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Halton Hills councillors recently donned tactical footwear from the Original Shoe Co. to help promote the company's fundraising campaign to help Canadian soldiers returning from combat. From left,

are Dave Kentner, Ann Lawlor, Mike O'Leary, Jane Fogal, Bryan Lewis, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Jon Hurst, Clark Somerville, Joan Robson and Moya Johnson. Photo by Ted Brown

Province kills 4-3 option

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

Alternative 4-3 in the GTA West Corridor Study that called for a highway slicing through the rural area of Halton Hills in south Georgetown will not be the Ministry of Transportation's recommended option, Mayor Rick Bonnette said late yesterday (Wednesday).

Bonnette received that assurance from Transportation Minister Bob Chiarelli at Queen's Park earlier in the day.

"As a result of additional study the Ministry is recommending that a 12-lane widening of Hwy. 401 through the Halton study area would be the most acceptable overall transportation alternative," said an ecstatic Bonnette, who along with council and community members fought tirelessly against 4-3.

It was the Town of Halton Hills that came up with the 401 alternative, spending approximately \$100,000 to research

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Boot campaign aids soldiers, emergency personnel

By LISA TALLYN
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A Georgetown company is hoping Canadians will "get their boots on" to support Canadian soldiers returning from combat and first responders here at home.

Halton Hills Council members did that recently as part of preparations for the launch of Boot Campaign Canada, which is being spearheaded by Armstrong Ave.

business the Original Shoe Co.

The Canadian campaign is an extension of the highly successful U.S. Boot Campaign—a fundraising initiative started by five Texas women about two years ago. The U.S. campaign was designed to support military troops returning home from combat operations around the world. The idea was simple; sell a million pairs of Boot Campaign signature combat boots to the public as a show of support.

Scott Roach, VP of Marketing for the Original Shoe Co., the exclusive Canadian distributor of the ORIGINAL S.W.A.T. brand of tactical footwear that's become the Canadian "boot of choice" for law enforcement, EMS, security and military, was inspired by the American program and wanted to bring it to Canada to give back to our soldiers. Roach is ex-military, himself.

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