

GO cuts Acton service — expands Georgetown line

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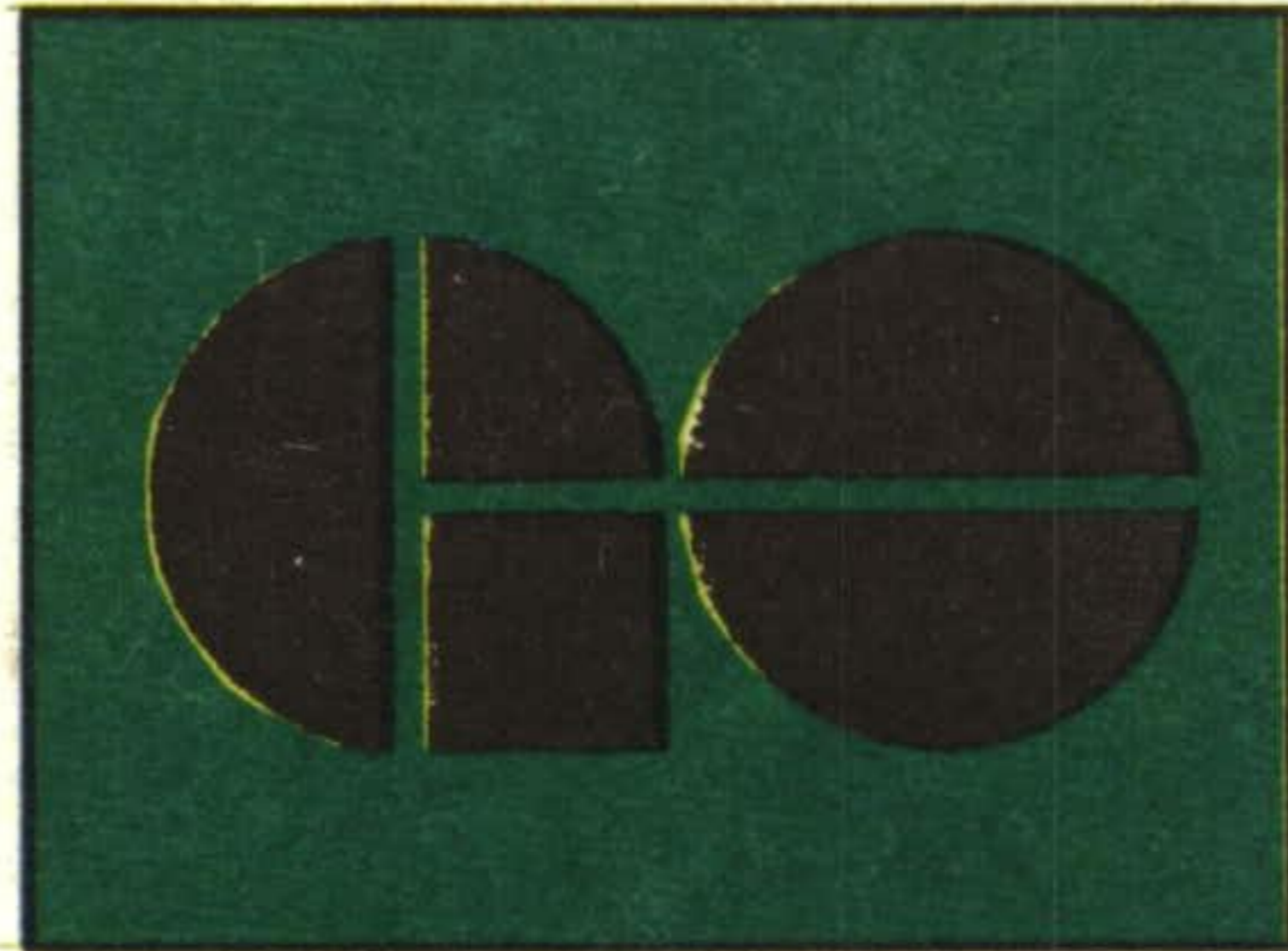
Only weeks after announcing the discontinuation of train service to Acton, GO Transit is giving CN Rail \$1.4 million for service expansions — but not for here.

Councillor Rick Bonnette calls the move mind boggling. He said he can't understand why the province is forcing GO Transit to cut back service by \$6.5 million at the same time it is funding \$1.4 million in service expansions.

"It's definitely kind of baffling. I know you have to have some kind of recession, but in the middle of a recession when they're cutting back, it makes you wonder what they're thinking," Bonnette said.

The GO Train will stop operating in Acton and Guelph on July 3, saving \$709,000 in annual operating costs. Bonnette notes that the \$1.4 million could have been used to continue operating the Acton/Guelph train for another two years.

But Tom Henry, GO Transit information manager, said that



operating expenses are viewed very differently from expansion expenses.

"There are two streams of funding. Capital and operating, and they don't cross," Henry explained. The \$1.4 million is going to CN's Transit Expansion Office. CN operates six of GO's seven rail lines, including the Georgetown line.

"The 10 years of capital expansion are still going ahead, but operating is being cut back," Henry explained. "Without reading the government's mind, capital funding results in jobs, and that's a top priority."

The money will be used to plan

an increase in service on the Georgetown line, but only as far as Bramalea, said Henry. An environmental assessment of the expansion is just being completed, and will be sent to the Ministry of Environment and Energy later this month.

There is a problem with expanding service any further west than Bramalea, because the track is single from Brampton west, Henry said. It would have to be changed to double or triple track in order to increase service "and that's an expensive proposition," he said.

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Food Share short

Acton Food Share is appealing to the people of Acton and community for all kinds of non perishable foods.

Food can be dropped off at Halton Credit Union, the Post Office, IGA, and Foodland or telephone 853-0457 and pick-up can be arranged. Acton Food Share is open Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursday 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Food Share encourages people to retrain, have a plot in the Community gardens and volunteer at Food Share and people are using these opportunities of self help, says director Joan Waldie.

However, the appeal for food is urgent, and Waldie requests everyone who can to donate.

Fox Run appeal

Georgetown's Terry Fox Run Committee is in the midst of preparing for the annual day that will take place across Canada on Sunday September 19.

The committee is appealing to the Georgetown business community for monetary or prize donations. Any donations are welcomed and all sponsors will be recognized at the run site.

For more information, please call Bruce Moncrieff at 877-9419.



Healthy — thanks to helmet!

Nine year old Heather Inglis (centre) fell off her bike recently, landing on her head. Luckily she was wearing a bike helmet which she got at a bike rodeo sponsored by the Glen Williams PTA. Heather points to the crack

in her old helmet. She and her mom Mickie Inglis (right) took the helmet back to Canadian Tire where store manager Tracey Craig (left) replaced it. For the full story see page 15. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Town to appeal decision

By LISA TALLYN
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The town will appeal a decision handed down by a justice last month awarding an 83-year-old Barrie woman \$52,000, which the town expected to receive.

Justice Donald McKenzie ruled in favor of Lucretia Rowe of Barrie, and awarded her the money which was paid by the town for a piece of property in a tax sale in 1991. The land is now part of Prospect Park in Acton. The money had been held by the courts since the sale.

Rowe is the great, great niece of Christopher Row, who bought the half-acre of land in Acton in 1851.

The town was about to receive the money it had paid for the property when Rowe launched a claim for it, after the deadline date of November 12, 1992.

The town's solicitor John Schaljo was surprised the judge awarded the money to Rowe, and said the town followed the rules as outlined in the Municipal Tax Sales Act. The town sent a registered letter to Christopher Row, prior to the tax sale, and even took an additional step and advertised that it was about to claim the money.

"I feel the judge's decision was not the correct one," said Schaljo. "The municipality should have been awarded the money based on the Municipal Tax Sales Act. For some reason the judge found reasons to avoid that statute."

Schaljo said in his judgment the judge agreed the town had followed the stipulations of the tax sales act.

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Goodyear at Classics Against Cancer

More than 250 vintage cars, and their proud owners, will converge upon Cedarvale Park today (Sunday) for the 6th Annual Classics Against Cancer.

The event, to run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a big fund raiser for the Georgetown Unit of the Canadian

Cancer Society. Last year \$17,000 was raised bringing the total to about \$67,000 since the first event in 1988.

Cars on display will include a 1929 Duesenberg, valued at more than \$50,000, a 1926 Packard Runabout, a 1932 Alfa Romeo 6C-

1750 Zagato Bodied Roadster, a Jaguar Mk VII, a 1960 Maserati Ghibli and a 1974 Ferrari Daytona.

This year IndyCar racer Scott Goodyear, and his IndyCar will be at the show. Goodyear will be at the Valvoline Canada Ltd. display signing autographs from noon to 2 p.m.

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