

Still waiting for answers on GTA West Corridor

Opposition to Alternative 4-3 gains momentum

As opposition to the GTA West alternative 4-3 grows, a veil of silence seems to have fallen on the matter, in particular the Provincial Minister of Transportation MPP Kathleen Wynne and PC leader MPP Tim Hudak.

Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills has written to Kathleen Wynne, MPP and Minister of Transportation expressing the concerns of the Town of Halton Hills and their residents as well as their opposition to Alternative 4-3, and,

asking for a reply to both himself and the Town of Halton Hills, has not received a reply. Arnott is opposed to Alternative 4-3 and with the coming election believes the matter should be suspended and reconsidered after the election.

Halton Hills Councillor Clark Sommerville says he has sent multiple emails and made attempts through social media to contact Niagara West – Glanbrook MPP and Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak to no avail; not

even an acknowledgement of the communication. Tim Hudak made it very clear in his last campaign for election that if he was elected, "It (GTA West) will be built."

Last week the province announced its suspension of the GTA Niagara Corridor after the Region and the City of Burlington, with the help of many community groups and organizations, lobbied against the highway. In recent developments Halton Region and the Town of Milton have joined

the fight against the GTA West Corridor Alternative 4-3.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "There was good news announced by the Province last week that they will not be supporting the Niagara GTA Corridor, so there may be hope for us. Halton Hills has had similar concerns that Burlington has had. With the NGTA announcement we will be stepping up the

fight in weeks to come." Bonnette added that the opposition to Alternative 4-3 has gained momentum and now Halton Region and Milton (in a 6-4 vote) have joined in opposition saying "A majority of residents are opposed to a freeway that will fracture Halton Hills landscape, flying in the face of our vision. Proof of this is that close to 8,000 personally signed post cards have

been sent directly to the Minister, and there are more to come."

Postcards and a Mayor's letter to residents are available on the Town website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/townhall/GTAWest.php>. Postcards are also available to be picked up at the Halton Hills Civic Centre, and in Acton at Profile Hair Salon and the Seniors Centre at Acton Arena.

Suspend corridor study, Arnott Says

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

"Our community's opposition to the McGuinty Liberals' GTA West Corridor Study continues to gain momentum," Arnott stated. "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 is becoming increasingly likely that the Hon. Kathleen Wynne will no longer be Ontario's Minister of Transportation soon after October 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," he said.

"It's not like it was in Jim Snow's day."

Arnott says 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. This would allow a new Minister to take a fresh look at the practicality, feasibility, affordabil-

ity, 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 is in for a wake-up call," Arnott concluded.



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