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Barry Peters named Liberal candidate

By **LISA TALLYN**
Staff Writer

Barry Peters of Rockwood will be the Liberal candidate in the Wellington-Halton Hills riding for the next federal election.

Peters, 28, an executive assistant and senior policy advisor to Toronto City Councillor Case Ootes (who recently announced his retirement), was acclaimed to the position at a recent Liberal Riding Association meeting in Rockwood. There is no date called yet for the next federal election.



BARRY PETERS

Peters has worked in municipal politics for the past six years. Previously he was constituency assistant and advisor to Etobicoke-Lakeshore Toronto Councillor Mark Grimes.

Peters hopes to continue working with another Toronto municipal politician after Ootes retires and his contract expires in November.

Prior to working in government Peters, who has a BA in Political Science from the University of Guelph, spent four years in the IT recruiting industry.

"Politics is my love," said the long-time Liberal, adding he's had the goal to be elected since high school. "The best part is meeting people, talking with people."

"My focus on the campaign will be community engagement and youth. I think people

want to be involved in their local politics and decisions that affect them. I also believe that it is important for young people to be involved because decisions made today will affect their future, which is also my future.

"I was a little more motivated recently when I saw that (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper prorogued Parliament again when he was coming under fire for various issues including Afghan detainees possibly being tortured, not to mention our inaction in Copenhagen

and the massive deficit we now have. I do realize that we have a deficit partly because of the stimulus spending, however, that spending should have been geared to permanent jobs, green jobs and alternative energy projects that will have lasting, long-term benefits, not quick-fix projects that create temporary jobs."

Peters said he realizes it will be a "big task" going against incumbent MP Tory Michael Chong if he runs again in the next election.

"My battle will not be against Mike Chong," he said, adding it will be against Chong's party and Harper.

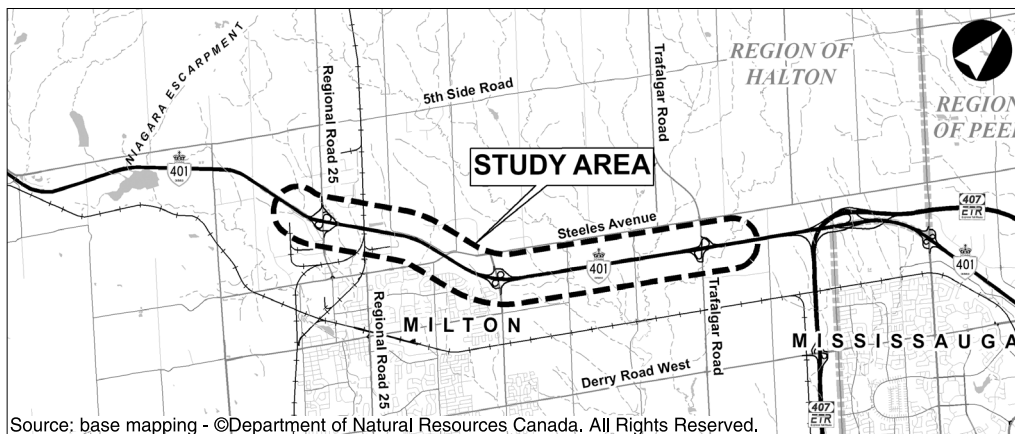
Peters has volunteered with several organizations over the years and has been a publicist for the Eden Mills Writers' Festival for the past two years.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

**HIGHWAY 401 IMPROVEMENTS
FROM TRAFALGAR ROAD TO REGIONAL ROAD 25
W.O. 07-20024**

THE STUDY

URS Canada Inc. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the widening and improvements to Highway 401 from Trafalgar Road to Regional Road 25 (9km) in the Town of Milton, Halton Region.



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The purpose of this study is to identify interim and ultimate widening requirements for Highway 401 and to consider incorporation of initiatives that promote transit and car-pooling, such as high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and commuter parking lots. Reconstruction of interchanges at Trafalgar Road, James Snow Parkway, and Regional Road 25, as well as structural, illumination and drainage improvements will also be investigated as part of this study.

THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be completed and made available for a 30-day public review period. The TESR public review period will be announced in this newspaper.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be arranged for the public to discuss the project and provide input to the project team. The first PIC will provide the opportunity to review and comment on existing environmental and transportation conditions, the identified problems and opportunities, the alternatives to be considered and the criteria proposed to evaluate alternatives. The second PIC will present the evaluation of alternatives and the preliminary design of the preferred alternatives, potential refinements to the design and proposed measures to minimize potential environmental and community impacts. Notification, advertising the time and location of the PICs, will be published in this newspaper.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments you have about this study. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Urbanski to leave Region post

The woman in charge of Halton's public housing, long-term care homes, and children's services and social assistance programs is leaving the Region after 26 years to take on an expanded role in York Region.

Adelina Urbanski, who has served for over a decade as the commissioner of Halton's massive social and community services department, will be assuming a similar position in York but with an expanded responsibility to also oversee that Region's public health department. Urbanski, a Mississauga resident, will take on her new role as York's commissioner of community and health services on February 1.

At council's health and social

services committee meeting last week, Halton's top bureaucrat CAO Pat Moyle described Urbanski's departure as a loss to the Region.

"When Adelina told me she was interested in this position, I wished her every failure," he joked.

One of five commissioners in Halton, Urbanski oversaw a department with a \$170 million operating budget this year.

Halton has not yet named Urbanski's replacement, though internal candidates could include the five directors who work under her. Dr. Bob Nosal, the medical officer of health and commissioner of the health department, has been named interim replacement.

