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Brampton's proposed highway upsets some Halton Hills residents

Councillor Somerville says Brampton is dumping its traffic on Halton Hills

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT

At least two Halton Hills residents believe their community is being ignored by the City of Brampton as that municipality studies the possibility of developing a north-south highway. One proposed route for the six-lane highway takes in portions of the southern part of Halton Hills, but Halton Hills' residents Syd and Sue Collier said they believe Brampton is taking "too long to get Halton involved."

"IT WOULD CUT THROUGH PRIME FARMLAND AND OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR."

The Colliers attended a public meeting on November 29 at Huttonville Public School in Brampton hosted by the City of Brampton. The meeting was held to discuss the Terms of Reference for the proposal as well as a proposed parkway in the Bramwest section of the city, a new development area that is in the southwestern portion of Brampton. The City of Brampton is considering making the parkway an arterial road that would link up with the proposed highway. Brampton is the only proponent involved with the proposal, although Adrian Smith, who works as a manager of growth management and special policy for the city, says that Brampton has been in contact with Halton Region and the Town of Halton Hills.

Terms of Reference. At the first meeting, held earlier in November at the City of Brampton, he tried to have his concerns addressed, but he found the whole process frustrating. "At no time did they mention Halton. They said they were not concerned with Halton." In his opinion,

the agenda is still being driven primarily by Brampton. Mr. Collier says Brampton is "trying to take a massive development and pull it all together and put a road through it."

Mr. Collier was not alone in his criticisms of the proposal. Halton Hills Councillor Clark Somerville, who has been vocal in his opposition to the proposal, said in an interview that Brampton is simply trying to solve its traffic problems by "dumping traffic into Halton Hills." Mr. Somerville said a resolution was passed recently by Halton Hills Council noting that the proposal is premature, and the document has been sent to the City of Brampton, Peel Region, and the Region of Halton. If the proposed route goes through Halton Hills, it would be going through an area where there are no long term plans in place for land use, explained Mr. Somerville. "It (the proposed route through Halton Hills) would cut through prime farmland and our industrial

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OPP collect for Sally Army Food Drive



PHOTO BY DONNA DANIELLI
Special Constables Cindy Robertson and Mike Sharpe show off some of the food gathered at a special food drive outside Loblaws, Milton on Saturday November 27.

Greenbelt pushes but Erin stands tough

Erin fights for Urban Centre expansion within its Official plan

BY DONNA DANIELLI

It was standing room only for a public meeting held in Erin on Monday to consider an amendment to the Wellington County Official Plan and modifications to the Town of Erin Official Plan. "Basically, we're just trying to change the County Official Plan to reflect the locally adopted Official Plan," explained County Planner Mark Van Patter.

ment calls for the implementation of dual designation for agricultural lands that would redesignate lesser quality agricultural lands from primary agriculture to secondary agriculture. The amendment also contains plans for the expansion of the Urban Centre boundary for Erin and the Hamlet Boundary for Brisbane.

"I WILL STILL BE CAUTIOUS UNTIL I SEE WHAT IS WRITTEN DOWN IN THE LEGISLATION."

The main change to the amend-

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