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# Costs for defence could escalate to \$100,000: Lee

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 can take place on the land.  
 The defence — which is expected to involve nine days of preparation by the Town solicitor, five days of preparation by a planner and nine days of hearing representation by both — comes with an estimated price tag of \$56,000. This will be taken from the Town's legal reserve account.

A few councillors expressed opposition to the motion, with the most vocal being Wards 1 and 3 Councillor Barry Lee.

He argued that the Town's solicitor should be sent to the hearing to simply

submit council's resolution. Staff estimates that would require only two days of legal services at a cost of about \$4,000.

"This is taxpayers' money we're talking about here," he said, noting he could see the costs escalating to \$100,000 before everything's said and done.

He also said he doesn't think having "so-called professional staff" representing council's position at the hearing is going to help at all.

Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Ron Furik asked if there's a better chance that development won't be approved for the

subject property if the Town spends the money for a defence.

Town Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio said having a defence will do a far better job of presenting council's position.

"I can't say if that will turn the tide of the hearing," he noted.

He explained that if the Town solicitor only submits council's resolution to the board, it would be a "pretty thin" argument.

Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau deemed the expense as "putting our money where our mouth is."

"I think it's important that we stand behind what we said," she noted. "It would be money well spent."

Ward 2 Councillor Mark Curtis said while he's not crazy about spending money on lawyers and planners, "sometimes 'no' has consequences."

A couple of residents came out to the meeting to urge council to spend the money and defend its opposition to the development.

"We do need a strong voice to represent the Town at the hearing," said Appleby Line resident Keith Hincks. "The people of Milton deserve to be heard in a detailed, unbiased and professional manner."

Mayor Gord Krantz asked Hincks if he would sooner see the money spent on legal fees for the hearing or rural roads.

Hincks told him he feels a lot of the roads are already quite adequate.

He pointed out that roads can be patched, but if development goes on the Central Milton Holdings' lands

then that property is "lost forever."

Steeles Avenue resident Mike Grimwood also voiced support for dishing out the \$56,000.

"I believe council's decision will be challenged and attacked and therefore, regrettably, a robust and firm, comprehensive defence is needed," he said.

Krantz also asked Grimwood the same question he posed to Hincks.

Grimwood told him, "From my perspective, \$56,000 is a drop in the bucket when it comes to roads."

He went on to say that the money will have a dramatic impact on the rural lifestyle if it's used in defending council's position at the hearing.

In a recorded vote, Curtis, Schau, Krantz, Furik, Ward 1 councillors Brian Penman and Rick Day and Ward 2 Councillor Mike Boughton voted in favour of paying for planning and legal services. Lee and Ward 3 councillors Cindy Lunau and Jan Mowbray were opposed to the motion. Ward 4 Councillor John Challinor was away on business.

The Central Milton Holdings joint board hearing is scheduled to resume July 4 at 10 a.m. in Milton Council Chambers.

If \$56,000 doesn't cover all of the required hearing costs, staff will have to go back to council for approval of more funds.

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## The Regional Municipality of Halton

### NOTICE OF FILING OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

#### Regional Road 25 Transportation Corridor Highway 401 to Campbellville Road, Town of Milton Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Regional Municipality of Halton has carried out a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to address future travel demands on Regional Road 25 from Highway 401 to Campbellville Road (see map below). The study was conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (June 2000), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Following the January 26, 2006 Public Information Centre, the preferred alternative was reviewed in light of comments received and modified as required. Taking into consideration the comments that were received from the Town of Milton, regulatory agencies and the public, the recommended alternative includes:

- The widening of Regional Road 25 from two to four lanes from James Snow Parkway to Campbellville Road with an urban cross-section; and
- An urban cross-section from north of Highway 401 to James Snow Parkway including the signalization of the intersection of Regional Road 25 and High Point Drive.

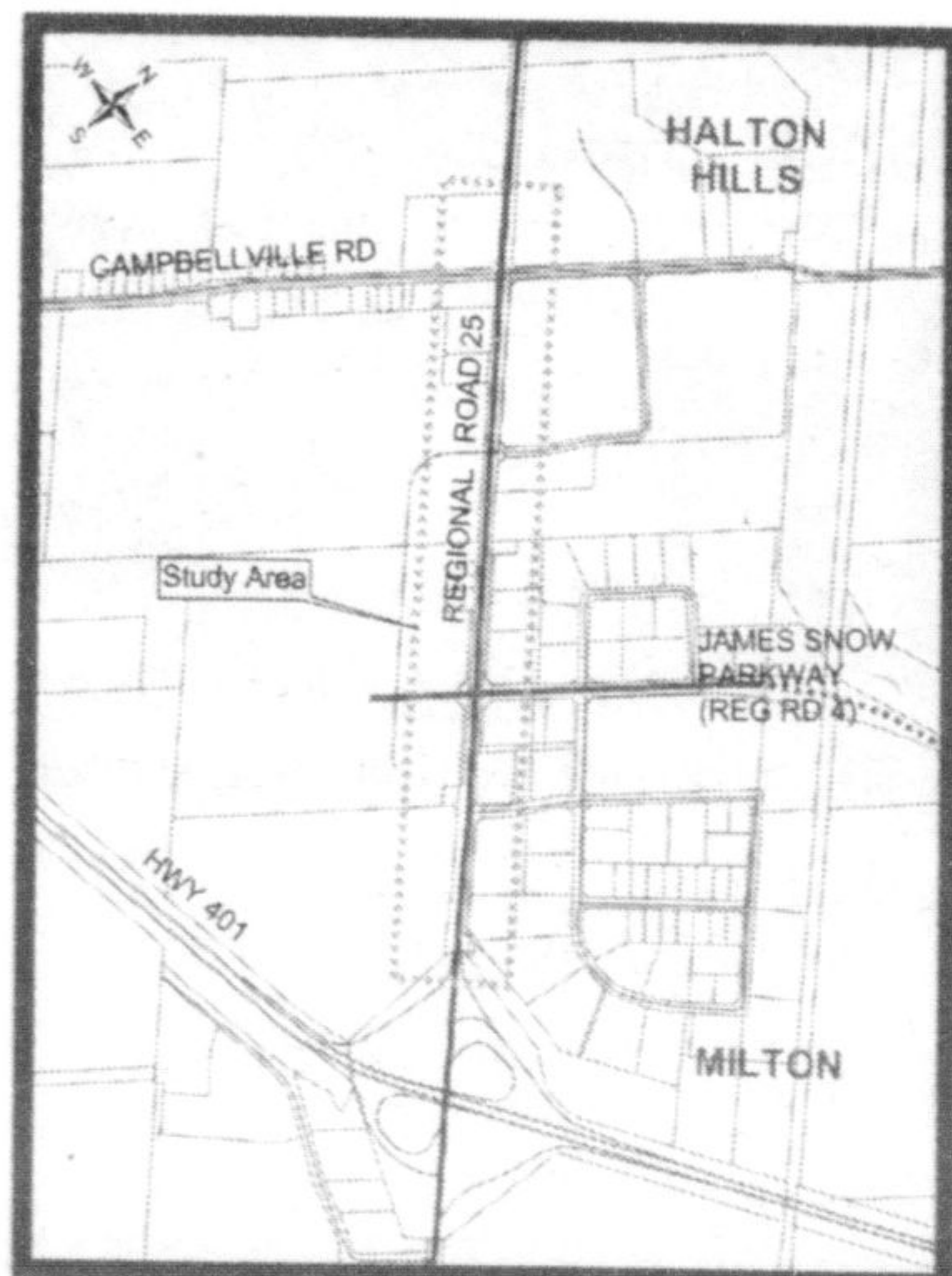
The Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision making process undertaken for this study. By this Notice, the ESR is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of necessary approvals, Halton Region intends to proceed with the detail design and construction as documented in the ESR. The ESR is available for review at the following locations:

Clerk's Department Regional Municipality of Halton 1151 Bronte Road Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1 Tel: 905-825-6000 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Clerk's Department Town of Milton (Town Hall) 43 Brown Street Milton, Ontario L9T 5H2 Tel: 905-878-7252 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Milton Public Library 45 Bruce Street Milton, Ontario L9T 2L5 Telephone: 905-875-2665 Sun. & Mon. - Closed Tues. - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Further information may be obtained from Ms. Lisa Zinkewich, B.E.S., Project Manager, Halton Region, 905-825-6000 ext. 7556. Please provide any written comments to Halton Region by Monday, June 5, 2006 (within 30 days from the date of this Notice). If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with Halton Region, a person or party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order). Requests for a Part II Order must be received by the Minister, at the address below by Monday, June 5, 2006. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Region's Project Manager. If no request is received by Monday, June 5, 2006, Halton Region intends to proceed with detailed design and construction as outlined in the ESR.

Minister of the Environment  
 135 St. Clair Avenue West  
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 Toronto, Ontario  
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[www.halton.ca/currentEAprojects](http://www.halton.ca/currentEAprojects)

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