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### WEDNESDAY...

Ex-alcoholic Tom Regehr lived on the streets for years, but next week he will receive an award in Toronto. Find out why Wednesday.

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### Empty home destroyed

Halton Hills firefighters responded to the call at an unoccupied home on Fifth Line, just south of Steeles Ave. Tuesday night at 8 p.m. When crews arrived they found the second floor of the home was on fire, but due to the condition of the building, firefighters did not enter the home and put only enough water on it to ensure it remained a controlled burn. See story page 3.

Photo by Graham Paine

## Solution to GTA traffic woes may lie here

CYNTHIA GAMBLE  
Staff Writer

More planes, trains and automobiles— those could be some, or all, of the solutions decided upon in the latest study begun to ease the traffic congestion in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West corridor.

Preliminary plans indicate Halton Hills is in the centre of the study area.

The upshot is that the population and industry boom in the GTA West Corridor is outpacing the ability of the transportation system to cope and to do nothing means unacceptable traffic jams and lost time and money for industry.

Launched by the provincial government, the study— that could stretch over years— will look at an area that sweeps right through Halton Hills. It stretches from Hwy. 400 in the east to Hwy. 6 in Guelph in the west, from Hwy. 401/407 in the south to the Oak Ridges Moraine in the north.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) held the last of its first public information meetings on Tuesday night at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. More than 70 people, including concerned residents, Town staff and politicians, showed up to view and comment on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for an Environmental Assessment Study. While close to 200 people attended the other three public meetings held in other cities earlier this month, the Halton Hills meeting drew the largest crowd.

The MTO study team also plans to make a presentation to Halton Hills council at its meeting on Monday night.

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