

Appendix 1

Halton Hills Actions to Date

The Town of Halton Hills has built a strong reputation as a leader in sustainability through the four pillars: cultural vibrancy, environmental health, economic prosperity and social well-being. Many of the successful initiatives include reducing our impact on the environment. Below is a summary of the successes that have contributed to our sustainable journey.

2007 Green Plan

Recognizing the need to protect our environment and to take a proactive approach to sustainability, Mayor Bonnette created a task force to develop a Green Plan. This Plan started Halton Hills' sustainability journey. About 93 per cent of the actions have been implemented over the past 12 years by taking actions using Mayor Bonnette's coined phrase of PAREE (practical, affordable, reasonable, enforceable and educational).

2010 Green Development Standards

One of the recommendations in the Green Plan has led to improving relationships with builders and improving building standards in Halton Hills through increased water and energy efficiency. This successful program continues to be implemented today. An update to the Standards will be completed in 2020.

2013 Imagine Halton Hills – Integrated Community Sustainability Strategy

The Community Sustainability Strategy is a long term strategy that acts as a blueprint to integrate sustainability throughout the municipality. By building partnerships with over 120 organizations in the community, this strategy has been highly successful in achieving its goals.

2013 Corporate Sustainable Buildings Policy

This Policy was developed in consultation with Town staff and is designed to be fiscally prudent and flexible, achieving a balance between the need to lower resource consumption, reduce operating costs, demonstrate leadership, provide high quality indoor environments, and the need to recognize the local Halton Hills context.

2014 Corporate Energy Plan

The Corporate Energy Plan was developed to comply with the Province of Ontario's Green Energy Act, 2009 and Regulations (O.Reg 397/11). The Town's energy conservation target was to achieve a 13-17% reduction of 2011 baseline energy intensity by 2018 and a 20% reduction in GHG emissions.

2015 Mayor's Community Energy Plan

The Mayor's Community Energy Plan set-out three scenarios for reducing energy consumption and emissions from Town residents and businesses. The plan emphasizes high efficiency new construction, retrofits to existing buildings, and moving to low-carbon modes of transportation.

2019 Corporate Energy Management Plan Update

The Town has recently completed an update to the Corporate Energy Management Plan that sets out an ambitious 5-year program of energy efficiency retrofits, renewable energy projects, and low-carbon mobility strategies aimed at rapidly moving the Town's operations towards net-zero carbon by 2030.