

Editorial ? Completion of BAR can?t come soon enough

There's an old saying that roughly goes, ?Good things come to those who wait.?

There is no doubt that people who live in or who have to drive through Bolton have done more than their fair share of waiting, but it appears their patience is about to pay off.

Construction is due to begin on the final portion of the long-awaited Bolton Arterial Road (BAR). When it's done (the northwest component is slated for completion sometime next year), it's hoped that it will relieve a lot of the traffic congestion that people using the local roads have had to put up with for many years.

It's been years since people realized there was a need for a bypass, or some method to relieve the congestion in the village core, in fact a lot more years than many people realize.

In an interview in 1989, Hill Allan, the last reeve of the Village of Bolton, recalled a time in the mid 1940s, and a feeling in the area that now that the Second World War was out of the way, maybe the bypass could proceed.

It took a little longer than had been hoped.

As is so often the case, it could be argued the bypass really came to be because it had to.

In its final form, the BAR?will include Coleraine Drive, which runs south to Major MacKenzie Drive, and the plan is to have it eventually link with the anticipated extension of Highway 427.

Among other things, it will provide trucks a more direct route into Bolton's industrial lands, thus avoiding the core.

It won't solve all the local traffic problems. We will still have to put up with bad and careless drivers (the greatest roads in the world can't change that). But it's a sign that progress is being made.

It took a long time, to be sure. But good things sometimes take a while.