

## 2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

### Regional Chair



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1. What new measures would you bring forth to insure that Halton Hills is an open for business minded community?

Halton has the best record in all of Canada in keeping taxes low, investing in infrastructure, programs for people, protecting the environment and creating jobs. Since I have been Chair the average annual tax increase has been 1/2 of 1%. I would be the best chair for business and job creation because I have strong experienced leadership with a proven record to keep Halton the best place to live and keep taxes low. see also see [garycarr.ca](http://garycarr.ca)

2. How can we attract employers that offer full-time, non-retail jobs to our community?

Halton Region has the best job creation record in Canada. It is the Region along with the Town that has planned and serviced the Prosperity corridor along the 401. Bradford-White opened its distribution and training centre last year. Kraft Heinz Company announced a new distribution centre in Halton Hills, bringing more than 150 jobs to Halton Hills. Halton Region is the safest Region in Canada. This helps attract businesses and jobs. For more information [http://www.halton.ca/doing\\_business\\_in\\_halton/](http://www.halton.ca/doing_business_in_halton/)

3. Please name the most important step the next Town Council can take to support economic growth in Halton Hills.

If we keep Halton the best place to live it will mean economic growth and job creation.

Businesses continue to invest in Halton because of low taxes and we are the safest Region. In addition we are investing billions on infrastructure. Businesses are remaining and expanding in Halton because they are seeing success and enjoying a high quality of life that is second to none.

4. What would you do to control the municipal budget and if you plan any cuts where would they be?

We have budgeted a projected \$4.2 billion in investment over the next 10 years, including \$1.6 in transportation and \$2.1 billion for water and wastewater. Our 10-year capital plan for transportation consists of \$1.3 billion for new development and \$332 to maintain current assets in a state of good repair. See also [http://www.halton.ca/planning\\_sustainability/](http://www.halton.ca/planning_sustainability/)

5. What are your views on “Places to grow” give us your opinion on what issues good and bad may arise with this type of growth and how would you approach these issues?

I recently met with the new Minister of Municipal Affairs with the 4 Halton Mayors. What I told him is Halton wants to make the planning decisions for our community. The Region will make planning decisions based on a proper balance among the following factors: protecting the natural environment, preserving prime agricultural areas, enhancing economic competitiveness, and fostering a healthy, equitable society.

6. Some of our members are struggling to get both entry level and skilled workers. How would you attract and retain a strong and vibrant workforce in Halton Hills?

Employment Halton connects nearly 12,500 job seekers to over 250 local employers every year. They work closely with local businesses to provide free job postings, access to job fairs and over 400 high quality placements each year. Job seekers can also benefit from free employment workshops, skills training and networking opportunities, including those offered at job fairs. For more information see <http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=25016>

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