

Ted Arnott says: \$1.1 billion ok but still no fair gas tax revenue

Wellington Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott lands the recent \$1.1 billion announcement by Premier McGuinty for municipalities as a help to strengthen their infrastructure and repairs roads and bridges but notes the province still does not get “stable, predictable” funding from gas tax revenues.

Arnott says the McGuinty government provides predictable gasoline tax revenues to municipalities operating mass transit systems, but rural and small town municipalities remain “left out in the cold” unlike the federal government which distributes gas tax revenues fairly to all municipalities.

Funds promised to municipalities in Wellington-Halton Hills riding include \$2,481,806 for Halton Hills, \$622,448 for the Town of Erin, \$673,704 for Guelph/Eramosa Twp., \$22,077,181 for Halton Re-



Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott

gion and \$3,360,585 for Wellington County. The amounts were based on population figures.

Arnott acknowledges it is a lot of money but maintains the need is much greater. “It needs to be put in perspective,” he says, citing a report from the Institute for

Research on Public Policy, which found Canadian municipalities require a \$200 billion investment to fix crumbling infrastructures and improve Canada’s productivity and economic competitiveness.

Arnott started a petition in June calling on the province

to distribute all gasoline tax revenues fairly and is urging his constituents to sign it. IT is available on his website at www.tedarnottmpp.com.

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Halton Region is developing a plan for building sustainable and healthy communities for generations to come. This growth management initiative is called **Sustainable Halton**. Halton Region’s efforts will mean less sprawl, greater protection of farmland, better infrastructure, and more liveable communities.

In June of this year, Halton Region released five Growth Concepts that show where future homes and jobs could be located.

In September, the Region is hosting **four open houses** to discuss the five Growth Concepts. Come to an open house to learn about how the Region is planning for sustainable and healthy communities and how we will meet the Province’s population and employment growth forecasts for Halton Region. We want to hear your views of the Growth Concepts. Your comments are important as we move forward on Sustainable Halton and further refine the concepts in the next phase of work.

If you are unable to attend, or want more information, please visit our website at www.halton.ca/sustainablehalton. Follow the links to the online workbook and give us your thoughts.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sustainable Halton Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Venue	Time
Monday September 8	Burlington	Appleby Ice Centre Multi-Purpose Room 1201 Appleby Line	6:15 to 9:00 p.m. *presentation at 6:45
Tuesday September 9	Milton	Milton Sports Centre Banquet Room 605 Santa Maria Blvd	6:15 to 9:00 p.m. *presentation at 6:45
Wednesday September 10	Oakville	River Oaks Community Centre Community Room A 2400 Sixth Line	6:15 to 9:00 p.m. *presentation at 6:45
Tuesday September 16	Halton Hills	Georgetown District High School Cafeteria 70 Guelph Street Georgetown	6:15 to 9:00 p.m. *presentation at 6:45

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