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## ... Lend Me Your Ears

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## OPINION

# GREAT FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM OUR RESIDENTS

## ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE AMONG TOP PRIORITIES, WRITES TED ARNOTT



TED ARNOTT  
Column

If you're privileged to serve in elected public office these days and you ask for advice, you're likely to get it.

And then some.

In conjunction with our recent constituency newsletter, I wrote a questionnaire which appears on our website [tedarnottmpp.com](http://tedarnottmpp.com).

While a pollster would say the questionnaire is not "scientific," I appreciate the response thus far.

We have received hundreds of replies, and they are still coming in. Most of the comments have been constructive, even if they have

included criticism of current government policies. Several themes have emerged.

The responses indicated overwhelming support for stronger measures to protect our natural environment. From a Georgetown resident: "The whole province is watching what the current government is doing to promote and improve environmental protection ... why not restore the tree planting initiative to help in the fight against carbon emissions?"

From another: "Prioritize the environmental cri-

sis that we're in. Environmental impact should be considered in every decision. If we don't have clean air or water, nothing else will matter."

Many replies expressed support for paying down the provincial debt after the pandemic is over, reflecting a sense of fiscal responsibility and concern for the financial well-being of the next generation.

Future infrastructure needs? Again, a strong consensus that investments in affordable, reliable, high-speed internet make sense. Not surprising, since so many of our residents have struggled to work or learn from home with inadequate broadband, and small businesses seek to increase their online presence.

What about the proposed GTA West Multimodal Transportation Corridor? "Paving over farmland is

never a good idea!" one Georgetown resident wrote succinctly. Another wrote: "Rationale is based on old, pre-pandemic analysis of need ... it feeds urban sprawl which reduces community spirit ..." Most respondents believed that the cost of the project will outweigh the benefits.

Under the "additional ideas for improvement" category, many asked for greater cross-party co-operation. "Stop worrying about being re-elected and do the right non-partisan thing for the future ... it is the greater good for which you should be working, not holding on to power."

That's the innate wisdom of the people of Wellington-Halton Hills.

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