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Ears**

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A diminished social life is one of the most difficult aspects of age related hearing loss. Many people avoid drawing attention to their hearing loss by having fewer social contracts when it becomes difficult understanding what is being said. The result is an altered and lonely existence that family and friends may mistake for dementia.

Learning new strategies to cope with hearing loss could go a long way to restoring confidence and improving communication. The Hearing Clinic recommends the following: Inform people of the hearing loss so they may modify their speech; eliminate background noise; watch the speaker carefully and sharpen natural lip-reading abilities; ask the speaker to repeat what was said if necessary, and above all else; have your hearing thoroughly tested and properly fit with one of today's modern hearing instruments. Contact The Hearing Clinic if you or someone you know needs assistance.

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USER FEE REVIEW

The Town of Halton Hills has completed the first phase of a comprehensive review of its user fees and released for review and comment User Fee Review Phase 1 – Development Application Fees, a report that was completed by Hemson Consulting Limited. A copy of the Hemson report can be found on the Town's website at www.haltonhills.ca/userfees.

A Bylaw updating the development application fees is tentatively scheduled for consideration at the September 12, 2011 Council meeting.

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Residents' group: A step in the right direction

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Rick Bonnette. "The Town's position is that the Alternative 4-2 and 401 widening will provide the road capacity needed for the GTA West Corridor in the Halton area to the year 2031 and beyond. There is no need for Alternative 4-3 crossing all of Halton Hills to Tremaine through the Town's prime agricultural area."

Area resident Wendy Bruchal who started a group that's fighting the highway is pleased with Wynne's announcement.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," said Bruchal. "It shows that the government is starting to listen to the concerns of the people who pay their salaries and put them in office."

Bruchal is hoping the move is not an election ploy, and "would like to think she's doing the right thing, echoing what she did for mid-pen (highway from Niagara to Burlington)."

"If it is an election ploy I think it will come back to bite people big time," she said.

Bonnette stressed that the community has the "minister's ear" now and urged area residents to "still remain vigilant to

be sure that the further examination and analysis of the options available such as Alternative 4-2 and the widening of 401 are done thoroughly and comprehensively so that Alternative 4-3 does not become part of the final GTA West Transportation Development Strategy."



"The Town remains convinced that Alternative 4-3 is unnecessary for the GTA West Transportation Corridor through the year 2031 and beyond, and believes that a fair assessment of other alternatives such as Alternative 4-2 and widening of the 401 on an urban standard basis will result in the Ministry of Transportation reaching the same conclusion."

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott who last week called on the McGuinty government to

immediately suspend the GTA-West Corridor Study, called the move by the Minister good news.

"I want to congratulate the Mayor, the council of the Town of Halton Hills and the Regions of Halton as well as the leadership of Wendy Bruchal. I was glad to work with them," said Arnott. "I've always felt you can get a lot more done in politics if you work together and are prepared to share the credit."

He said he believes Wynne has reversed her previous position in response to "our combined expressions of concern."

He believes the Liberals wanted to take the GTA-West corridor issue off the table for the upcoming provincial election. He also thinks there will be a new Minister of Transportation after the election.

He agrees with Bonnette's urging of all Halton Hills residents to continue to send postcards to the Minister in opposition to 4-3 and encourages people in the rural area continue to put up lawn signs against the highway. To date Bonnette said approximately 8,000 postcards had been sent to the Minister.

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