

Freight stalls GO Train

For the second time in six weeks, travel plans for some GO Train passengers were delayed when they were forced off a train at the Acton station early Friday morning due to a disabled freight train on the tracks.

Some 150 GO Train passengers on the two morning trains were transferred to busses in Acton after a CN freight train blocked the tracks between Acton and Georgetown.

Commuters waiting at the new Acton station to

get on the 6:30 a.m. train were not allowed to board, and they, and approximately 70 passengers already on the train were transferred onto GO busses and driven to the Georgetown station to catch the 7:06 a.m. GO Train. It made all

stops along the way and arrived at Union Station 13 minutes late.

Passengers on the second train that stops in Acton at 7:36 a.m. were also bussed to Georgetown to board the 8:03a.m. train, which arrived at Union on time. "We knew (the track) would be blocked for

quite some time so we activated our service recovery plan," said GO spokesman Melon Edwards on Monday, adding he had no details about the issue with the disabled freight train and had no knowledge of any passengers making complaints or asking to be reimbursed.

On January 11, 320 GO

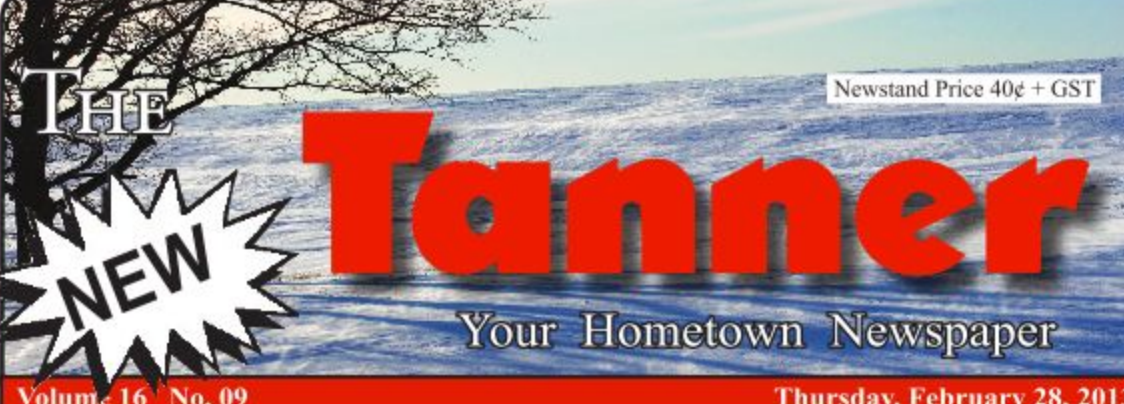
Train passengers were stranded in Acton for almost two hours as GO officials scrambled to get buses to continue their westbound trip after a freight train was stalled on the tracks west of Acton because they crew had worked the allowable number of hours and had to be replaced.

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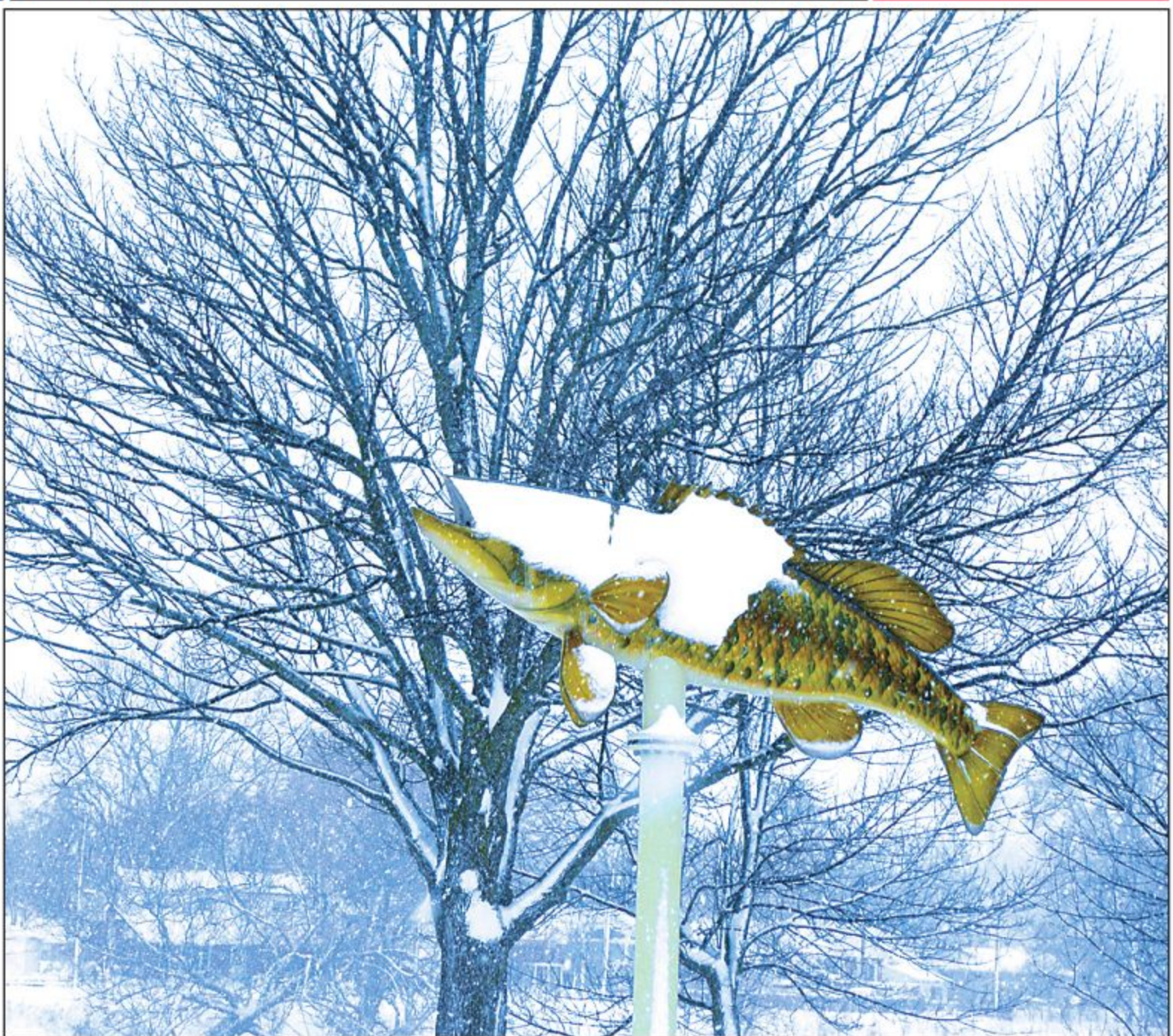
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Weather suspends waste collection

For the second time in two weeks Mother Nature messed with Halton's waste management system – this time in rural and urban Acton when an overnight snow dump suspended Wednesday's scheduled Blue Box/GreenCart collection.

David Mills, Halton's Manager of Waste Planning and Collection said when a contractor's waste truck got stuck on the Fourth Line, north of Highway 7, about 8:30 Wednesday morning, they determined it was an "unsafe environment" and suspended service.

Officials really want people to take their Blue Boxes and GreenCarts back to their garages – out of the way of snow ploughs – until 7 a.m. Saturday for the special pickup. Because Halton's waste collection contract is based on a per-tonne rate, the weather-related suspension will cost Halton nothing.



FROZEN FILET: Following Tuesday night's storm, the main attraction at the Superior Glove splash pad in Prospect Park was partially blanketed with snow with only distant, fading memories of happy squealing kids. – Frances Learment photo

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