

# Acton not in GO's plans

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Transportation Minister William Wrye that the Province had no intentions of expanding GO Train services, Finance Minister Bob Nixon announced in May that expansions are in the budget for this year.

That effectively rendered the CCR proposal "dead in the water", because there is not enough demand to warrant two separate commuter systems, Pagnuelo said.

The GO expansions include service to Guelph (with a stop in Georgetown), Barrie and Belleville.

Because of the surprise budget announcement, Pagnuelo met with Wrye on Wednesday (July 4) to discuss the intentions of the Province in regards to expanding GO service to outlying communities — communities that CCR intended bringing commuter service to.

"There was no guarantees of anything, but the minister indicated the Province will be conducting a corridor study for the Peterborough area, which should be finished by Christmas at the latest," Pagnuelo said.

He added that Acton, and most communities west of Leathertown, will not be included in the study.

"He spoke only about Guelph and Peterborough — Acton wasn't mentioned at all," he said. "The Province will be using our study as a basis, but their corridor study will be much more extensive."

The Province may be looking into the possibility of a regional TTC (Toronto Transit Commission) for the communities across the Greater Toronto Area, according to Pagnuelo, as well as other transit alternatives run by the government.

"Wrye indicated that he felt the Province could do a better job than the private sector could, and I got the sense that they want to be the principal players in this anyway," Pagnuelo said.

"Obviously we caught them asleep on a GO siding when everybody's commitment to the CCR alternative began to crystallize," Pagnuelo said. "I think there was some quick last minute scrambling to keep the Province in the engineer's seat."

# Power off for 12 hours

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Power was cut at first to about one third of the community -- about 1,000 customers -- until 10:30 p.m. Then power was restored in gradual stages when about 12 hours after the explosion, the neighborhoods east of Rexway Dr., and south of Guelph St were back on line.

Trudell supervised efforts at the 44,000-volt substation, where main equipment was replaced three years ago after lightning struck.

Halton Hills Hydro has a temporary station now on Armstrong Ave. to ease the load on Mountainview but Trudell said it would not be ready until August. He is asking residents to go easy on power on hot days.



Firefighters feed a hose into the Halton Hills Hydro substation on Mountainview South at Sinclair in Georgetown, where peak demand caused by Wednesday's 40-degree heat blew a transformer, shutting off power to a fifth of the community.

## GST ups prices in 1991

### Buy your clothes now warn local retailers

If you are intent on buying clothes, local retailers are urging you to do so before the end of this year, as the federal government's proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) will raise prices by 7 per cent on January 1.

Under the GST proposal, the hidden federal Manufacturers' Sales Tax of 13.5 per cent will be eliminated and replaced with the GST by next year.

Under the current system, most goods produced in Canada are subject to the manufacturers' tax, and then the provincial sales tax is added on top of that at the point of sale.

The catch is that clothing is not subject to the manufacturers' tax, therefore prices will not "fall" by 13.5 per cent, but will jump by the GST's 7 per cent.

"I think the public should be aware of this new tax — they should also be more cautious," said one local businessman, who asked not to be named. "The government is doing everyone a disservice by implying they are taking 13.5 per cent off everything — it just doesn't apply for a lot of things. Day to day, it's going to cost everyone at least 7 per cent more to live next year."

He noted that items like clothing should be purchased before the GST is implemented, but added other goods that are subject to the manufacturers' tax

should be bought next year once the prices drop.

"Consumers should be aware to buy some things now to save money, but other items should wait until next year," he said.

Supporters of the GST claim that consumers will be paying roughly the same amount of taxes next year that they are currently paying.

Some of the items that will not be taxed are basic groceries, most health and dental services, prescription drugs and medical devices, rent, municipal transit and legal aid.

However, most items such as houses, clothing, vehicles, gasoline and even a haircut, will be subject to the GST.

"It's certainly going to have an impact — not only on clothing, but other items as well," Steve Dawkins, president of the olde Hide House, said. "I certainly have mixed feelings on the tax, but I must be realistic. We have quite a deficit built up, which each and every Canadian is responsible for."

"I don't feel there is any attractive alternative to the GST. But, next year, we (retailers) are going to have to fight that much harder for the market share to remain competitive. It will be a matter of adapting to the situation and working that much harder."

# Toronto Symphony still considering Scotsdale Farm as summer home

Summer nights in Halton Hills may soon be filled with music if the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) decides to locate its summer operations here.

The TSO is considering 16 possible locations in Ontario, one of which is the Scotsdale Farm property near Ballinafad, to use as its permanent outdoor concert site for the summer seasons.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation currently owns the property, but the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) has an agreement to manage it for the next five years. If the TSO decide to locate to Scotsdale, it will be under a long-term leasing agreement.

According to TSO's Special Projects Manager Marion Hart, they are currently seeking proposals from consultants to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating a summer home for the orchestra.

"We don't know if we are going to have a summer home at this stage -- that's what the study is going to tell us," Hart said. "We are shortlisting consultants right now, and then we should have the study completed by the fall."

"It should tell us if it's economically viable, if there will be enough demand and that type of thing. After that is established, assuming the study indicates that we should have a home, the consultants will work with us to narrow down the possible areas. By next spring we should have the preferred location chosen."

Hart added the site will have a semi-enclosed stage and some covered seating, but most of the audience will be sitting out in the open.

Studies in the United States have shown that the majority of people

prefer not to go to indoor concerts, Hart noted, but rather show a large attendance for outdoor venues. That is why the TSO is considering a summer home for its organization.

"We do have concerts in July and they are well attended, but the figures are nowhere near our winter attendance," Hart said. "A summer home is really an outreach for us, and a way to develop our summer season."

According to CVCA Land Resources Manager Ken Owen, if the Scotsdale property turns out to be the chosen site, the concerts probably won't begin for quite some time. Before control of the

property can be transferred to the TSO, a lengthy process of planning and approvals must first be completed, he said.

"As a general concept, the (CVCA) Authority is very impressed with it, and it's going to change Scotsdale quite substantially," Owen said. "First thing, if Scotsdale is chosen, they (TSO) must come up with basic plans which will look at traffic, water supply, sewage — the nitty-gritty details on how the property can support the use. It will probably take some time, easily a couple of years, but it's hard to say exactly how long because it's not your average kind of proposal."



Halton Lung Association is holding summer camp for Halton Hills children with 22 enrolled in the present camp. Ranging in ages from four to 13 years, the children enjoy crafts, field trips and swimming at Dick Licata Pool in Georgetown every day at noon. Those taking a splash in the water included Chantel Garneau, 10, Nicole Keck, 9, Wendy Keck, 13, Rob Wright, 11, Denis Ouellett, 7, Jason Tawil, 11, instructor Heather Lefevre, Michaud Garneau and Erin McKinlay, both 4.

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## Something New for Summer

Our new menu is full of interesting creations made from fresh ingredients only available in summertime. Homemade pastas, fresh fish, gourmet chicken dishes, garden salads and fresh fruits and berries are just a few of our new lighter, summer dishes.

For lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch, celebrate summer with us.

Welcome to Acton

In 1850, George L. Beaulieu came to Acton after he soon became the major business in Acton. During the 1850's, the firm owned its landholdings and built a retaining complex which covered a large portion of the square feet of floor space. It was the largest stock warehouse at 40 acres.

**Reservations Recommended: 853-3440**

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| <p><b>Appetizers</b></p> <p><b>GARLIC BREAD</b><br/>Crispy French bread lightly sauced and broiled with a zesty cheese combination.<br/>With tomato sauce.<br/>Halton Hills</p> | <p><b>Appetizers</b></p> <p><b>BRETTED CAMBIBERT FRITTERS</b><br/>Over a paprika red currant sauce.</p> <p><b>BACON WRAPPED SCALLOPS</b><br/>Bait of French scallops wrapped with lean bacon, broiled and served with fresh lemon and cocktail sauce.</p> <p><b>Sautéed Gulf Shrimp</b><br/>With fresh thyme, garlic, tomatoes and cream.</p> | <p><b>Entree Suggestions</b></p> <p><b>CHICKEN STIR-FRY SHANGHAI</b><br/>Bonedless chicken strips with onion, garlic, ginger, rice wine, almonds, and oriental spices with fresh vegetables and rice.</p> <p><b>GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST MODENA</b><br/>Served with balsamic vinegar and sweet butter reduction.</p> <p><b>BLACKENED CHICKEN BREAST</b><br/>Bonedless chicken dredged with Cajun spices and drizzled with garlic and fresh chives.</p> | <p><b>Entree Suggestions</b></p> <p><b>GRILLED LAMB CHOPS</b><br/>With fresh apple, tarragon leaves and broiled lentils.</p> <p><b>PROVENCE FILET</b><br/>Pan-fried and served with sautéed pearl onions, mushrooms and potatoes of provence butter.</p> <p><b>BROILED RIBS</b><br/>With blackberry, lemon, and vegetable molasses.</p> | <p><b>SOUPS and Salads</b></p> <p><b>SOUP OF THE DAY</b><br/>Prepared daily.</p> <p><b>Beef</b></p> <p><b>GRILLED STEAK</b><br/>Served with fresh vegetables and french fries.</p> | <p><b>Gourmet Suggestions</b></p> <p><b>TURKEY</b><br/>Served with fresh vegetables and french fries.</p> <p><b>STEAK</b><br/>Served with fresh vegetables and french fries.</p> <p><b>GRILLED CHICKEN</b><br/>Served with fresh vegetables and french fries.</p> |
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