

GO Train's return lauded in Acton

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He said the other issue was making parking arrangements for riders with neighbouring property owners. McCuaig said there is currently parking for 50 cars, and Metrolinx has plans to expand another 60 parking spots to handle the needs of riders.

McCuaig said the four trains (two in the morning, two in the afternoon) will be the only trains running at this point in time, as the number of trains are limited by the single tracks between Acton and Guelph. In addition, there is limited storage for trains in Kitchen.

McCuaig said he'd like to see 50-100 riders taking the train to and from work from the Acton station.

"Having a ridership of 50-100 people each day would certainly meet our expectations," said McCuaig. "I would invite as many Acton residents to try the train and see what we have to offer. You can do things on the train that you can't do while driving— read a book, work on a project, or just relax. You also don't have the trouble of parking your car in downtown Toronto."

As the first train arrived, one resident came out to see the first train, not to take a ride, but to reminisce about 19 years ago.

Jean Claude Marcoux worked on the last GO train to leave the Acton station in June 1993.

"I worked with (fellow GO employee) Charlie Perry, and we were the last ones here when the service was shut down," said Marcoux. "It's sure nice to see it back— I hope lots of Acton people take advantage of it."

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott and Halton Hills

Mayor Rick Bonnette also boarded the train. Arnott took it to Toronto for his work day at Queen's Park while Bonnette rode the train to the Georgetown station.

"Today is a great day for Acton and I want to congratulate the entire community," said Arnott, who recognized the important role played by all levels of government in moving the project forward.

"The Mayor and Town of Halton Hills Council and staff have worked hard on this project and they deserve a lot of credit," said Arnott.

"Regional Chair Gary Carr, Halton Regional Council, our federal MP Michael Chong, and community organizations have also been very supportive."



Jean Claude Marcoux of Acton checks the time of the incoming train. Marcoux was one of the last local GO employees when the last GO train was operating in Acton, so he was excited to see its return.

Photo by Ted Brown

Man charged after woman attacked

A 19-year-old Georgetown man is in custody and faces charges after a woman fought off an attacker in her home early Friday morning.

At 2:40 a.m., Halton Police say a woman was walking home when she saw a man riding a bike nearby. A short time later, the woman alleges an intruder tried to sexually assault her.

Halton Police say the victim fought back and screamed, causing the man to flee.

Uniform officers were on the scene

quickly and arrested a suspect a short distance from the woman's home.

Charged with break and enter and sexual assault is Nicholas Rivard of Georgetown.

Anyone with information that would further assist investigators is asked to contact the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit at 905-465-8970.

Residents are encouraged visit www.haltonpolice.ca where tips related to personal safety can be found under the 'Community Policing' tab.



Jessica Bergie of Acton is delighted the GO Train is now stopping in Acton. For the past year she has been driving to the Georgetown or Milton stations, now she's a 10-minute walk away from the train.

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