

Halton Region seeks public input on Trafalgar Rd. changes

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About 100 people came out to Mold-Masters SportsPlex last week to learn more about Halton Region's plans to widen and make other improvements to Trafalgar Rd.

Residents who attended the Public Information Centre (PIC) had the chance to check out display board showing proposed changes to the road between Steeles Ave. and Hwy. 7 that are needed to accommodate future growth in the town through 2031. Construction on Trafalgar Rd. is not anticipated to start until 2019/2020.

The proposed plan for the section from Steeles Ave. to 15 Sideroad is pretty straight forward. On that stretch, the Region is proposing widening from two to four lanes along the existing road based on what the Region terms a "best fit" alignment respecting socio-

economic, cultural and natural environments. Improvements also include a partially paved shoulder that can be utilized by cyclists and a three-metre wide multi-use path.

Between 15 Sideroad and Hwy. 7 three different alternatives are being considered.

Alternatives 1A, 1B and 1C follow the existing road with slight variations in the area of Maple Ave. The road would be increased to four lanes in each option, and a bike lane may or may not be included.

In Alternatives 1A and 1C, Trafalgar Rd. would be reconstructed to veer slightly to the west near Maple Ave., and in the case of 1B it would be repositioned to the east of the current road. All three Alternative 1 options include a proposed underpass at the CN rail line (just north of Maple Ave.) There would be impacts to residential properties (particularly in the Stewarttown area and at Maple

Ave.) and the Club at North Halton golf course.

Alternatives 2 and 3 propose bypasses that veer dramatically to the west of existing Trafalgar Rd. starting just south of 15 Sideroad and rejoin just south of Hwy. 7. Both of those options include grade separations at both the Metrolinx and CN rail lines. Property impacts would be the greatest with these two options.

The alternatives have been analyzed and evaluated based on natural environment, transportation, cultural environment, socio-economic environment and preliminary cost estimates. Based on that criteria it was revealed at the PIC that overall, Alternatives 1A, 1B and 1C are more preferred than Alternatives 2 and 3.

In all three Alternative 1 options, Lindsay Court is proposed to be converted to a cul-de-sac at Trafalgar Rd. with a new future connection at Hwy. 7.



Alternatives 1A, 1B and 1C show different options between considered on Trafalgar Rd. at the Maple Ave./17 Sideroad intersection.

Halton Region graphic

Details of the project can be found at <http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=116135> The public is asked to provide comments by Friday, July 3 to jeffrey.reid@halton.ca or

ahmedn@mmm.ca. The Region will review and respond to comments received, and the preferred alternative will be presented at the next PIC tentatively slated for late this fall.

End of school rite—report cards— won't happen until Aug. 31

Halton District School Board is budgeting up to \$100,000 to get its elementary students their report cards — just in time for the next school year.

At their board meeting on Wednesday (June 17), trustees voted to spend the cash to "secure assistance to input elementary student academic marks in the report card system."

This follows news that, as a result of a current province-wide labour action by the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO), public elementary teachers in Halton would not be providing report card comments and not inputting stu-

dent marks or achievement levels electronically.

The previous Friday, parents had learned via an email from the school board and an announcement posted on the school board's website that their students would receive at the end of this school year only a document indicating whether they'd be progressing to the next grade — with the exception of graduating students (those in Grades 5, 6 or 8, depending on what grade a school ends).

As a result of the approval of funds by trustees this week, report cards for all students in senior kindergarten to Grade 7 will now be



produced over the summer, with subject grades, achievement levels and learning skills only — but still no comments — according to a release

issued by the board yesterday.

These report cards will be available from Aug. 31- Sept. 3 at whichever Halton elementary school the student attends.

Reports cards not picked up will be mailed home to families.

The board previously stated the required data entry could not be managed by principal and vice-principals alone at a busy time of the school year. Therefore, a commitment was made to have principals and vice-principals produce report cards only for students graduating from their schools. Those report cards will be distributed on June 24.

"We are pleased trustees approved funds to allow for marks to be recorded and report cards issued without further taxing our principals and vice-principals," David Euale, the Halton District School Board education director, said in a press release.

"We understand the importance for all students to have access to their grades so they can reflect on their achievements and set goals for improvement," said Euale. "We appreciate parents' understanding as we determined a method for delivering these report cards in light of the ETFO labour sanctions."

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