67
Assistance to children			Sludge storage facility	1	1
Regional day care spaces	112	112	<b>WATER SYSTEM:</b>		
Purchased day care spaces	924	659	Treatment plants in operation	3	3
General welfare assistance caseload	10,611	9,984	Kilometres of water mains	1,216	1,167
<b>ROADS:</b>					
Kilometres of roads maintained	260	249	Customers in water system	65,305	64,435
Traffic signals in operation	25	23	Water production		
<b>HEALTH CARE:</b>					
Public health inspections carried out	14,500	13,000	(thousands of cubic metres)	49,054	45,754
Citizens receiving home care	17,233	14,589	Water booster stations, wells & reservoirs	54	53
Citizens receiving immunizations	1,566	1,607	Fire hydrants	7,036	6,701
Attendance at prenatal classes	6,994	6,553	<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL:</b>		
Student hearing tests administered	13,248	13,584	Waste disposed (metric tonnes)	210,770	205,746
Student vision tests administered	11,357	13,397	<b>OTHER:</b>		
Students seen by nurses	16,952	18,472	Attendance at Halton Region Museum	10,484	9,541
Visits by nurses	32,542	35,022	Building permits issued:		
			Residential	5,863	4,870
			Commercial & industrial	741	659

#### NET COST OF REGIONAL SERVICES TO AVERAGE REGIONAL TAXPAYER



Based on a property assessed at \$6,500 and water consumption of 250 cubic metres/year.

### Financial Summary

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	1987	1986
<b>WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM:</b>		
Property taxes	\$34,083	\$30,800
Ontario grants	35,108	29,283
Water billings	15,933	14,165
Sewer billings	17,516	15,717
Solid waste fees	7,802	5,362
Halton Centennial Manor resident fees	2,781	2,656
Contributions from developers	18,218	11,986
Investment income	6,729	5,665
Long-term debt issued	6,178	6,360
Other revenue	6,718	6,173
	<u>150,846</u>	<u>128,167</u>
<b>WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT:</b>		
<b>FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
General government	4,738	4,253
Protection to persons and property	24,469	22,569
Roadways	2,674	2,537
Environmental services		
Water system	16,185	14,176
Sewage system	16,008	14,651
Solid waste disposal	6,304	5,702
Health services	5,484	4,921
Social and family services	20,608	17,966
Recreation and cultural services	589	374
Planning and development	1,551	1,435
	<u>98,610</u>	<u>88,684</u>
<b>FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN</b>		
General government	298	1,871
Protection to persons and property	661	975
Roadways	4,122	5,766
Environmental services		
Water system	14,185	7,225
Sewage system	5,557	9,824
Solid waste disposal	4,990	1,531
Health services	2,162	2,340
Social and family services	336	329
Recreation and cultural services	439	144
	<u>32,750</u>	<u>30,005</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>131,360</b>	<b>118,689</b>
Net increase in ratepayers' equity		
Current operations — surplus	7,473	4,767
Capital operations	4,670	(1,434)
Reserves and reserve funds	7,343	4,357
	<u>19,486</u>	<u>7,690</u>
Ratepayers' equity, beginning of the year	55,185	47,495
Ratepayers' equity, end of the year	<u>\$74,671</u>	<u>\$55,185</u>



#### TO PROVIDE:

- Council and general administration.
- Police protection and grants to Halton, Credit Valley & Grand River Conservation Authorities.
- Repairs and maintenance of regional roads and traffic signals.
- Water treatment and distribution.
- Sewage collection and treatment.
- Disposal of residential and industrial non-hazardous solid waste.
- Health education, nutrition, community dentistry, environmental health and community nursing services.
- Operation of the Halton Centennial Manor, social assistance, assistance to children, and grants to social service agencies.
- Operation of Halton Museum, grants to tourism organizations.
- Developing the official plan; industrial, residential, and business development; grants to agricultural organizations.
- Studies undertaken for new Regional Administration Complex.
- Police headquarters expansion.
- Reconstruction of major roads, road resurfacing program.
- Zone III Reservoir, Headon Reservoir, watermain improvements.
- Georgetown W.P.C.P., Oakville Southeast W.P.C.P. expansion.
- Landfill site studies, building acquisition for new recycling facility.
- Renovations/improvements to equipment at area hospitals.
- Halton Centennial Manor Home for the Aged redevelopment.
- Waterfront property acquisition for planned parks.

#### YEAR-END FINANCIAL POSITION

(Dollars in Thousands)

	1987	1986
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and short-term investments	\$76,751	\$57,118
Accounts receivable	16,109	13,685
Other current assets	1,361	1,399
Capital outlay to be recovered in future years	57,714	60,334
	<u>\$151,935</u>	<u>\$132,536</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$19,550	\$17,017
Net long-term liabilities	57,714	60,334
	<u>77,264</u>	<u>77,351</u>
<b>RATEPAYERS' EQUITY</b>		
Net unexpended capital financing	15,549	10,879
Reserves	19,357	14,635
Reserve funds	39,765	29,671
	<u>74,671</u>	<u>55,185</u>
	<u>\$151,935</u>	<u>\$132,536</u>

#### OTHER INFORMATION

- These financial highlights reflect the assets and liabilities, revenues and expenditures of the current and capital operations, and reserves and reserve funds of Halton, its utilities, and the Halton Regional Police Force.
- Trust funds of the Halton Centennial Manor, amounting to \$4,307,552 which are administered by Halton, have not been included. Provincially funded programs for Home Care etc. with a March 31 year-end, amounting to \$5,662,412 have not been included.
- The following contractual obligations are not reflected in the above financial position:

(Dollars in thousands)

operating leases	3,416
capital operations	22,390
current operations	1,831
vested sick leave benefits	1,667
past service provisions of pension agreements	1,320

- Halton is committed to finance future expenditures of \$8,188,000 from the reserve and reserve funds.
- Copies of the 1987 Consolidated Financial Statements audited by Peat Marwick from which these highlights were extracted are available from the Regional Finance Department upon request.

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