

# GO Train service begins on January 7

## All Aboard!

That's what Acton area commuters will hear beginning January 7 when, for the first time in just over 20 years, the GO Train stops in Acton. Metrolinx, the provincial entity that runs public transit, announced the service start date last Thursday to the joy of local politicians, commuters and residents who know that GO Train service can add as much as \$10,000 to house prices.

There will be two trains heading east each morning – one departing at 6:28 a.m. with arrival at Union Station at 7:53 a.m., and a second train leaves Acton at 7:46 and arrives at Union at 9:08 a.m. For the ride home, the first train to Acton leaves Union at 4:44 p.m. and arrives in Acton at 6:03 p.m., and the second train leaves Union at 5:45 and arrives in Acton at 7:03 p.m. The one-way cash fare will be \$10.40.

Halton Hills Mayor

Rick Bonnette – a passionate advocate of expanded GO service – called the announcement “great news.” “I’m very excited about it and I’m glad there are two trains which will give commuters more choice,” Bonnette said on Monday, adding one of the reasons that GO Train service failed 20 years because there was only one train that got people into Toronto too late.

“GO Train service is a bonus to the community – it puts us on the map – it will add to the desire to move to a small town with a GO Train and one of the safest towns in Canada,” Bonnette said a lot of people thought Acton was “in the boonies, but not anymore.”

While Bonnette does not plan to ride the first train that stops in Acton – GO ran a special train from Acton to Guelph and back to inaugurate service in 1990 – he’s “pretty sure I’ll be up to see the 6:28 a.m. train on January 7.”



**ALL ABOARD!** On Monday, January 7, GO Train service will again come to Acton, with four trains daily. – Submitted photo

## Information for parents to strengthen skills on-line

The Halton Parenting Directory gives parents and other caregivers access to over 130 parenting programs, workshops, support, services and other learning opportunities. Produced by Our Kids Network, the directory covers January to September 2013 and is available online at [www.ourkidsnetwork.ca](http://www.ourkidsnetwork.ca). Printed copies will also be delivered to families through school boards and community agencies in January.

“The Halton Parenting Directory provides parents and caregivers

with information on programs to enhance their parenting knowledge and skills,” says Elena DiBattista, director of Our Kids Network. “This issue also has information about the “Family Assets” the everyday things families do to be strong, both in the good times and in the challenging times. These assets, or actions, can make a significant difference in the positive development of our children and youth.”

The programs, workshops and seminars listed range from courses for expectant parents to discussion groups for parents


of teens. Although the programs are primarily geared to strengthening and enhancing parenting knowledge and skills, there are some listings for children and youth workshops and courses.

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are. Kids from families with more assets are also more likely to engage in learning at school and develop close relationships with others, and are less likely to take part in riskier behaviours. Family members can learn more about Family Assets in the directory or at [www.ourkidsnetwork.ca](http://www.ourkidsnetwork.ca)

The Halton Parenting Directory is issued twice annually in January and September.

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