

Halton Region Strategic Plan, 2007- 2010

Planning and Public Works Committee Plan, 2007

Theme 1: Control and Manage Growth for Sustainable Communities

Goal 1- Develop and implement a “Made in Halton” Plan to control and manage growth

Actions

- a) *Determine urban land needs, in consultation with the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, for a 2031 timeframe, reflecting intensification and housing objectives as part of the Sustainable Halton Plan.*
- b) *Determine Healthy Community principles that are to be implemented through the Official Plan, as part of the Sustainable Halton Plan. (To be coordinated with the Health and Social Services Committee)*
- c) *Define a Sustainable Halton Plan including a Long Term Growth Management Strategy considering an integrated Greenbelt/Greenlands system, Healthy Communities and Urban Land Needs incorporating a 2031 Planning Horizon.*
- d) *Prepare annual development monitoring reports comparing urban growth levels to municipal water and wastewater infrastructure capacity.*
- e) *Define requirements to conform with the Provincial Greenbelt Plan as part of the Sustainable Halton Plan.*
- f) *Initiate a new Water and Wastewater Master Plan to provide input into the development of the Sustainable Halton Plan.*
- g) *Develop a policy framework that integrates public health objectives, relating to air quality, injury prevention and healthy weights with long-term land use and transportation planning.*

Goal 2 - Strengthen the transportation system for all modes of transportation to meet Halton’s needs

Actions

- a) *Undertake the completion of road safety operational assessments for locations identified in the Comprehensive Road Safety program that exhibit high potential for safety improvements.*

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Goal 2 - Strengthen the transportation system for all modes of transportation to meet Halton's needs, cont'd

Actions

- b) *Provide advice to the Province to ensure that Halton's objectives are addressed through an open process on all provincial highway expansion strategies through:*
 - o *Participation on the Executive Municipal Advisory Committee as part of the Environmental Assessment for the Niagara to GTA Corridor and, as appropriate, the GTA West Corridor;*
 - o *Coordinate input of the Halton Regional Transportation Committee on provincial transportation initiatives; and,*
 - o *Participate with the Ministry of Transportation on planning improvement to the QEW and, specifically, the finalization of the Bronte Road Interchange.*
- c) *Implement a strategic transportation capital program as identified in the 2004 Halton Transportation Master Plan related to the:*
 - o *Completion of Environmental Assessments for Trafalgar Road, Ninth Line, Neyagawa Boulevard, and Steeles Avenue; and,*
 - o *Design and construction of Derry Road, Sixteen Mile Creek Bridge, James Snow Parkway and Trafalgar Road.*
- d) *Continuation of the Smart Commute Halton initiative through the expansion of the Halton Transportation Management Association to major employers within Halton Region.*
- e) *Identify new transit infrastructure and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) opportunities along the Trafalgar Road corridor through the completion of Environmental Assessments from the QEW to Highway 401.*
- f) *Initiate a new Halton Transportation Master Plan to provide input into the development of the Sustainable Halton Plan.*
- g) *Participate with the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority in the coordination and delivery of future transit planning initiatives.*

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Goal 3 - Protect and promote the continued viability of existing agricultural lands and the rural community in Halton

Actions

- a) *Develop an agricultural vision for Halton lands within the Greenbelt and “designated non-urban areas” to be reflected in the Sustainable Halton Plan.*

- b) *In coordination with the GTA Agricultural Action Committee, continue to implement actions in the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Plan that will enhance agricultural viability, through such measures as expansion into niche markets, education, financial incentives and succession planning, and strengthen the local food system.*

Goal 4 – Develop pilot projects for eco-friendly communities in Halton

No 2007 actions

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Theme 2: Protect and Enhance our Natural Environment

Goal 1 - Develop a plan and implement activities to protect and enhance Halton's air quality

Actions

- a) *Define, in conjunction with the development of Healthy Communities principles, a framework of policies leading to improved air quality, to be implemented through the Sustainable Halton Plan and the resulting Official Plan. (To be coordinated with the Health and Social Services Committee)*
- b) *Based on the outcome of a feasibility study, aimed at creating an air quality monitoring network, investigate the implementation of a network in Halton. (To be coordinated with the Health and Social Services Committee)*
- c) *Develop and advocate for policies that support air quality improvements including:*
 - o *Implementing the initiatives and strategies set out in the Clean Air Plan; and,*
 - o *Continuing the implementation of the Asthma Project in Halton with objectives to reduce health care services, child symptoms and school absenteeism.**(To be coordinated with the Health and Social Services Committee)*

Goal 2 - Implement an enhanced systems approach to natural heritage preservation

Actions

- a) *Develop a Natural Heritage System to be reflected in the Sustainable Halton Plan.*

Goal 3 - Develop a strategy for rural lands adjacent to urban areas, to protect rural land uses and practices

No 2007 Actions

Goal 4 – Protect green space and enhance public accessibility, where appropriate

Actions

- a) *Define the Region's stewardship role with specific emphasis on Woodlands, Environmentally Sensitive areas, Lake Ontario and Municipal Wellhead Protection and Hydrogeologically Sensitive areas.*

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Goal 5 – Enhance, protect and maintain quality, quantity and safety of groundwater and surface water

Actions

a) *Develop, in consultation with the Conservation Authorities, an update to the Watershed Plans within Halton Region.*

b) *Increase efficiencies at all existing treatment plants to optimize capital expenditures:*

Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP)

- o *Continue enhancement of the Milton WWTP's processes and operations; and,*
- o *Continue major process upgrades at the Oakville South West WWTP to enhance asset value and operability.*

Water Purification Plants (WPP)

- o *Develop appropriate optimization activities at the Oakville WPP and the north Halton WPPs including associated wells.*

c) *Ensure that Halton's water treatment and distribution systems are prepared to be accredited in accordance with pending provincial legislation.*

d) *In partnership with the Conservation Authorities and the Source Protection Committee (pending legislation), develop watershed based assessment reports, that will be used to prepare source protection plans under Bill 43, Clean Water Act.*

e) *Establish a groundwater and surface water annual monitoring program as required under the Aquifer Management Plan.*

f) *Implementation of water conservation and outreach programs, including the Halton Children's Water Festival to support ongoing efforts of education and awareness.*

Goal 6 - Continue to demonstrate leadership in waste management, environmental protection services and efficient use of energy

Actions

a) *Continue to enhance reduction, reuse and recycling/composting by investigating and implementing programs that effectively maximize the diversion of waste.*

b) *Implement the initiatives identified in the Council approved Solid Waste Management Strategy, in consultation with the Joint Municipal/Regional Waste Management Committee.*

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Goal 6 - Continue to demonstrate leadership in waste management, environmental protection services and efficient use of energy, cont'd

Actions

- c) *Continue with the household organics collection and demonstration program. Explore processing technologies for organics including new and emerging technologies for mixed waste processing.*
- d) *Explore public/private partnerships opportunities with neighbouring municipalities to achieve program cost efficiencies.*
- e) *Investigate a business case for the development of an energy-from-waste facility.*
- f) *Implement innovative and cost effective technologies for the:*
 - o *Construction of the Burloak Water Purification Plant and Raw Water Intake;*
 - o *Construction of the Mid Halton Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and expansion;*
 - o *Design of Regional pavements, including the application and monitoring of innovative systems for optimizing the design of asphalt pavements;*
 - o *Evaluation and renewal of sewer and watermain infrastructure, including leak detection and trench less reconstruction; and,*
 - o *Phased implementation of Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS).*
- g) *Undertake the installation of a new Advanced Road Weather Information System (ARWIS) station in the Hamlet of Brookville as part of the Road Salt Management Plan program.*
- h) *Implement first phase of Halton's Long Term Biosolids Management Strategy through maximizing municipal partnerships.*
- i) *Incorporate the review and, where appropriate, adoption of applicable best practices in all Planning and Public Works activities.*

Goal 7- Develop a "Made in Halton" aggregate management strategy

Actions

- a) *Undertake an Aggregate Resource Strategy to determine how Halton can meet Provincial Policy Statement requirements as part of the Sustainable Halton Plan.*

Goal 8 – Continue to support the Royal Botanical Gardens in its vision of achieving and sustaining a position of recognized global excellence in the world of botanical gardens

No 2007 Actions

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Cross referenced actions

In addition to the actions reflected in this Plan, there are actions in the Health and Social Services and Administration and Finance Committee Plans that will be coordinated with the Planning and Public Works Committee. They are:

Health and Social Services Committee Plan

1. **Theme 3 – CREATE AND IMPROVE SAFE, HEALTHY, LIVEABLE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**
Goal 3 - Implement and monitor the initiatives of Halton's Comprehensive Housing Strategy, 2006 (CHS)

***Action 3a)** Work with the community at large, Local Municipalities and community groups to raise public awareness and encourage acceptance of housing and support needs across the Housing Continuum.*

***Action 3b)** Update the status of the Halton Housing Continuum yearly in the Region's Annual Housing Report to Council.*

***Action 3c)** Develop new Regional planning policies to encourage the creation, and protect the supply of affordable housing as part of the Sustainable Plan including:*

- *Consulting with Local Municipalities to enhance Regional and Local planning policies and tools.*
- *Use planning tools linked to the provincial Places to Grow Act to increase the affordable housing supply.*
- *Streamline the development approval process to fast track and reduce the cost of developing affordable housing units.*
- *Explore ways to recognize accessory apartments as an important building form in the housing continuum.*
- *Work collaboratively with the Local Municipalities to update the Municipal Housing Statement.*

***Action 3g)** Work with Local Municipalities to develop recommendations for accessibility changes to the Ontario Building Code and advocate for changes to it.*

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Cross-Referenced actions

Administration and Finance Committee Plan

2. **Theme 4:** PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY
Goal 3 - Create an environment to retain businesses and attract strategic businesses to Halton

***Action 3a)** Implement the strategic directions of Halton's Comprehensive Economic Development Study to identify objectives for Regional economic development, and promote these objectives through a wide range of tools, including tax policies, development charges and Planning Act and Municipal Act incentives.*

3. **Theme 6:** ENSURE EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
Goal 1 - Preserve and enhance Halton Region's strong fiscal foundation and administrative excellence

***Action 1b)** Prepare Development Charges updates on updated Master plans to the 2021 planning horizon.*

Goal 4 – Strengthen and enhance communication and public engagement

***Action 4h)** Continue to research opportunities to promote access and inclusivity for all Halton residents, including:*

- *Investigate the implementation of best practices identified by subject experts to improve communication with Halton's diverse community;*
- *Continue to review programs and services offered by Halton Region so they are appropriate and responsive to the needs of diverse populations and implement findings on an ongoing basis as needed;*
- *Consider the increasing diversity of Halton's growing population as a part of the Sustainable Halton Plan;*
- *Continue to deliver diversity training for staff; and,*
- *Provide orientation for Regional Council on the changing demographics of the Region including raising awareness on issues relating to inclusivity, diversity, accessibility and the elderly.*