

Bonnette calls on Milton to clarify position on intermodal site

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fortunately with the help of Councillors Clark Somerville and Bryan Lewis on behalf of their constituents and Milton Councillor Colin Best, Milton Council turned down the recommendation in the staff report 6 to 5.

When reached Tuesday, Duvall said he was surprised to hear Bonnette's remarks adding he must have misunderstood what he said.

"I would never presume to tell somebody to put it in Georgetown. My remark there was to put it north of the 401 in Milton," said Duvall. He added he's referring to undeveloped land between Boston Church Rd. and Regional Road 25 near the new James Snow Pkwy extension.

Duvall said he would love to see the facility in Milton, "but it's (south location) really not the right spot for it."

When asked who made the suggestion to CN to move the facility north of the 401, Duvall responded, "it's been coming from pretty much everybody that's been elected."

He said he hasn't seen a Town of Milton staff report proposing alternative locations for the facility yet.

"But that's not to say it isn't being done," said Duvall.

Mayor Gord Krantz said he's not aware of any letter sent from the Town of Milton to CN suggesting the north of 401 option.

"We've asked CN on more than one occasion

if they've looked at all alternatives any place in the province, any place in the country, have you looked at other places in Milton," said Krantz. "To the best of my knowledge there's never been a response positively or negatively saying we've looked at all options."

"It's certainly not our intention to shift it onto some other municipality like Halton Hills," said Krantz.

He said the location that Duvall mentioned would likely be the only other viable option for the facility in Milton, and he's aware "that would be pushing closer to the boundaries of Halton Hills." But he added, the south Milton location is also close to the Oakville and Burlington boundaries.

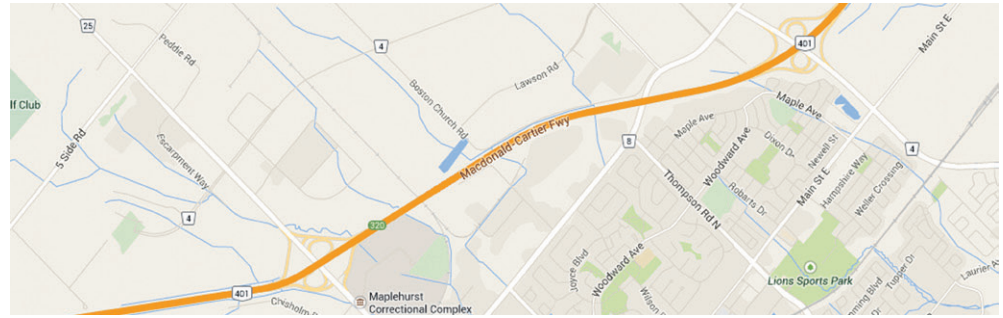
Bonnette said Tuesday he doesn't believe there are 500 acres available where Duvall is suggesting north of 401 and added if the facility were built there it would have a "tremendous impact" on Halton Hills residents.

"It would still overlap into Halton Hills. It would be bringing the same issues that Milton is against into Halton Hills," said Bonnette.

The Hwy. 25 exit from the 401 would be "solid gridlock," said Bonnette.

"This would bring more trucks into Halton Hills. The intent is still to have Halton Hills take the brunt," he said.

At the council meeting Bonnette said he hopes all four municipalities are on the same page regarding the facility.



The area north of Hwy 401 between Boston Church Rd. and Regional Rd. 25 is the "better" location being suggested by Milton Councillor for the CN Intermodal rail site. Halton Hills' boundary begins at Five Sideroad in this area of the town. Map courtesy of Google Maps

"There needs to be some clarification from Milton," said Bonnette.

Councillors Clark Somerville and Bryan Lewis said they agreed with the Mayor's comments.

"To simply say Not In My Backyard and why don't you take it above the 401, I don't know if that is a good working relationship, it's certainly not a good start," said Lewis.

Lewis added the Town of Halton Hills has concerns about the proposed facility as it could mean increased train traffic coming through the community.

At the meeting, Halton Hills Council supported a report calling for Town staff to continue monitoring the proposal, work with Halton Region, Milton, Burlington and Oakville, submit comments when opportunities arise and report back to Council.

On Monday, all five Halton municipalities issued a second response to the proposed CN project description submitted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). It urges CEAA to consider all environmental impacts the project may have on federal interests, including railway safety for new rail lines and crossings, railway noise, emissions of toxic substances and greenhouse gases, transportation and rail line storage of dangerous goods, destruction of habitat, and lost habitat for threatened bird species.

It also suggests the project be subject to a full environmental assessment by CEAA. If CEAA determines an assessment is necessary, the public will have another chance to provide input on the proposal. Notice of CEAA's decision will be posted on its website by Friday, May 22.

Local detective running to raise funds for Cancer Foundation



HRPS DET. MICK LEIGHTON

It's rare to meet someone these days who hasn't been touched by cancer and Halton Regional Police Det. Mick Leighton is no exception. The Georgetown resident has been challenged by the dreadful disease twice.

Both Leighton and his daughter Stephanie have been struck by cancer and are grateful to be alive today due to the great strides being made by cancer researchers.

To give thanks to everyone who has supported him and his family, the doctors, nurses and researchers who have worked to keep him alive, Leighton will be running in the 2015 GoodLife Fitness Toronto

marathon this Sunday (May 3). He will be raising both money and awareness for the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

In May 2011, Leighton's eldest daughter Stephanie was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma on her 12th birthday, following a week of tests at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Stephanie underwent several months of chemotherapy experiencing the usual side effects. She never complained and now at 15, is vibrant and enjoying every minute of her life.

In May 2013 cancer struck the family again. Leighton suffered abdominal pain and was quickly diagnosed with a tumour. In March of that year he was di-

agnosed with a variety of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Since then Leighton, who works in the Criminal Investigation's Bureau in Oakville, has endured six cycles of chemotherapy and continues to undergo regular maintenance. This maintenance therapy is hoped to prolong any relapse of the disease and is scheduled to end in July.

Anyone who would like to sponsor Leighton and/or follow him as he works towards a future without cancer is encouraged to visit <https://pmhf3.akaraisin.com/Common/Event/Home.aspx?seid=9817&mid=8> to learn more about the Run/Walk to Conquer Cancer benefitting the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

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