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## Rail crossings in horrible disrepair, says mayor

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Mayor Rick Bonnette is frustrated about the state of Halton Hills' rail lines that cross over roads in Acton and Georgetown, saying they're not just bad, they're downright dangerous.

Cyclists may be finding it difficult to cross over the train tracks in both Georgetown and Acton, which staff and council say are in dire need of fixing.

"You've got people on bicycles, you've got people on motorcycles and it is a risk," said Bonnette, explaining that the rail crossing on Acton's main street was supposed to be fixed months ago.

"They didn't finish the job," said the mayor, talking about the rail company Goderich Exeter, who is responsible for maintenance. "The tracks have not gotten any better in seven months."

Chris Mills, commissioner of transportation and public works said that Metrolinx will be assuming responsibility for maintaining the crossings in coming months, and communication has been difficult with Goderich Exeter to in advance of the changeover.

"It is terrible," said Coun. Mike Albano,



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Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette is fed up with the disrepair of railroad crossings in both Acton and Georgetown, saying they pose a danger to traffic passing over.

who represents Acton. "We're trying very hard to make the downtown viable again."

He said that the state of the tracks over the highway discourages cyclists and motorcyclists.

In Georgetown, CN Rail is responsible for the crossing on Trafalgar Road.

Bonnette asked Coun. Clark Somerville to lobby CN Rail for repairs while he is at a Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Halifax this week.

"I would appreciate the delegation raising the concerns," said Bonnette.

