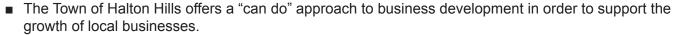
## **Global . Innovative . Distinct**

- Halton Hills is global. Innovative. Distinct.
- The Town is a great place to live, work, play and invest.
- Halton Hills is located to the west of Canada's largest city, Toronto and has a population of approximately 60,000.
- Halton Hills is a vibrant and growing community with a unique geography of both rural and urban character.
- Halton Hills is well governed and consistently rates as one of the best communities in Canada in which to live because of its high quality of life.
- Halton Hills is a prime location for investment with a diverse and thriving economy.



- The main sectors of the local economy include advanced manufacturing, food processing, agriculture, and distribution and logistics.
- Recognized as a leader in sustainable development and action on climate change, the Town is growing its clean technology sector.



- Halton Hills offers a high quality of life.
- The Town strikes a perfect balance between urban and rural life, with a combination of modern development and amenities, country charm and unmatched beauty.
- Halton Hills offers a range of housing that is affordable compared to most municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area.
- Halton Hills offers an attractive lifestyle to recruit and retain high quality employees.
- Culture is alive and well in Georgetown, with numerous musical, theatrical and artistic groups creating a vibrant cultural life.
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   The newly renovated Halton Hills Cultural Centre and Public Library is home to both the Helson Gallery

   containing a display of many historically significant paintings and the John Elliott Theatre, a premiere venue for local performing arts.
- There are over a dozen post-secondary schools (universities and colleges) within a one-hour drive of Halton Hills.
- Halton Hills is known for a variety of recreation activities.
- The Town boasts a spectacular countryside, healthy natural environment and cultural heritage.
- The Toronto Premium Outlets is a major shopping and tourism destination in Halton Hills.





## **Gateway to North America**

- Halton Hills is a prime location for investment.
- The Town is your gateway to North America.
- The Town is located in the Greater Toronto Area which is the economic engine of Canada with a population of about 7 million people.
- The Town is well serviced by all modes of transportation, including major highways, airports railways and marine shipping ports:
  - Major highways offer access to both the Canadian and United States markets.
  - Halton Hills is within a one-hour drive from the Canada/United States border.
  - Within a one-day drive or one-hour flight, there are about 130 million potential customers.
  - Pearson International Airport, Canada's largest airport, is located just 40 minutes away. The Airport handles over 44 million passengers annually. Passenger and cargo services are available to major North American and international destinations.
  - The John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport is located just 50 kilometers from Halton Hills. This
    airport offers full passenger and cargo service across North America.
  - Major North American markets of New York, Boston, Chicago and Washington (DC) are within a 90-minute flight.
  - The Canadian National (CN) railway line runs through Halton Hills, providing access to North America.
     Intermodal facilities are only minutes from the Halton Hills Premier Gateway.
  - Access to the St. Lawrence Seaway is easily accessible through the ports of Toronto and Hamilton.
     Both ports provide docking, loading/unloading and storage facilities.
- The Halton Hills Premier Gateway is the prime business location. It offers strategically located and serviced lands, and easy access to major highway networks.
- The cost of doing business is competitive. Halton Hills offers good value in terms of land costs, property taxes and development fees.
- Provincial and federal government incentives and tax credits are available.
- The workforce in Halton Hills is highly educated and skilled.

## **Committed to Sustainability**

- The Town is a leader in sustainability. Halton Hills takes a global approach to challenges such as climate change, but takes action at the local level.
- We are taking action on climate change, and creating a low-carbon and green economy of the future. This includes innovation in sustainable development standards, energy management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and municipal operations.
- The Town's strategy focuses on raising the quality of life through economic prosperity, environmental health, cultural vibrancy and social well-being.
- Halton Hills has been recognized for its innovation in sustainability with awards at the local, regional, provincial, national and international levels.
- Council's Strategic Plan includes sustainability as a top priority.
- The Town's sustainability leadership extends well beyond its borders. Municipalities as far away as China are seeking the Town's advice to help them create a more sustainable and low-carbon future.





## **Global Partnerships**

- In June 2016, the governments of Halton Hills and Wenjiang District (Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China) signed a formal Sister-City Agreement. This historic Agreement is being implemented through a comprehensive Action Plan that was developed by the two communities.
- The Action Plan aligns with Provincial and Federal government priorities, especially those related to business growth, tourism, international trade, job creation, sustainable development, renewable energy and innovation.
- The Action Plan is focused on five priority areas:
  - o Business and Economic Investment
  - Sustainable Development and Energy Conservation
  - Education
  - Tourism
  - Arts and Culture

