

Union rep: Progress is slow in the Halton teacher union/public board negotiations

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“It’s been extremely frustrating,” Brad Fisher, president of OSSTF District 20, Halton secondary teachers, said in a press release on the provincial OSSTF website.

“Our members have been without an agreement for more than eight months, but the board is showing no sense of urgency at the bargaining table. Negotiations have progressed at a glacial pace, and

we’re very disappointed to have to take this action in an effort to move things forward.”

About the administrative sanctions, Fisher said, “We intend to stay away for the time being from anything that affects students.”

Extracurricular activities, field trips and graduation events are not currently affected in Halton, said Fisher.

However, it is up to teachers if

they want to participate in voluntary job demonstrations during their lunch hour, he said.

Fisher said school board and union reps met locally May 12 and 14 for face-to-face negotiations.

“Incremental progress might be generous. It some ways it seemed we were going backwards (but) I’d like to think we can come to an agreement locally,” observed Fisher.

OSSTF Halton represents 1,300 permanent full- and part-time high school teachers at the Halton District School Board.

Halton Secondary Occasional teachers (HSOT) is an affiliate of OSSTF District 20. It represents about 600 occasional teachers who fill in for permanent teachers when they are absent due to illness or leaves of absence.

All teachers across Ontario have

been working without a contract since Aug. 31, 2014.

High school teachers at the Peel, Durham and the Rainbow (Sudbury) public school boards are out on strike.

Local level contract talks are centered on non-monetary issues. Monetary items are bargained provincially at a central table. It is the first time a two-tiered bargaining process has been used in Ontario.



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Class Environmental Assessment Study

Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) Transportation Improvements

Highway 407 to 10 Side Road (Regional Road 10),

Town of Halton Hills

PR-2876A

The Study

Halton Region is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for road improvements along the Ninth Line (Regional Road 13) corridor from Highway 407 to 10 Side Road (Regional Road 10), within the Town of Halton Hills.

To best address the travel demand along Ninth Line, a number of road improvement alternatives have been examined as part of this study, including intersection improvements, active transportation and overall traffic operations to 2031. The impact of road improvements on social, cultural, economic and natural environments have been evaluated and assessed during the study.

The Process

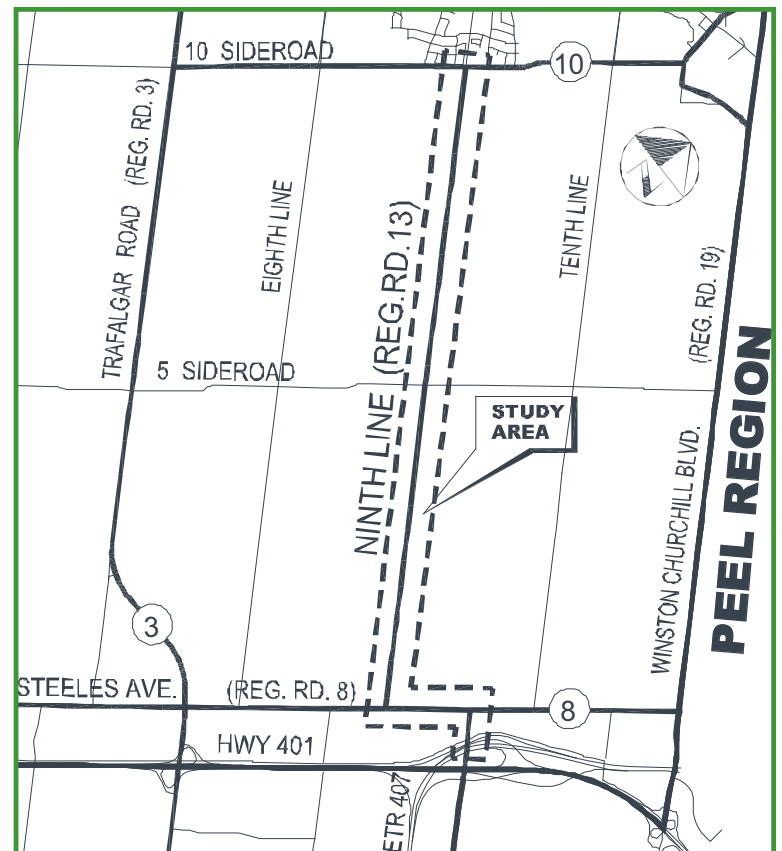
The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, amended 2007 and 2011), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

A previous Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on November 20, 2014 to obtain public input.

A final Public Information Centre will be held in the future to present the design concepts, evaluation of alternatives and the recommended preliminary preferred design. The second Public Information Centre has been arranged for:

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Time: Drop-in: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Georgetown District High School - Cafeteria
 70 Guelph Street, Halton Hills ON L7G 3Z5

The map below shows the approximate limits of the study area.



Comments

If you are unable to attend the Public Information Centre and would like to provide comments, please forward them by Friday, June 12, 2015 to either Project Team member. For more information on this project, please visit the project website at halton.ca/EAprojects.

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