

# Town applies to Province for Acton bypass study funding

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Special to The IFP

The Town has applied to the Province for \$100,000 in funding to help offset the cost of a truck traffic strategy and Acton bypass study.

Staff informed council via a memo at Monday night's meeting that an Expression of Interest has been submitted from the Town to the Province's Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund for the money that would cover half of the expected cost of a Hwy. 7 Truck Strategy and Acton Bypass Transportation Needs Assessment Study.

"There is a need to re-evaluate the role and function of Hwy. 7 through the Town of Halton Hills, and Acton specifically," said the memo from Town Transportation Planner Daniel Ridgway. "Both Halton Region and the Town of Halton Hills Transportation Master Plans identify the need for an Acton bypass as a Provincial facility."

Town staff intends to commence the study next year at a cost of \$200,000 and is



**Fill trucks line up at the traffic light on Mill St. in Acton. The downtown street is heavily travelled by cars and trucks.**

proposing a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement with the Province. The Town's portion will be included in the 2016 budget and is subject to council approval.

## Town to host public meeting on improvements to Third Line/Glen Lawson Rd. in Acton

Halton Hills residents are invited to comment on future improvements to Third Line/Glen Lawson Rd. in Acton at a Public Information Centre on Thursday, Oct. 15, 6-8 p.m.

The PIC will be held in the Acton Prospect Park Boathouse, 30 Park Ave.

The Third Line/Glen Lawson Rd. corridor currently serves as a connection between south Acton and Fourth Line. Increased traffic volume along this corridor has prompted the need to consider improvements. This study will assess current and future transportation demands and develop and evaluate suitable alternative solutions to safely and efficiently accommodate traffic along this corridor. Alternative solutions that may be considered include intersection improvements and/or new alignments from the Acton Urban Boundary to Fourth Line.

The Town of Halton Hills has identified the need to undertake a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study that will include the development and evaluation of



suitable alternative solutions. Following this, a preferred solution will be selected to safely and efficiently accommodate various modes of transportation along the Glen Lawson Road/Third Line corridor.

The PIC will consist of an open house drop-in centre where residents will be able to talk with members of the Project Team to share concerns and opinions.

For more details or to be added to the study mailing list contact Daniel Ridgway, Town Transportation Planner, danielr@haltonhills.ca, 905-873-2601, ext. 2369.

### ***Eighth Line road closure***

The Town of Halton Hills Planning and Infrastructure Department is advising of the temporary road closure of Eighth Line between 5 Sideroad and 10 Sideroad. This road closure is required to support the relocation and replacement of Halton Hills Hydro infrastructure along Eighth Line. The temporary road closure will take place from Oct. 12, to the end of November.

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