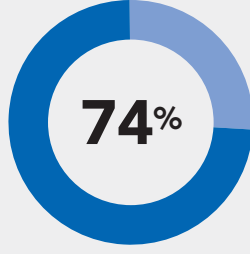











Summary of Financial Health		2018 GTA Survey Score	Independent Assessment by Credit Agencies
Financial Sustainability	Maintained services and infrastructure with affordable tax increases. Increasing service pressures from growing population and aging infrastructure.	 <p>74%</p>	<p>Aaa AAA</p>
Financial Vulnerability	Obtained additional external funding for cost-shared services. Increasing risk due to a change in government and increasing residential tax burden.		
Financial Flexibility	Maintained liquidity to meet the Region's obligations. Increasing need to leverage debt for service enhancements and intergenerational equity.		

Legend — On track Off target

Financial Principles	Indicator	Target	2018 Performance	Risk	Summary of Action
Financial Sustainability					
 Respect the tax payer	Tax rate increase	1-3%	Tax rate increases have been in line with inflation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negative	Action: 2020 budget target to Council and working with external agencies Impact: 2020 budget increase to be in line with inflation
 Ensure the Capital Plan is sustainable	Capital Reserves as a % of 20 Year Capital Plan (tax and utility rates)	100%	Tax: The gap between capital needs and available reserves is increasing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility: The gap between capital needs and available reserves is decreasing, but not adequate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tax: Negative Utility: Negative	Tax Action: 1% infrastructure levy in 2019 for tax rate Utility Action: 5% infrastructure levy in 2019 for utility rate Tax and Utility Impact: Reduce gap between capital needs and available reserves
 Manage assets					
 Deliver value for money	Asset Health Score	Good	Assets are maintained to Council's approved service levels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	No Action
Financial Vulnerability					
 Users pay where appropriate	Reduction in growth related risk	Increasing	There has been increased reduction in debt risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Positive	Action: Update the DC Background Study Impact: Updated DC Background Study will identify future debt financing risk
 Work with local municipalities to manage growth and support economic viability of the community	Reliance on external funding	TBD	Over the past five years the proportion of external funding has increased <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negative	Action: Assess impact of Provincial Budget announcement Impact: Minimize service disruptions
 Make responsible investments	Proportion of non-residential tax revenue	35-45%	Proportion of non-residential tax revenue is declining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negative	Action: Research the drivers of the decreasing revenue, including the changing nature of employment Impact: Identify advocacy positions and viable revenue tools
	Investment returns	Above inflation	Investment returns have consistently been above inflation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	Action: Identify opportunities to maximize returns Impact: Maximize returns on Regional reserves
Financial Flexibility					
 Mitigate significant fluctuations in tax and utility rates	Debt capacity	Below 25%	Annual Repayment Limit has been stable, below maximum acceptable limit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	Action: Update Debt Policy Impact: Ensure Debt Policy is reflective of current environment
 Borrow when appropriate for capital infrastructure	Reserve adequacy	5-10%	Tax: Reserve adequacy has lowered into the recommended target range <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility: Reserve adequacy has increased into the recommended target range <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tax: Positive Utility: Positive	No Action
	Liquidity	>120%	The Region continues to be very liquid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	Action: Continue to improve capital cash flow forecasting Impact: Maximize investment return on reserves