

**ALTO HIGH SPEED RAIL
PROPOSAL**
***WHY STONE MILLS TOWNSHIP SHOULD
OPPOSE THE SOUTHERN ROUTE***

February 9, 2026

Ted Darby, Chair

Friends of the Napanee River

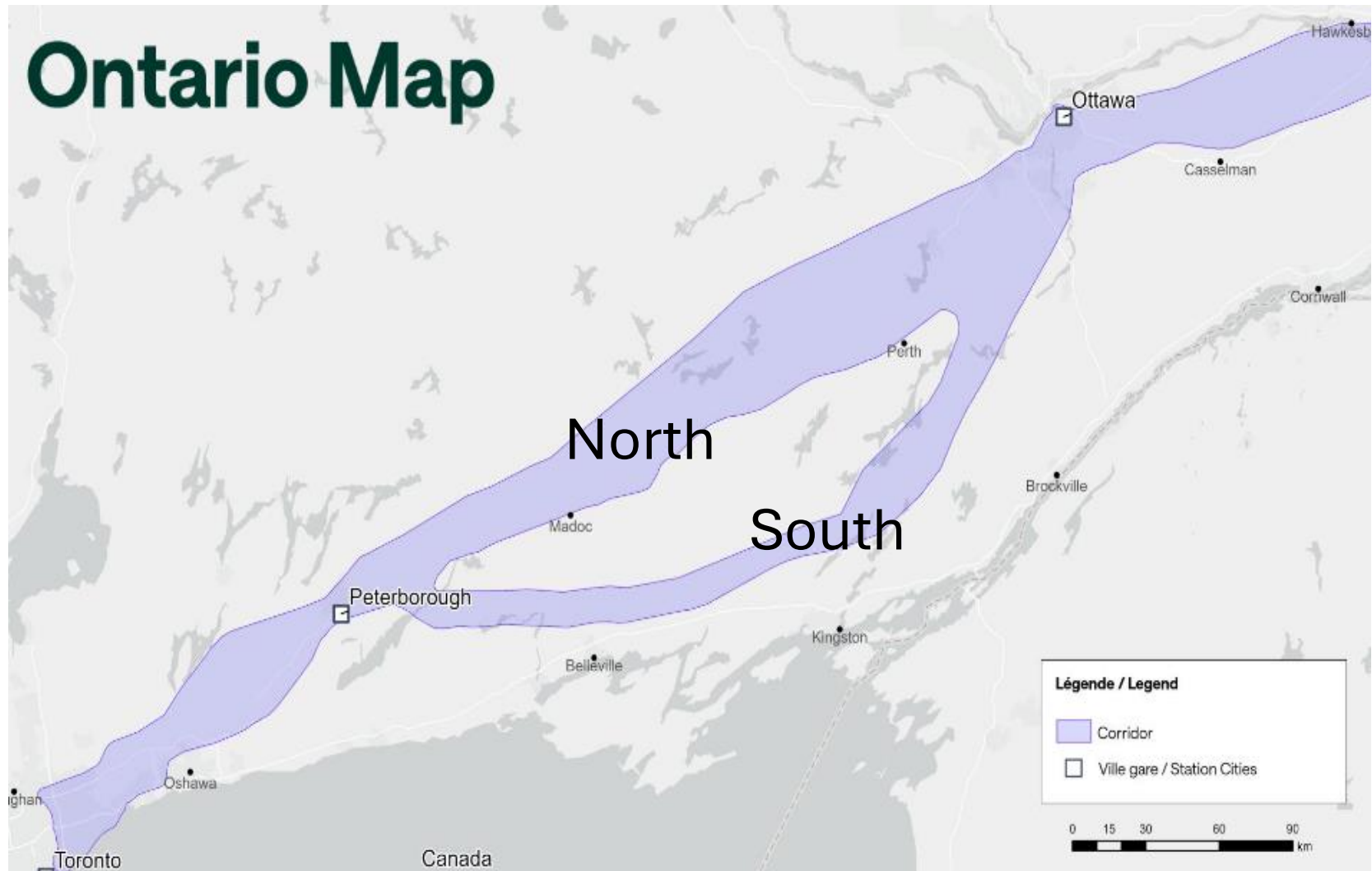


The Issues:

The announcement of a “southern route option” for the proposed Alto high speed train has caused concern locally and regionally due to the:

- Possible loss of the Cataraqui Trail,
- Environmental threats especially in areas of lakes, wetlands, & rivers
- Fragmentation and disruption of wildlife connectivity.
- Forced expropriation of land along a broad right of way,
- Loss of access to adjoining properties by road or other crossings,
- Need for additional high-voltage and other disruptive infrastructure.
- Disruption of rural life.

The Two Routes.



Southern Route - Impact on Stone Mills



Salmon River

Napanee River

What Can We Do?

- Participate in the only southern route public consultation. Wed. Feb. 18th 11:00am – 3:00pm and 5pm - 9pm, Storrington Lions Club, 2992 Princess Road Sunbury.
- Complete the online survey. <https://en.consultation.altotrain.ca/shaping-the-canada-of-tomorrow-with-high-speed-rail/surveys/consultation-questionnaire>
- Provide feedback on the interactive map.
<https://en.consultation.altotrain.ca/shaping-the-canada-of-tomorrow-with-high-speed-rail/places/interact-map>
- Submit a brief. <https://en.consultation.altotrain.ca/shaping-the-canada-of-tomorrow-with-high-speed-rail/surveys/upload-brief>. Note: Responses need to be submitted by March 29th 2026
- Participate on Facebook groups including “Alto train southern route discussion forum” and “Save South Frontenac No high-speed train in the southern corridor” .

What can Council Do?

On Feb. 8th, 2026, South Frontenac Council voted unanimously to oppose the Southern Route.

18. Notice of Motion

- a) Proposed Motion regarding proposed Alto Southern Corridor

Moved by Mayor Vandewal

Seconded by

Whereas Alto, a federal crown corporation, who's role is to establish a high-speed rail (HSR) network between Toronto and Quebec City has recently released possible route options with one coming through the Township of South Frontenac;

Whereas Alto has stated that the proposed southern corridor, in agricultural and resort areas with higher population density, simplifies construction and operations; and

Whereas South Frontenac takes pride in its rural character, the protection of environmentally sensitive areas, its agricultural lands and its many natural features including the UNESCO-designated Frontenac Arch Biosphere;

Therefore Be It Resolved That with the limited information and consultation that has been provided to date, the Council of the Township of South Frontenac will not support the proposed southern corridor going through its Township;

That Council formally supports that a better suitable corridor and proposed stop would be within the boundaries of the City of Kingston which is the regional urban centre, economic hub as well as the transportation node for southeastern Ontario; and

That staff be directed that this motion be sent to the Hon. Steve Mackinnon, Federal Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, MP Mark Gerretsen, MP Scott Reid, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Jordan, Mark Imbleau, the President of Alto, Mayor Bryan Paterson, City of Kingston and neighbouring municipalities within the proposed HSR corridors.

Questions?

*Thank-you for the opportunity to
present!*