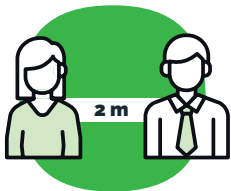


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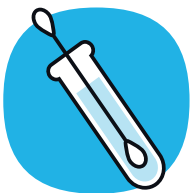
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## NEWS

# PROJECT WOULD HAVE MANY ADVERSE EFFECTS: GROUPS

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their voices.

Back in March, all Halton mayors, including Rick Bonnette, went to Ottawa to once again express their concerns.

"CN's proposed project will have significant, adverse environmental effects on the local community and the region and this cannot be mitigated," Bonnette said at the time.

In an email, regional councillor Jane Fogal said that she's supportive of the Regional position, as articulated on the Halton Region's website.

"The issue, as is stated on our website, has significance for all municipalities and for the Province itself," she said.

The Milton Says No group, along with Milton RAIL (Residents Affected by Intermodal Lines), has penned similar petitions and public letters in the past.

"It has been difficult for residents to convey their feelings as a community to Ottawa," Newman said, which speaks to the complexity of the process.

The parliamentary petition, which has garnered close to 2,000 signatures as of July 31, is sponsored by Milton MP Adam van Koeverden. He said he plans to raise the e-petition in the House of Commons sometime in September or early October on behalf of the community.

"This residential location for an industrial project is inappropriate and it will have a negative impact on people's lives," he said, adding that it is his responsibility and obligation to stand up for his neighbours and to make sure that their voice is clearly heard.

Human safety, community safety and the environment are among the concerns raised by citizens, he said. The intermodal facility -- which is proposed for CN-owned lands located east of Tremaine Road and south of Britannia Road -- is designed to transfer containers between trucks and railcars and would operate around the clock with an estimated 1,600 daily truck trips and four intermodal trains..

"Truck traffic will lead to more local pollution and a decrease in the overall safety of the roads," van Koeverden said, as the trucks will have to take routes that will go past schools, hospitals, and through neighbourhoods. This was echoed by Newman.

The "thousands of trucks" on town and regional roads will dramatically change the face of the area renowned for outdoor activities and recreational green space,

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- Coun. Jane Fogal

she said.

Back in January, a federal review panel completed its environmental assessment report for the project with the conclusion that it would have significant, adverse, environmental effects on air quality and human health.

In a previous statement, CN said that they are "committed to addressing the observations and recommendations made by the Joint Review Panel."

On its website, CN says the project is a critical investment into the supply chain network to help meet the growing demand for household goods across the GTHA. According to the company, the panel report confirmed that "the selection of the south Milton site was supported by reasonable criteria."

Newman said she understands the importance of such facilities.

"For us, it's not about saying no," she said. "But the pursuit of one of these facilities should never be at the expense of human health."

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada is currently holding a public comment period on the potential environmental assessment conditions for the proposed logistics hub. Written comments will be accepted until Aug. 21, 2020. As for the petition, it is open for signatures until Aug. 16.

*STORY BEHIND THE STORY: With the decision on CN's proposed intermodal terminal fast-approaching, local grassroots groups are ramping up their efforts to stop the project. Safety issues and an adverse effect on the environment are among their concerns.*

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