

# TOWN NARROWS POSITION ON 407 TOLL SUBSIDY

COUNCIL VOTED TO RECONSIDER MOTION THAT INCLUDED ALL VEHICLE TYPES

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Halton Hills Council is doubling down on its call for a provincial subsidy to help divert trucks off Highway 401 and onto the 407 ETR.

In a procedure that's seldom used, council voted on April 11 to reconsider a motion already passed on the topic and revise it back to its original intent of incentivizing commercial truck drivers specifically to use the 407.

The resolution, put forth by Coun. Jane Fogal, had been amended during the March council meeting to include all types of vehicles in the proposed subsidy.

"That wasn't the original intent, to ask the province to subsidize all vehicles," said



Graham Paine/Metroland  
A motion passed by Halton Hills Council suggests a 407 subsidy for commercial trucks would help reduce traffic on Highway 401.

Fogal. "The intent was to move trucks from Highway 401 to the 407."

Mayor Rick Bonnette, who seconded the motion, shared similar sentiments.

"We can't subsidize every car," he said. "If you allow all vehicles on the 407 to be subsidized, it's going to end up clogging that highway."

Coun. Clark Somerville, who made the amendment in question, stood by his assertion that subsidizing all 407 users is "the best thing if we're truly worried about moving vehicles to the 407 and off the 401."

The motion suggests the toll subsidies could be covered by reintroducing the licence sticker program and enforcing \$1-billion financial penalties the provincial government can levy against 407 International Inc. when traffic fails to meet contractual targets.



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