



COVID-19 RESPONSE

KEY BUSINESS INITIATIVES, RESOURCES & SUPPORT

We are aware of the challenges the Halton Hills business community is facing as a result of COVID-19.

The success of our 1,400+ local businesses and their 21,000+ employees is key to the Town's delivery of the services that residents and businesses rely on.

The Town continues to take proactive, decisive and coordinated actions to support businesses and investors.

TO DATE, THIS INCLUDES:

HALTON HILLS HYDRO RATE RELIEF

Time-of-use electricity rates will automatically be charged at off-peak rates 24 hours a day, seven days a week on a temporary basis for 45 days. This applies to all households, farms and small businesses.



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

On March 25, the Town announced property tax relief. Penalties and fees have been removed for those who need to defer payment (applicable property taxes must still be paid). The grace period will run from April 1 to June 30, 2020. The Town also encourages tenants and landlords to work together to find solutions during this difficult time.



Small businesses with 10 or fewer employees are the core of our community and represent about 70% of Halton Hills businesses.

BUSINESS OUTREACH

Economic Development staff continue outreach to local businesses to provide support. We are available to discuss your situation via email, phone, or video-conference. Don't hesitate to reach out.



COVID-19 WEB UPDATES

A dedicated web page has been created with resources to assist businesses in mitigating COVID-19 impacts. Supports offered by all levels of government are available here and are updated frequently.



PARTNERSHIP OUTREACH

Regular communication continues to take place with key business stakeholders to identify issues, coordinate a response and share information, including the BIAs, Chamber of Commerce, Halton Region, the Regional Tourism Association and other municipal Economic Development offices.



SURVEY OF BUSINESS OWNERS

A survey for local business owners was launched on March 27 to collect data on COVID-19 impacts and shape further response initiatives. Click here to participate in the survey.



The Town is in contact with key investors to ensure they are in a position to continue to invest in Halton Hills, bringing new assessment and jobs.

Planning & Development continues to advance both new and existing development applications, along with the associated investments.

WHILE RESPONDING TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, WE HAVE ALSO:

- Started working on a Recovery Plan for the Town to be ready post-COVID-19.
- Established an "Economic Support & Recovery Task Force" to help identify any additional assistance needed by businesses, as well as where the Town can best advocate to regional, provincial & federal governments.

