

Review may take until 2018

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for the future GTAW. In support of the PIC the ministry provided an information package to be distributed at the event," said the spokesperson.

"This is a huge disappointment that no Provincial staff were there," said Bonnette. "While the Town is a full and key participant in this process, this is a provincially-driven initiative and the Province determines the pace and timing of this work."

Bonnette said, "we are still in the early stages of a review process that the Ministry estimates will last until 2018."

"It's important to note that the vast majority of the study area in the Town is zoned agricultural and therefore cannot be developed for any other use. As such, any delay from the Province in moving this forward should have minimal impact on rural residents of Halton Hills who live in the study area."

But he said Council is encouraging the Minister to further re-

fine and potentially downsize the study area and he has written to the Transportation Minister to resolve those questions in a timely way.

"We don't want our residents to be in limbo for a long period of time. It is not fair to the homeowners in this study area."

The MTO spokesperson said the Ministry is on schedule to show a "suite of route alternatives" at the upcoming MTO PIC in late 2014.

"After opportunity for public input and fieldwork activities, the project team is targeting a PIC in late 2015 to show a preferred route alternative," said the spokesperson.

"Timing for construction will be based on availability of funding which is contingent on the approval of the Environmental Assessment by the Minister of the Environment," said the MTO spokesperson.

A public meeting on the official plan amendment was held yesterday (Wednesday) at Halton Region and another is slated for Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Centre.



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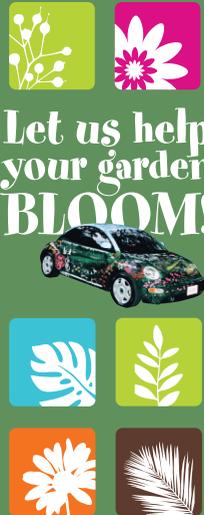
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