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## Employment lands to be developed

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before 2021, are currently unavailable until the study is complete.

So now instead of those lands being available for development before 2021 the Town and Region propose to designate lands on both the north and south side of Steeles Ave. west of Eighth Line for development pre 2021, and lands on both sides of Steeles Ave. east of Eighth Line are to be set aside for development between 2021 and 2031.

The study area where the Town is looking for the additional acreage for possible employment lands extends north of the Phase 1B lands between Sixth and Eighth Lines. The northern border of the study area runs approximately along the northern edge of Hornby Glen Golf Course.

The project is to take 24 to 36 months.

## **NEWS** It will be years before GTA West Highway completed

## By Bob Mitchell Special to The IFP

Even though a new highway corridor through north Halton is likely years and years away, officials studying the project say they've now narrowed down the choices to two alternate routes.

But when the Greater Toronto Area West Transportation Corridor will be built, what it will cost and whether it will be a toll highway remains to be seen.

"Anyway you look at it, it will be a long way before cars are on it," Halton Chair Gary Carr said during last week's Planning and Public Works meeting.

Carr suggested there was a more immediate need for the Province to widen Highway 401 at Regional Road 25 and beyond to alleviate the growing traffic pressure on Regional and municipal roads.

The two routes, presented to Halton's

Planning and Public Works committee, are part of the 50 kilometre-long proposed 400 series highway to run from Highway 400 in the east to the Highway 401/407 interchange in the west. Both of the viable routes go through Halton Hills and Milton and cross the Credit River.

"Costs will also be a factor" Neil Ahmed, consultant and project manager for the study group told committee members. He conceded they don't yet have a handle on what the total cost of the project will be or when it will be built other than it will be in the "billions of dollars."

Carr said unless the highway is a toll highway, the project is "a long way from ever coming," because the province has indicated it doesn't have any money for new highway construction.

"We don't have any commitment for funding or a timeline for construction," Natalie Rouskov, MTO project manager said.

