

# Halton officials weigh in on need for new area highway

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The push for a sustainable and transit-oriented Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) is admirable, but it'll be another 50 years before we get people out of their cars, according to Mayor Gord Krantz.

Krantz made this comment during a recent discussion about the need for a new 400-series highway, dubbed the GTA West Corridor Hwy. It would stretch from Hwy. 400 and through Halton Hills to the Hwy. 401/407 junction.

Milton's mayor said the talk of a new highway in the GTHA has been around for a very long time, but it always seems to "die a natural death because of the politics involved."

"Everyone agrees it should go somewhere, but no one can agree where. It's that NIMBY (not in my backyard) syndrome that we're all too familiar with," he said in an interview.

Halton MP and Minister of Transport Lisa Raitt said the need couldn't be greater, with roads getting to a breaking point in the GTHA. Without changes, the average time spent by commuters in the GTHA is forecast to increase by about one-third in 20 years — translating to an extra 27 minutes a day. But she questions why the Province is considering making the four- to six-lane thoroughfare meet at the same location as the 401 and 407 interchange.

"Putting another 400 series highway into that interchange is going to be very problematic," said Raitt.

Krantz told the *Champion* no matter where the new highway is built there would always be people unhappy with the decision. He cited the controversy surrounding the proposed Niagara mid-peninsula highway, which would have run from the Canada-US border to the Hamilton-Burlington area. Hamilton was pushing for it, but environmentalists and the City of Burlington derailed the plan.

"Eventually one of them is going to have to get built," he said.

At a June 22 meeting in Halton Hills, rural resi-

dents indicated the GTA West Corridor highway would eat up too much rural land. Rural Miltonians, on the other hand, say a GTA West Corridor highway has very little impact on the town's natural environment. Their fear is the expansion of Hwy. 401.

"Rural areas in the west of Milton already suffer from increased traffic and the situation will worsen when the 'realigned' Tremaine is connected to the 401," said Michael Grim-

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Property Description	By-law Enactment Date	By-law No.
16 James Street Part Lots 36 and 38, Block 4, Martin Survey, Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton	July 27, 2015	058-2015

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Dated at Milton this 30th day of July, 2015.

**Troy McHarg, Town Clerk**  
Town of Milton