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GO Transit plans include new Georgetown station

By Dianne Cornish

As part of long-range plans to provide full service to Georgetown, GO Transit plans to relocate its Georgetown station and layover facility behind the Leferink Transfer Station, north of Armstrong Avenue. However, the 138-year-old building, which houses GO Transit and VIA Rail, won't

be abandoned when GO relocates sometime after the Year 2011, consulting engineer James Dowell said Thursday in a telephone interview.

"When GO Transit leaves that location, it'll revert to use by VIA Rail," Dowell said.

Concerns about the future use of the historic building, which incorporates the last surviving station constructed by famed Canadian railway builder Sir Casimir Gzowski for the Grand Trunk Railway, were voiced at a committee meeting of town council, Monday night. Councillor Kathy Gastle asked GO Transit engineer Terry Mitchell if the "historically-significant" building will be used after the new GO station is built. Mitchell replied that GO won't be using the station after relocation. He offered no further explanation about its future use.

north of Norval. Another track is needed to "improve reliability" of the service and remove "bottle-necks," Dowell explained.

The estimated cost of this and other proposed improvements to the system is \$190 million.

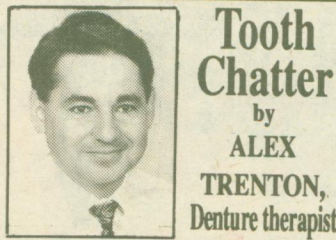
After 2011, it'll be determined whether the entire Georgetown Corridor will have full service, which would mean trains every 15 minutes during rush hour and every hour during off-peak periods. The costs for this additional expansion are estimated at \$55 million.

When full service is implemented in Georgetown, there'll be a need for relocating the GO station, Dowell said. The layover facility, which is used to store trains overnight, will also be relocated.

Overnight storage is available at the Georgetown GO station but is located on the north side of the tracks. CN Rail has told GO that the layover facility must be located on the south side of the corridor when full service is put into effect. As a result, GO's long-term plans include relocating the station and layover facility in the Leferink plant area.

Dowell said VIA Rail-CN Rail owns the current station. If GO leaves that location after 2011, "I see that operating as a VIA Rail station," he said.

The need for GO Transit service expansion in the Georgetown Corridor will be assessed through the EA study. Georgetown and Acton area residents will have an opportunity to examine and comment on proposed changes to the service at a public information centre at Sacre Coeur Hall, Georgetown, Feb. 16 from 5 to 9 p.m.



Tooth Chatter
by
ALEX TRENTON,
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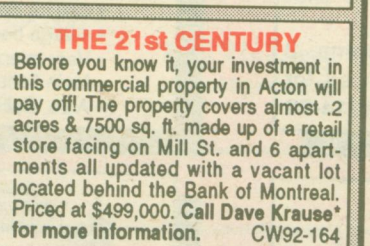


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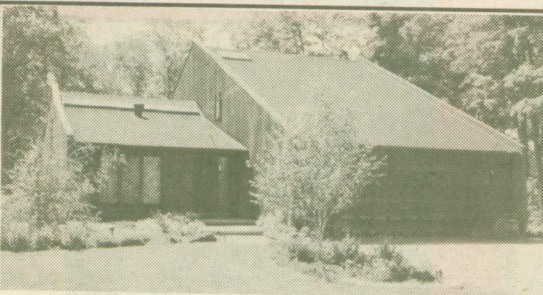
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