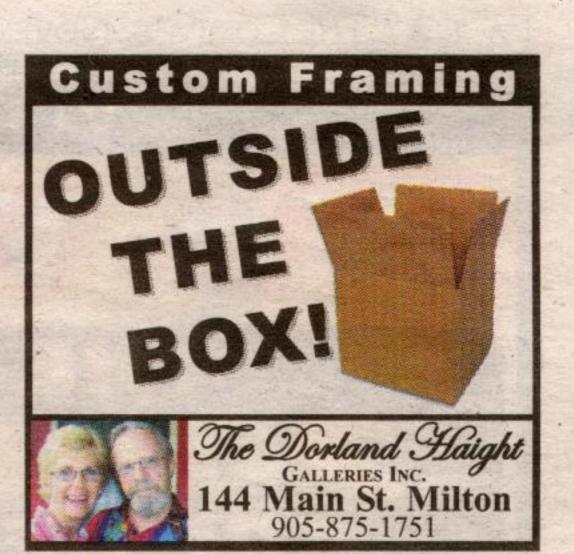


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The Road runs through

By Donna Danielli

The Ministry of Transportation has just released the Terms of Reference which will initiate an Environmental Assessment for the Niagara to GTA Corridor. Previously known as the proposed Mid Peninsula Highway, this new set of Terms of Reference incorporates input received during a public consultation process.

The framework provided by these Terms of Reference and the ensuing Environmental Assessment will define transportation problems and opportunities within the area between the Niagara Region and the GTA as well as assessing current and future transportation needs.

Part of the draft Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the project is being billed by the Ministry of Transportation as an effective way to provide for the efficient movement of people and goods, thus meeting the objective's of the province's draft Growth Plan.

The draft Terms of Reference can be viewed at all main branches of libraries and local and regional municipal offices within Niagara, Hamilton and Halton. The project website is www.niagara-gta.com. Written comments on the Terms of Reference may be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, marked to the attention of Michael Harrison, Project Officer, either by e-mail at Michael.Harrison2@ene.gov.on.ca or by fax at 416-314-8452.

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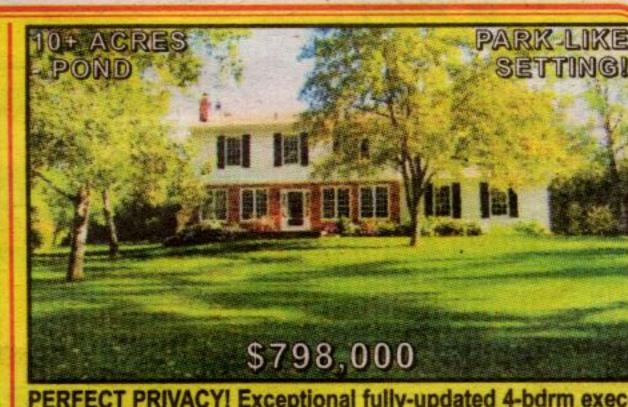
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