

ETFO/Province to return to talks; local talks going well

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Kelly Amos of the two-hour picket.

In an email Wednesday morning, Amos said trustees had a committee meeting at the board office that started at 6 p.m. She did not offer a comment on the planned picketing by ETFO.

ETFO is the only main teaching group in Ontario without a new contract following the recent ratifications of new deals with the province by public high school, Catholic elementary and secondary, and French-language teachers.

ETFO has been without a contract

since Aug. 31, 2014.

The union represents 78,000 public elementary and occasional teachers across Ontario. In Halton, it represents close to 2,900 teachers, serving almost 40,000 pupils.

Sam Hammond, the provincial president of ETFO, said last week that teachers will begin rotating, one-day strikes in October unless the government and school boards return to the bargaining table and progress is made.

A Halton board negotiator said they'll handle that situation if it

comes to that.

"In the event of a strike being called that affects HDSB schools, we would meet with our local union reps to discuss protocols to manage this job action," Jeff Blackwell said.

Hammond said his union won't accept what he calls Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne's "cookie-cutter approach" to teachers' contracts saying elementary teachers' working conditions are different than those of their high school counterparts.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the government announced it would resume

talks with the elementary teachers.

"We learned at 5 p.m. today that (Education) Minister (Liz) Sandals has called upon ETFO to return to the bargaining table. ETFO has been ready to return to the table for two weeks to bargain a fair and reasonable collective agreement specific to ETFO members," said Hammond.

"We accept this invitation and we look to the minister to confirm where and when negotiations will resume."

Sandals' offer to resume bargaining came four hours after ETFO had filed an unfair labour practice complaint

with the Ontario Labour Relations Board over what ETFO says was the refusal of the government and OPSBA to "bargain in good faith."

Meanwhile, elementary teachers are in the midst of job sanctions.

Macfarlane said negotiations with the local school board reps, on non-monetary issues, have been going well, an observation echoed by board negotiator Blackwell.

"ETFO local negotiations occurred yesterday (Tuesday) with productive talks, with five more dates scheduled," he said.

Notice of Road Closure

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The Town of Halton Hills Planning and Infrastructure Department is advising of the temporary road closure of **Eighth Line between 5 Side Road and 10 Side Road**. This road closure is required to support the relocation and replacement of Halton Hills Hydro infrastructure along Eighth Line. **The temporary road closure will take place from October 12, 2015 to the end of November, 2015.**



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Notice of Public Information Centre

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Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Glen Lawson Road / Third Line from the Acton Urban Boundary to Fourth Line

STUDY BACKGROUND

The Glen Lawson Road / Third Line corridor currently serves as a connection between south Acton and Fourth Line. Increased traffic volume along this corridor reinforces the need to consider improvements.

This study will assess current and future transportation demand and develop and evaluate suitable alternative solutions to safely and efficiently accommodate traffic along this corridor. Alternative solutions that may be considered include Glen Lawson Road / Third Line intersection improvements and/or new alignments from the Acton Urban Boundary to Fourth Line.

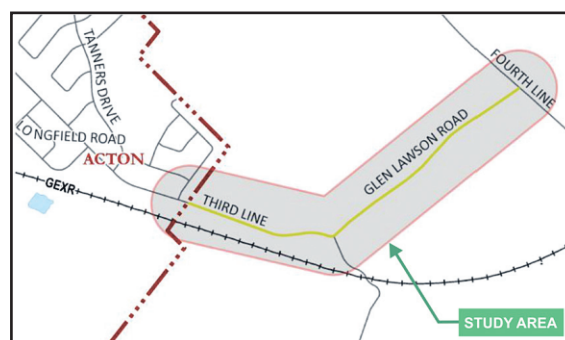
STUDY PROCESS

The Town of Halton Hills has identified the need to undertake a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association MCEA (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011). The study process will include the development and evaluation of suitable alternative solutions. Following this, a preferred solution will be selected to safely and efficiently accommodate various modes of transportation along the Glen Lawson Road / Third Line corridor.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

External agency and public consultation is a key component of the study. You are invited to attend a **Public Information Centre (PIC)**, at which background information, problem/opportunity statement, alternative

STUDY AREA



solutions, and evaluation criteria will be presented. The PIC will consist of an open house drop-in centre where you will be able to converse with members of the Project Team and share your concerns and opinions. Details of this event are provided as follows:

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015
Time: 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Location: Acton Prospect Park Boathouse – 30 Park Avenue, Acton, ON

Please visit: <http://www.haltonhills.ca/EnvironmentalAssessments/GlenLawsonRd.php> to access additional details and keep updated regarding the study.

FEEDBACK

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have about this study. Please contact either of the following Project Team members if you have any questions or comments, wish to obtain more information regarding the study, or be added to the study mailing list:

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. With the exception of personal information, all other information received may be included in project documentation and may become part of the public record.

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