

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #4

GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study - Stage 1

The public is invited to attend the fourth round of Public Information Centers (PICs) to review and comment on the draft multi-modal Transportation Development Strategy for the GTA West Corridor.

These will be drop-in style open house sessions to allow members of the public to review display material and discuss the study one-on-one with Study team members. In addition, brief presentations will be provided each night at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to provide a study overview. PIC #4 will be held at:

Monday, June 14, 2010
Brampton Fairgrounds
Hall
12942 Heart Lake Rd.
Caledon, ON
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Le Jardin Special Events Centre
Venetian Room
8440 Highway 27
Woodbridge, ON
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16, 2010
Mold-Master Sportsplex
Ice Pad A
221 Guelph St.
Georgetown, ON
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Snelgrove Community Centre
Auditorium
11692 Hurontario St.
Brampton, ON
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 24, 2010
River Run Centre
Canada Company Hall
35 Woolwich St.
Guelph, ON
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Information to be presented at the PICs will be available on the study website beginning on June 14, 2010. Comments may also be submitted via the study website at: www.gta-west.com

THE STUDY

Stage 1 of the Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Corridor, initiated by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), supports the transportation objectives of the provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe by providing for the efficient movement of people and goods within the corridor.

Stage 1 of the EA Study includes the following key steps and associated public consultation:

- develop an EA Terms of Reference that guides the EA Study (PIC #1);
- identify transportation problems and opportunities (PIC #2);
- identify and assess transportation alternatives that address the identified problems and opportunities (PIC #3); and
- select preferred transportation alternative(s) and recommend a multi-modal Transportation Development Strategy (PIC #4).

THE PROCESS

The GTA West Corridor Planning and EA study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and the GTA West Corridor Terms of Reference (ToR), which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008.

COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist the MTO. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act. Comment forms and study information are available on the project website: www.gta-west.com. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

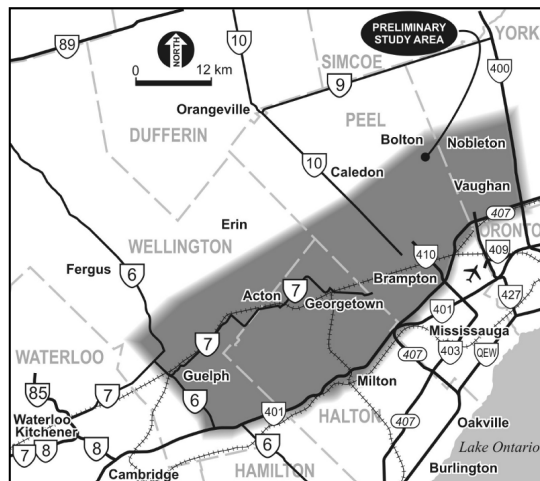
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Red Cross promises no service disruption for dialysis patients

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day programs at Silver Creek Place in Georgetown and Alendale in Milton, and other facilities in Mississauga-Halton, according to information on the local Community Care Access Centre's website.

"Obviously, our clients' well-being remains a priority for us, and in the event of a strike, we've been working very carefully on contingency planning and so we will be maintaining services to, sort of, high-need or high-priority clients, such as dialysis (patients)," Elliot said.

"If anyone has any concerns at all, they can contact our office directly," she said.

Halton Healthcare Services provides dialysis services at Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and at a satellite dialysis unit located in the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital Wellness House in Burlington, but the service is not available at Milton District Hospital or Georgetown Hospital.

"Transportation is very important for our dialysis clients," said HHS spokesperson Trish Carlton, noting patients attend the clinics three times a week for approximately four hours each time. "We have contacted the Oakville Red Cross office and the North Halton (Milton) Red Cross office and they have assured us that there will be no disruption in transportation for our dialysis patients."

Elliot said, at this time, the Red Cross doesn't know if it will lock out its drivers. And while CUPE has set up information pickets, a union spokesperson said Tuesday it will not strike

"for the time being."

"I mean, for the members, it's a hard position to be in because they need to stand up for themselves and try and get improvements to their working conditions but they also know how important this service is and they don't want to make people suffer," said Pat Daley, of CUPE communications.

The two sides haven't been at the bargaining table since last Tuesday when a provincial mediator failed to get the two sides to agree on a contract.

The outstanding issues are wages and wage scales, said Daley. She said the 47 drivers, who joined CUPE last year, are on 14 different pay scales. The drivers are also looking for an increase in their wages, she said.

Daley said the majority of the drivers currently earn less than \$13 per hour while drivers for Peel Region's TransHelp program, which do similar work, earn in the range of \$20 per hour.

"They're mostly immigrant workers, new Canadians, a mix of men and women," said Daley. "So they're people who are struggling to make new lives for themselves and their families here and are doing important jobs."

Currently, the local Red Cross also uses volunteers to transport some its clients. Daley said those volunteers shouldn't be used as replacement workers in case of a strike or lockout.

"In any kind of a strike situation, anyone who does the regular work of the people on strike is strikebreaking basically," she said.

ANNUAL MEETING



Halton Healthcare

Halton Healthcare Services Corporation 2009/10 Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville

Wine and Cheese Reception
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony
7:00 p.m.

By-law changes will be recommended.

Audited financial statements will be available at the meeting or by calling 905-815-5114.

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