

MPP invites Transportation Minister to Halton Hills

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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, has issued an invitation to Ontario Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca to visit Halton Hills.

Arnott said he has attempted follow up with Del Duca several times since a private members' resolution he tabled passed unanimously at Queen's Park.

Arnott's resolution called for the government to partner with the town and Halton Region to help address a number of transportation issues facing Halton Hills.

"On Sept. 28, the Ontario legislature unanimously passed our resolution, calling upon the minister to partner with the Town of Halton Hills to develop a long-term transportation strategy for the town, including a review of the need for a Highway 7 Acton bypass, taking into account the need for improved safety, efficiency, and economic development opportunities," said Arnott



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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott has extended a written invitation to Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca to visit Halton Hills and confirm a commitment to partner with the town by the government after a private members resolution unanimously passed in the Ontario legislature in September.

after raising the issue a second time in the legislature at the end of November.

Arnott said those calls have fallen on deaf ears since his resolution

was adopted three months ago.

"We've been following up with the minister repeatedly ever since the House passed our resolution," said Arnott in a release sent Thursday, Dec. 14.

"I have extended an invitation to the minister in the hope that he would come to our riding, and formally announce his support for a partnership with the Town of Halton Hills to develop a long-term transportation strategy for the town," he added.

The most recent olive branch, said Arnott, was a written invitation he personally handed to Del Duca on the last day the legislature was sitting at Queen's Park before the Christmas break.

"The minister needs to find the funds to be a full-funding partner in our study process. I hope he's taking the appropriate steps, and will visit our riding to announce his support sometime in the new year," he said.

A request for comment from the Ministry of Transportation was not answered.

POLICE AND FIRE

Man charged in October dump truck crash arrested

A local man facing several charges stemming from a dump truck crash in Georgetown in October was arrested in Oakville for impaired driving last week.

On Sunday (Dec. 17) at approximately 4 p.m., witnesses reported a suspected impaired driver near the intersection of John and Kerr streets Sunday in downtown Oakville.

Keith Furlong, 40, of Georgetown was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

Furlong was also charged with 10 Highway Traffic Act offences, including failing to remain and failing to report an accident, on Oct. 21 after a loaded dump truck barreled through a busy downtown Georgetown in-

tersection.

Nobody was injured in the incident, which occurred just after noon at Maple Avenue and Main Street South.

The dump truck was travelling eastbound on Maple when the driver lost control, police said, and left the roadway, hitting several trees before entering a ravine on the southeast corner of the intersection at the entrance to Cedarvale Park.

A background investigation revealed that the driver was subject to arrest warrants in Newfoundland in 2004 and a more recent warrant issued in September in Milton for assault, assault with a weapon, weapons dangerous and uttering threats.

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