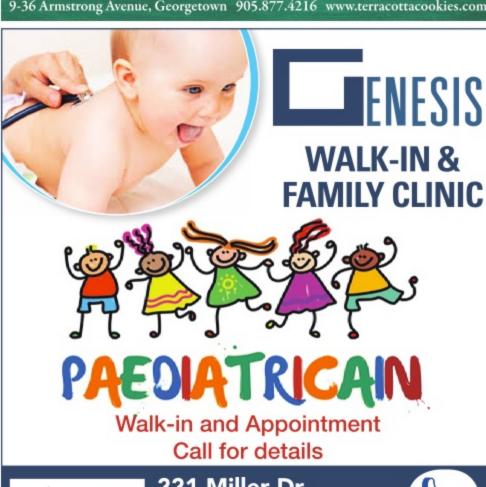


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## Halton Hills studies truck traffic

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The Town of Halton Hills is exploring opportunities towards a safe and efficient trucking strategy that supports economic and employment activities, while balancing the needs of the community. This study will identify a long-term strategy for truck movements and aligns with the Town s 2014-18 Strategic Action Plan Priorities, added town reps.

Reps from WSP/MMM Group Consultthe firm hired to conduct the study gave a presentation to council at its regular meeting on May 9 at Town Hall, after which almost every councillor stressed the importance of the study.

Each councillor present gave examples of areas of concern identified by their constituents within their respective wards, with some saying truck traffic has been an issue for more than 20 years.

This is a very important study we re doing here. I like what I ve read so far, but I think we need to step up our game to get people involved. Mayor Rick Bonnette told council, referring to the need for public en-

The mayor specifically identified Hwy. 7 in Acton as a major area of concern, saying the truck traffic expected from some aggregate operations have exceeded estimates and pointing out that stretch is extremely narrow as far as downtown main

streets go.

We need to step this up exponentially, said Councillor Moya Johnson. I ve probably, and councillor (Jane) Fogal and councillor (Dave) Kentner, being from Ward 3, I can t speak for Ward 4, but I ve probably had more calls on trucks in the 20 years I ve been on council 10 times, 20 times more than any other complaint.

I think we can certainly do our part to call the people that we know have been concerned over the years, added Johnson. (People) have stopped calling us because nothing changes.

The study includes roads monitored and controlled by all levels of government from the province, to regional roads to municipal roads. Each is part of the overall road network in Halton Hills and intersections where these jurisdictions cross are controlled by the higher level of government.

The town is giving residents ample opportunity to weigh-in including information sessions next week. The first is from 6-8 p.m. at Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown on May 23, and the second will be at the Acton Arena on May 24 from 6-8 p.m.

An online questionnaire/survey is also available at www.research.net/r/HaltonHillsTrucking. Residents can also contact the study team directly at haltonhillstrucking@ mmm.ca

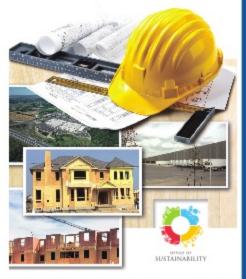
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