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Suspend Corridor study Arnott tells Province

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is calling on the McGuinty government to immediately suspend the GTA-West Corridor Study.

The study is proposing two four-lane (initially) provincial highways—one north-south (option 4-2) that stretches on Halton Hills's east side to Hwys. 401/407 and a second (option 4-3), east-west that could span across Halton Hills between Five and Ten Sideroads and ends at Hwy. 401 at Tremaine Rd. in Milton.

The Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region and the Town of Milton have all stated their opposition to the 4-3 option and thousands of anti-4-3 postcards—generated through Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette's office—have been sent to Kathleen Wynne, Ontario's Minister of Transportation.

"Our community's opposition to the McGuinty Liberals GTA West Corridor Study continues to gain momentum," said Arnott. "I have listened and taken action, supporting Town Council's position that Alternative 4-3 is not in the best

interests of Halton Hills."

Arnott believes it's becoming increasingly likely that Wynne will no longer be Ontario's Minister of Transportation soon after Oct. 6.

"Even if the Liberals are somehow re-elected, you could expect a significant Cabinet shuffle, and the average tenure of recent Ministers of Transportation has been quite short. It's not like it was in (former Halton MPP) Jim Snow's day," said Arnott.

He said it would be prudent for the government to put the GTA West Corridor Study on hold pending a comprehensive review of the province's transportation priorities, which would allow a new Minister to take a fresh look at the practicality, feasibility, affordability and environmental impact of the proposals after the election—especially Alternative 4-3.

"If Kathleen Wynne thinks she can stop the Niagara-to-GTA corridor through Niagara Region, but ignore our people, she's in for a wake-up call," said Arnott.



TED ARNOTT



Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette (left) was joined by local resident Wendy Bruchal, Rev. Shawn Croll of Boston Presbyterian Church, and Halton Hills Wards 1&2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, as they put up the first sign in opposition to the GTA West Corridor in front of the church, located on the Third Line, north of Five Sideroad.

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