

Halton Highlights January 2016

2016 Budget and Business Plan invests in key infrastructure

On December 16, 2015, Regional Council approved the 2016 Budget and Business Plan which establishes the financial plan required to implement a number of key priorities in the *Halton Region Strategic Action Plan 2015-2018*. The Budget includes strategic investments in a number of areas including affordable and assisted housing, the Halton Region Community Investment Fund and state-of-good-repair for infrastructure.

Halton Region is committed to being a transparent, accountable and fiscally responsible government. The development of the Budget supports the Region to maintain service levels in the community while making strategic investments and keeping the tax rate increase for Regional services within the rate of inflation. This budget includes a 1.9 per cent increase in property taxes for Regional services and programs, and a five per cent increase for the water and wastewater rate.

Highlights in the 2016 Budget include:

- Investment to begin development of a new world class, signature waterfront park in Burlington;
- Support for various strategic investments in Paramedic Services;
- Increased funding for new assisted housing opportunities;
- Increased support to maintain water and wastewater infrastructure in a state-of-good-repair;
- Funding for a new Older Adult Tax Deferral Program;
- Investment in the Region-wide Basement Flooding and Mitigation program to help homeowners protect their property from flooding;
- Increased funding for non-profit organizations in Halton through the Halton Region Community Investment Fund; and
- Support for an Internship and Apprenticeship Program at Halton Region.

Visit halton.ca/budget to learn more.

Halton employment programs and services support job-seekers

Are you looking for a job or a different career? Employment Halton offers services in Oakville and Milton to support Halton residents seeking new work opportunities. We provide a number of free services including access to job postings, training, and assistance with your job/career search as well as job fairs that connect you directly with local employers.

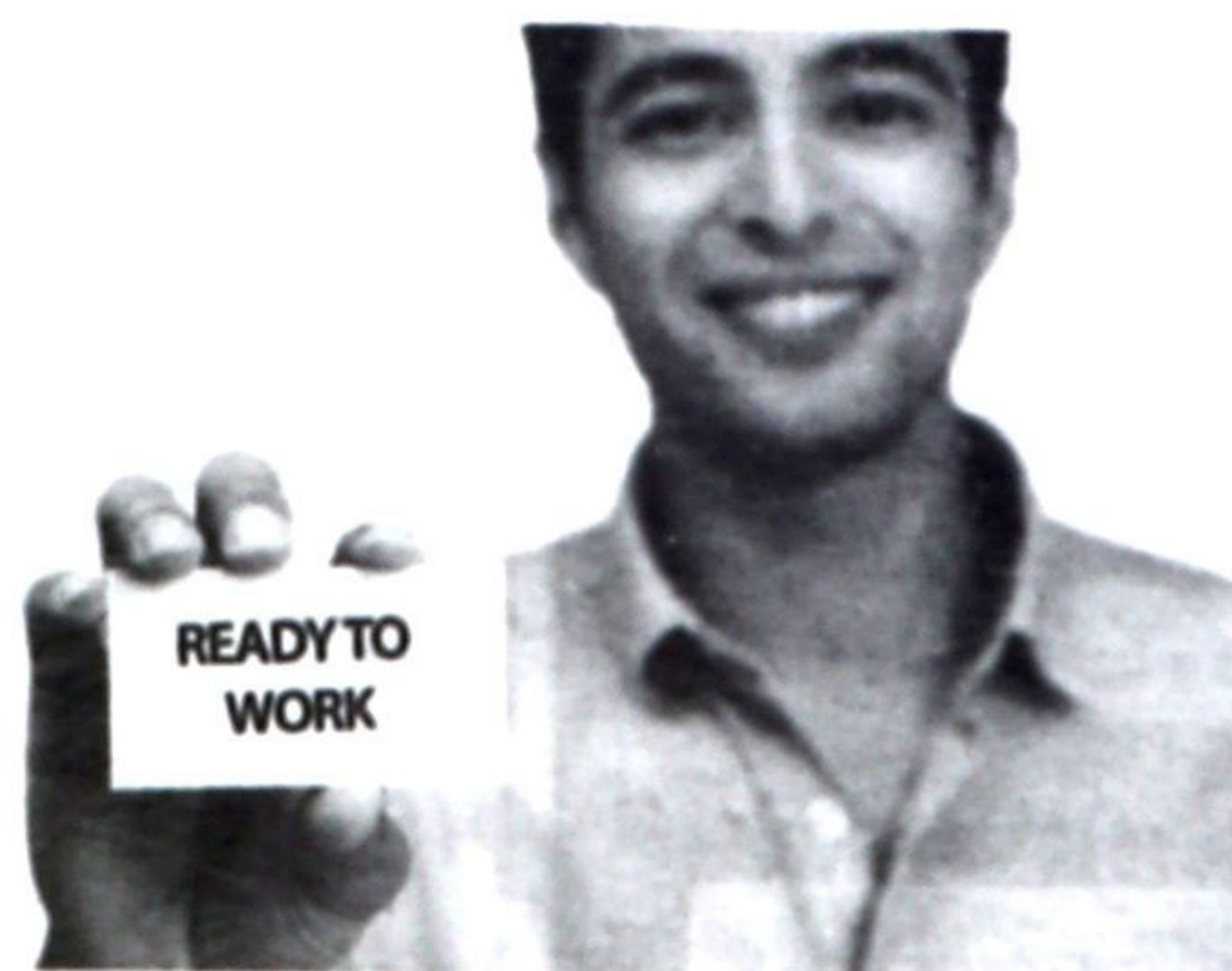
Halton youth ages 15-29 can also obtain employment supports through Youth Job Connection. This program is for youth who are unemployed and not in full-time school or training. Participants receive the essential skills, training and experience needed to be successful. Supports include:

- career counselling
- paid training
- job placement support and mentoring
- résumé writing and interview practice

Registration for the program resumes in February. This year, the program will also offer summer, part-time and

after-school job opportunities to high school students ages 15 to 18. To qualify, students must demonstrate the need for support in transitioning between school and work due to challenging life circumstances.

Visit halton.ca/employmenthalton or dial 311 for more information.



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Gary Carr, Regional Chair

Choose Halton as your winter fun destination

Start the New Year off right by getting active and having fun in Halton. If you are looking for activities and adventures to enjoy this winter – look no further. Halton is the place for skiing, snow-shoeing, tubing, hiking and outdoor skating. If cold weather activities aren't for you, attend a show at one of our great performing arts venues or shop the unique stores in our Local Municipalities. Halton has it all for you to enjoy.

Choose Halton to visit. We have an array of indoor and outdoor activities to take part in, so invite your friends and family to join you for some great Halton fun! For more information about what to see and do in the region, visit halton.ca/tourism or dial 311.



Meetings at Halton Region

1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, L6M 3L1

Visit halton.ca/meetings for full schedule.

Jan. 20 9:30 a.m. Regional Council



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