

Transportation and Progress

In my office I am surrounded with things that my mother and father have saved including old photos and newspapers. On one wall is a copy of the Acton Free Press from July 15th, 1954 with the headline "Expressway May Start This Year: New Four-Lane Access Highway To Cut Between Acton and

Milton".

The proposals from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for the GTA West Corridor are going to have a significant impact on

how we survive as a community through to 2031 – a date that seems as far off as 1954. Kudos to the mayor, councillors and residents for taking active rolls in getting the community involved and aware of the impact of the options proposed. There is no question that the plan in principle will proceed and will accommodate the traffic



needs of our community as we grow.

My window looks out on to the main street of Acton which is also one of the main east west routes paralleling the 401, Highway 7.

Each day trucks struggle to make the corners and cars get backed up turning at Highway 25.

We must ensure our collective communities of Acton, Georgetown, Limehouse, Glen Williams and Norval that make up Halton Hills continue to grow. We have to insure that the needs of our businesses are

considered to ensure a vibrant economy and ongoing employment opportunities for residents. Industries need to be accessible and serviced well by the community infrastructure. Our business community needs every advantage to allow them to remain competitive.

Make sure that you take the time to understand all the implications of the GTA West Corridor to your business and community and make your voice heard.

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Graeme Goebelle, FCA, New chair of Miss/Halton LHIN

By Andrea Lefebvre, Independent & Free Press

A well-known Halton Hills businessman was recently named Chair of the Board of Directors for the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). Graeme Goebelle, a founding member of Goebelle Macadam Alexander LLP Chartered Accountants, officially took over as chair on June 9th, replacing founding chair John Magill.

"I have major shoes to fill," says Goebelle, who joined the LHIN board in January.

The Mississauga Halton LHIN is one of Ontario's 14 LHINs. Created by the Ontario government in 2006, LHINs are responsible for planning, funding and managing health services in their communities.

The community-based LHINs were designed to make Ontario's health system more patient-centered and accountable by making health care reform and integration decisions more locally driven.

"LHINs bring in local knowledge to help make local decisions, as opposed to having people in the ministry make the decision even



Although one of the smaller LHINs in Ontario, the Mississauga Halton group is one of the most efficient and was noted by the ministry as one of the top LHINs in the province.

The semi-retired Goebelle joins a group of board members with backgrounds in litigation, accounting, strategy and social marketing. Prior to joining the LHIN, he sat on the Georgetown Hospital board and was part of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

though they may not even know where the community is," Goebelle says. "What works in Toronto may not work in Thunder Bay or Cornwall or Niagara Falls."

The Mississauga Halton LHIN, which encompasses South Etobicoke, Mississauga, Halton Hills, Oakville and Milton, oversees the area's six hospitals and nearly 80 health care providers like mental health and addiction agencies.

"My track record over the years from when I started my business is that I've wanted to give back to the community I make my living in," says Goebelle, a long time Georgetown resident. "The satisfaction I get out of giving back to my community is overwhelming."