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All-day, two-way GO service coming to Georgetown is welcome news for commuters like Theresa Heese.

## TOWN ON TRACK FOR ALL-DAY GO SERVICE

### TRAIN LINE EXPANSION EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY 2024

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Local residents are on track for all-day GO Train service.

The release of the 2021 provincial budget included funding for the expansion of the Kitchener GO Line, which would bring all-day, two-way train service through Halton Hills.

"I can recall, back in 2019, when a council delegation from Metrolinx told us that this was going to happen by 2024," said

Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Well I am very pleased to see that this timeline is being kept."

Bonnette noted the council and mayors along the GO line have advocated for the expansion for seven years.

The next step, according to the provincial budget, is investing in infrastructure to enable

the expansion of the line between Georgetown and Kitchener, including additional tracks and new platforms.

Construction is expected to begin this fall, with procurement of subsequent phases to take place between 2021 and 2023.

See EXPANSION, page 5

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### FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS?

Powerful Ontario developers stand to cash in if Highway 413 is built. An inside look at their connections to the Ford government.



### DID NURSES PENSION CHANGE LEAVE HOSPITALS UNDERSTAFFED?

In December, ICU nurse Jennifer Booth put out an SOS, searching for nurses after several resignations in her unit. Did recent changes to nursing pensions leave some Ontario hospital units understaffed during COVID's second wave?



### HALTON CRIME SEES SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AMIDST PANDEMIC

As with just about every other key aspect of life, COVID-19 has had a major influence on local crime. Here's a look at those changes.



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