

# Province supports widening 401

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that option, and presented it to the Ministry of Transportation as a better choice than the east-west route 4-3.

"I'm very pleased to work closely with Mayor Bonnette on this important issue," said Chiarelli.

"As a former mayor, I know the importance of consulting with communities. My Ministry will recommend the widening of Highway 401 as our preferred plan and continue to consult with the residents of Halton Hills."

"I'm just elated," said Bonnette. "Council will be extremely elated. We have to thank our friends at the Region who also made a huge push."

He also credited Milton with opposing the highway, Wendy Bruchal and members of CRASHH (Concerned Residents Against Superhighway in Halton Hills, Wellington-Halton Hills



**RICK BONNETTE**

MPP Ted Arnott and area residents for all their efforts.

"I have to be very thankful for the minister who used common sense and made his own decision," said Bonnette.

"That is amazingly good news," said CRASHH spokesperson Bruchal, when informed of the decision by *The Independent & Free Press* last night.

"I'm beyond thrilled."

She said it shows when the public and politicians get behind something "and options are provided you can have a positive outcome."

Bonnette said the Ministry is still recommending the north-south Alternative 4-2, which had been supported by Halton Hills Council.

He said the Ministry plans to present its recommendation to the public at upcoming Public Information Centres.

# Boot campaign launched

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The twist on the Canadian Boot Campaign will be it will also support police, fire and EMS services.

"We're not doing this to sell boots," said Roach. "To us it's a natural connection to give back to our end users."

In order to bring attention to the program in the States, the U.S. Campaign leans on local politicians, celebrities and business owners to pose for pictures in their work clothes while wearing the signature tan combat boots.

The Canadian Campaign has also already done some 'Boot Shoots', most recently the shoot with local council members and also celebrity shoots with Jim Treliving of *The Dragon's Den* and Major-General (Retired) Lewis MacKenzie.

"A number of Canadian celebrities are already in the queue to do boot shoots," said Roach.

The boots can be purchased online

at [www.bootcampaign.ca](http://www.bootcampaign.ca) when the website launches June 1, but in the meantime everyone is invited to visit [www.bootcampaign.com](http://www.bootcampaign.com) to learn more about the campaign.

Canadian charities that will be supported out of the gate are Wounded-Warriors.ca and the Canadian Hero Fund, the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation and The Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial Fund.

"The reality is that awareness to our fallen Canadian soldiers was top of mind during the conflict in Afghanistan," said Amaranth Day, public relations co-ordinator for Boot Campaign Canada.

"Now that the media hype is gone we need to remind our fellow Canadians that the families of these fallen soldiers, as well as the ones returning, need our support more than ever. The war may be over but the healing has just begun."



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