## **2020** ANNUAL REVIEW

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 2021



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### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Number of real-time hydrometric stations	32%	35%	46%	50	50
Percentage of dams and channels in State of Good Repair	14%	14%	50%	60	50
Modernized and update maps in all watersheds	0%	0%	12%	15%	40%



**STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS** TO SLUICE GATE, STEM GUIDE AND STOP LOG AT KELSO DAM



**CONSTRUCTION** OF SUB-DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO REDUCE HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE AT SCOTCH BLOCK DAM



**REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE** OF HIGH AND LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AT HILTON FALLS DAM

### **EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

### (COVID)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Number of people attending park education programs		64,453	64,694	5,809	75,000
Number of public conservation and outreach opportunities		108	87	61	60
Number of public residents engaged in conservation activities	11,204	11,662	10,860	625	10,660



**LAUNCHED** VOLUNTEER CORE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESTORATION PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY LEARNING.



**LAUNCHED** "FROM THE GROUND UP" PROGRAM TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.



**COLLABORATED** WITH COGECO TO LAUNCH TELEVISION SERIES ABOUT CONSERVATION FOR CHILDREN.

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

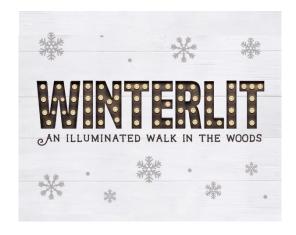
	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Number of memberships to Conservation Halton Parks	9,079	9,353	9,813	9,588	10,000
Number of visitors to Conservation Halton Parks	1,058,857	1,076,670	1,129,125	1,235,320	1,160,000



**LAUNCHED** ANNUAL FESTIVAL THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER BEER, FOOD AND NATURE WITH HUGE SUCCESS.



**OPENED PARKS** SAFELY DURING PANDEMIC WITH AN EVEN BETTER VISITOR EXPERIENCE THAN BEFORE.



**RECEIVED FUNDING** FROM ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TO OFFER SAFE WINTER EXPERIENCE DURING PANDEMIC.

### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Number of hectares of protected terrestrial and aquatic area	9,515	9,515	9,685	9,756	9,658
Percentage of stations where provincial guidelines for <b>chlorides</b> are exceeded	45%	45%	36%	36%	36%
Percentage of stations where provincial guidelines for <b>phosphorus</b> are exceeded		64%	64%	27%	45%
Number of floodplain, wetland and watercourse restoration activities		43	41	75	21
Number of aquatic and terrestrial stations monitored each year	169	176	190	80	100



**RESTORED** 210 METRES OF SIXTEEN MILE CREEK AND CREATED HABITAT AT DRUMQUIN PARK IN MILTON



**RESTORED** 270 METRES OF BRONTE AND MOUNTSBERG CREEKS AT COURTCLIFFE PARK IN CARLISLE



**ACQUIRED** 24 HECTARES OF FOREST AND WETLAND AT HOPKINS TRACT IN DUNDAS AND STARTED RESTORATION.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Ratio of partnership dollars <b>leveraged</b> for every dollar <b>invested</b> in restoration and stewardship projects	\$14.62	\$15.97	\$28.11	\$45.63	\$15
Number of environmental partnership initiatives	133	144	150	165	140



**PARTNERED** WITH IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA TO HOST CEREMONIES AT PARKS.







**PARTNERED** WITH LOCAL LIBRARIES TO MAKE 190 PARK DAY PASSES AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BORROW.



**PARTNERED** WITH NIAGARA COLLEGE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Percentage of conservation area under a current Master Plan	49%	49%	49%	62%	95%
Percentage of trails under visitor impact management program	44%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Limit increase in annual tax supported Municipal Levy before State of Good Repair Levy to regional budget guidelines	3.4%	1.4%	3.20%	1.30%	3.2%
Increase self-generated revenue by 2 to 5 percent annually	5.8%	7.7%	7.10%	-10% (COVID)	2–5%



**AWARDED** "BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD" FOR MANAGEMENT OF EMERALD ASH BORER.



**PROMOTED** 39 STAFF MEMBERS, INTERNALLY, TO SUPPORT MORE SUSTAINABLE WORKPLACE PLANNING.



**REACHED** MEDIAN EMPLOYEE AGE OF 40 YEARS OLD TO SUPPORT MORE SUSTAINABLE WORKFORCE PLANNING.

### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Customer satisfaction rating of 90 percent across service areas	75%	80%	95%	92%	90%



"CONSERVATION HALTON IS MORE THAN A NETWORK OF PARKS. IT'S A PLACE WHERE RESIDENTS COME TOGETHER TO PLAY AND GROW AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A COMMUNITY, ENTICED BY OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS."



"CONSERVATION HALTON CREATED A
WETLAND ON MY FARM PROPERTY AND I
HAD SO MANY AMAZING INTERACTIONS
WITH THEIR STAFF. THE WORK THEY DO
IS ESSENTIAL AND I WOULD LIKE FOR
THEM TO RECEIVE MORE SUPPORT."



"CONSERVATION HALTON UNDERSTOOD OUR DREAM TO RESTORE OUR 82-ACRE FARM PROPERTY TO A NATURAL STATE AND I AM GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR HELPING US MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH THEIR EFFORT AND EXPERTISE."

### **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Number of online e-commerce transactions	26,738	27,602	34,191	349,163	30,000



**LAUNCHED** ONLINE RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR SAFER, BETTER MANAGED PARK VISITATION.



**IMPLEMENTED** DIGITAL MAP-BASED TREE INVENTORY PROGRAM TO BETTER MANAGE FOREST ASSETS.



PILOTED REMOTE CONTROLLED AND AUTOMATED LIGHTS AND WATER METRES AT KELSO.

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	TARGET
Deliver comments on 95 percent of technical review of permit applications within six weeks		94%	91%	99%	95%
Deliver comments on 95 percent of technical review of planning applications within six weeks		65%	77%	66%	95%
Process 95 percent of major permit applications within 90 days	NOT REPORTED AT THIS TIME	97%	97.5%	97%	95%
Process 95 percent of minor permit applications within 30 days		96%	95%	96%	95%



**INVOLVED** IN REVIEWING THREE COMPLEX QUARRY APPLICATIONS (REID ROAD, NELSON AND MILTON)



**APROVED** MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS WILLIAM HALTON PARKWAY, DUNDAS STREET AND TREMAINE ROAD



**CREATED** REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM TO FACILITATE REVIEW OF LARGE, COMPLICATED, LONG-TERM PROJECTS

### **2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**

AUDITED NUMBERS (\$)	%	REVENUE
15,792,136	54	Self-Generated, Program Fees and Other
11,695,002	40	Municipal Funding
1,208,236	4	Provincial Funding
627,002	2	Other Grants & Funding
29,322,376	100	
		EXPENDITURES
10,665,672	39	Conservation Areas
4,315,126	16	Corporate Services
4,309,739	16	Planning & Watershed Management
1,819,559	7	Major Projects
1,274,611	5	Watershed Management & Support Services Operations
1,166,653	4	Science & Partnerships
1,041,886	4	Project Management Office
986,802	4	Flood Forecasting & Operations
714,648	3	Corporate Compliance
705,694	3	Partnership Projects
164,252	1	Debt Financing
27,164,639	100	
2,157,737		Annual Surplus

### **INTRODUCING...**

# momentum

GREEN • RESILIENT • CONNECTED

#### Diversity and Inclusion

We endeavor to understand, accept and appreciate the value of our differences and encourage authenticity.

#### Learning and Innovation

We embrace the need for continuous improvement, the opportunity to learn from others and the benefits of sharing knowledge.

#### Person-Centered Service

We make people a priority through customer-centred engagement, predictive problem-solving and highquality service.

#### Collaboration

We seek out and trust in the skills, expertise and experience of others in order to achieve our common ambition.

#### Sustainability

We consider the environmental impact of everything we do and always keep future generations in mind when making decisions.

#### Integrity

We make decisions with accountability, transparency and a strong sense of personal responsibility for our choices and actions

#### Resilience

We are positive and proud of our ability to quickly and effectively respond to change.

### **CONSERVATION HALTON 2020**

### **GROWING POPULATION**

2019

632,000

1.1 M

2051

Halton Population Projected Growth



### **GROWING DEMAND ON PARKS**

2009

853,865

2020

**1.53** M

Park Visitation

### **CHANGING CLIMATES**

### 2051 to 2080 Projections



Warmer Summers

30°C days up from 16°

20°C nights up from 8.1°



#### Warmer Winters

Average winter temperature up from -3.4°C to 1.3°C

Average coldest minimum temperature up from -20.8°C to -13C°

#### 2050 Projections



#### Wetter

Annual precipitation up 10%



#### Wilder

More intense and extreme rainfall events

Freezing rain up 40% in 2050

### **PRIORITIES**



**NATURAL HAZARDS AND WATER** 





SCIENCE, **CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION** 



**EDUCATION**, **EMPOWERMENT AND ENGAGEMENT** 



**NATURE AND PARKS** 





**ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY** 





DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND **INNOVATION** 



**PEOPLE AND TALENT** 





