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FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Halton Hills Hydro employees and Sustainability Committee members Sandie Pitre and Don Harding add more items that had been dropped off by community members to a growing pile of electronic waste during the Halton Hills Hydro Electronic Waste Collection event held Saturday.

Photo by Jon Borjstrom

GTA West, HPBATS corridor protection grows

By Kathryn Boyle
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With two delegations surrounding the possible GTA West corridor, Halton Hills council had a lot to talk about during its meeting on March 21.

First up was Halton Region manager of planning policy Steve Burke, who explained a couple of amendments on the Regional Official Plan regarding the corridor.

The first Official Plan amend-

ment, referred to as OPA 10, would expand the corridor protection by 341 gross hectares to support employment growth projected by 2031. The region added some modifications, including policy direction for where an additional 75 hectares of land could come from outside the current designated area of corridor protection to replace employment land now unavailable due to the protection.

Burke then explained the second amendment, referred to as OPA 21,

being a protection of the Halton Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study (HPBATS) and GTA West transportation corridor. The area, reaching to the back of Eighth Line, extending to Highway 401, all the way to Winston Churchill Blvd. and closing at 10 Sideroad, would prohibit any construction. On behalf of the region, Burke then asked council to support the two amendments.

Georgetown resident Milena Babic then presented her delegation, citing reasons why council

should not support OPA 21.

Moving forward with amendment 21 protects more land than required for the proposed highway, she said. In December 2015, the GTA West EA (environmental assessment) study was to release lands upon identifying the preferred route. Amendment 21 does not take into account this and proceeds to protect lands that should have been released, if it weren't for the minister's suspension.

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