



## **December 14 Halton Regional Council Meeting: Stop Escarpment Highway Coalition (SEHC) Delegation**

Re: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Notice of Decision on ROPA 38

Chair Carr and Council Members:

We would like to thank you for this opportunity to address and comment on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Notice of Decision on ROPA 38.

I am speaking on behalf of the Stop Escarpment Highway Coalition and our thirteen member groups from Burlington, Halton Hills, Hamilton, Niagara, Milton, Oakville and Vaughan.

We are asking Council to appeal the Ministry's Modification 118 Item 466 amending Section 173 (5.1) Paragraph (c) that directs ROPA 38 to "Amend Maps 3 and 4 and Table 3 to reflect: Where the Province through the Environmental Assessment process, such as the Niagara to GTA and GTA West Transportation Corridor EA's, has identified a preliminary route planning study area, the Region, and the Local Municipalities, shall undertake the necessary amendments to their respective Official Plans accordingly."

This direction seems to indicate the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation has already made a decision on the routes of the Niagara GTA and GTA West corridor locations through Halton, despite having had no response from the Environmental Assessment and no indication that any route decision has been made. In effect, although the Ministry removed the notorious "asphalt arrow" change requested in October 2010 they have re-instated its intent and have mandated an additional corridor.

The SEHC opposes the construction of any new highways until the weaknesses in the Draft Transportation Development Strategy have been addressed and Metrolinx's "The Big Move" Transportation Strategy is fully funded and has been implemented, and accordingly we do not want to have the highway corridors imposed without these issues being addressed.

Thank you for your time.

Ken Woodruff

**Appendix**



### SEHC Membership

1. Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment (COPE)
2. Oakvillegreen Conservation Association
3. Lowville Area Residents Association (LARA)
4. BurlingtonGreen
5. Coalition of the Niagara Escarpment (CONE)
6. Protecting Escarpment Rural Land (PERL)
7. Milton Green Citizens Group
8. Environment Hamilton
9. Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society
10. Cedar Springs Community
11. Sidrabene Latvian Camp

### Associations

- Sustainable Vaughn
- CRASHH (Concerned Residents Against Superhighway in Halton Hills)