

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Highway 401 Bridge Rehabilitation from Trafalgar Road Westerly to Halton Region Boundary G.W.P. 2188-10-00

THE PROJECT

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **AECOM Canada Limited (AECOM)** to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to prepare the strategy for the rehabilitation of 13 bridge structures along Highway 401 in the Towns of Milton and Halton Hills. The study includes conducting detailed condition surveys of the bridges within the project limits, developing a rehabilitation and/or replacement strategy of the bridges, possible interchange reconfiguration of Regional Road 25 and James Snow Parkway and developing construction staging and traffic management measures while considering the Ministry's ultimate planning for the Highway 401 corridor within the study limit.

The bridges included in this study are:

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| 1. First Line Underpass | 8. CNR Overpass |
| 2. CPR Overpass | 9. Steeles Avenue Underpass |
| 3. Campbellville Road Overpass | 10. James Snow Parkway Interchange Underpass |
| 4. Sixteen Mile Creek Bridge | 11. 5 th Line Overpass |
| 5. Appleby Line Overpass | 12. Oakville Creek West Branch Bridge |
| 6. Tremaine Road Underpass | 13. Oakville Creek East Branch Bridge |
| 7. Highway/Regional Road 25 Interchange Underpass | |

The locations of these bridges are shown on the key map below.



THE PROCESS

The study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* with the opportunity for public input throughout. During the study, a Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to provide information and obtain input. Upon completion of this study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be placed on the public record to document the study process, the design for the recommended improvements and the consultation undertaken throughout the study. Both the PIC and the release of the TESR for public review will be the subject of future public notices.

COMMENTS

If you wish to comment on the study or have your name added to the project mailing list, please contact one of:

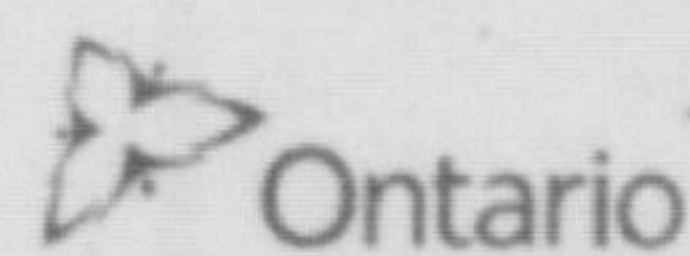
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Council discusses its advocacy work

By Julia Le

CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Members of Halton regional council are all on the same page when it comes to advocacy.

They recognize the challenges the region faces and the role they — and all levels of government — play in ensuring Halton residents continue to have the high quality of life and services they are accustomed to, council heard from Lynn Simons, Halton Region's director of corporate policy integration.

"The overarching issue we have articulated in the advocating documents is issues related to growth," she said at a recent meeting. "With Halton growing to a population of 800,000 by 2031 and the literally billions of dollars of cost to have that infrastructure in place, your position has been and your ask on several occasions has been to ensure residents are not burdened with the financial impacts of growth."

She continued, "You've asked for specific legislative changes to ensure full recovery of growth-related costs."

Council received an update about all the issues it's currently advocating to both the provincial and federal government on behalf of Halton residents. Issues most important to residents include transportation enhancements, improvements to schools and hospitals and affordable housing.

Need to get message out

Simons said that although Halton regional council has been vocal about issues Halton faces, there continues to be a growing need to find different avenues and approaches to get their message heard and the urgency of all levels of government taking action to maintain the vitality of the Halton community.

"When we get down to the service delivery aspect we can really see the impact of growth very clearly through the cost shared programs, particularly in public health and paramedics services," she said about the partnership between the Province and the Region. "We're at an \$8 million shortfall in coverage by the Province, so you've clearly asked them to meet their commitments."

Staff will be looking at measuring the effectiveness of its advocacy efforts.

They'll also be looking at how other municipalities advocate in an effort to work together and find new opportunities for advocacy and additional supports.

During discussion, councillors expressed how important it is to hold the provincial and federal governments accountable for their responsibilities.

'Promises must be kept'

Milton Councillor Tony Lambert said the Province needs to keep the promises it made to the Region, which included an all-day, two-way GO service to Milton, a Milton GO station and Trafalgar and Derry roads and the electrification of the Lakeshore GO line.

"I must say with the increased population coming to Halton, which we agreed to based on the Province's promise, for them to step away from their earlier promises to us is catastrophic," he said. "We are anticipating an increase of 100,000 people to Milton alone over the next 10 years and we are relying on the Province to accommodate those people."

Quoting Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and what he had said at a transportation summit recently, Lambert added Halton is looking for fairness and a partnership from the government.

Burlington Councillor Marianne Meed Ward said collecting on development charges is key in terms of Halton's ability to pay for what the community needs.

"We know that growth does not pay for all the new things a population requires," she said, noting that when a community grows, a hospital needs to as well, but development charges can't be collected on it.

Instead, a municipality has to wait for funds to come from the provincial government. Other councillors expressed having an integrated approach in planning with all levels of government to be more effective in serving residents' needs.

For more information, visit www.halton.ca/advocacy.

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