

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Halton Hills Mayor Pleased with Highway 401 Expansion

**HALTON HILLS, ON** – Ask Mayor Rick Bonnette about the Province's decision to widen Highway 401 and he will tell you, it's a victory for Halton Hills. That's because the municipality actively fought the previous short-listed options (which included the 4-3 multi-lane highway) that would have created new transportation corridors by cutting a swath through Halton Hills. At that time, the message the Town received was that Highway 401 could not be widened.

"I met with then Minister of Infrastructure, Bob Chiarelli back in 2012", said the Mayor, "I told him that the Town had hired our own consultants – the same ones that the Province had hired for the road widening in Windsor – and they told me that it was entirely possible to widen the 401 highway! The Province listened and I thank them for it."

The Highway 401 expansion is an 18 km long initiative that would see improvements from the Credit River in Mississauga to Regional Road 25 in Milton. Expanding the current six lane roadway is a necessary infrastructure improvement to ease congestion and improve transportation needs for all users. According to the Ministry's website, the expansion includes:

- 12 lane core-collector system from the Credit River to Winston Churchill Boulevard
- 10 lanes from Winston Churchill Boulevard to Highway 407 ETR/ Highway 401 interchange
- 12 lane core-collector system from Highway 407 ETR/ Highway 401 interchange to James Snow Parkway
- 10 lanes from the James Snow Parkway to Regional Road 25
- Median High Occupancy Vehicle lanes
- Support facilities and features drainage, lighting, signage, ATMS, carpool lots

## About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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