



**DEDICATED DONOR:** Acton's Kent Freeland made a milestone blood donation - his 100th - at the Acton clinic last Thursday. Cheering him on were daughter Kendra (left), blood clinic volunteer Alana McCoig and area co-ordinator Cheryl Besner. - Frances Niblock photo

## Acton's Kent Freeland makes his 100th blood donation at clinic

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When it comes to donating blood, civic duty has taken the place of sibling rivalry for Acton's Kent Freeland.

Freeland, 43, made his 100th blood donation at a Canadian Blood Services clinic in Acton last week, and while his early donations were fueled by a desire to give blood more often than his three siblings, his desire to give the gift of life keeps him coming back.

"Now I can thumb my nose at my older siblings," Freeland laughed as he prepared to make his 100th donation.

"It (giving blood) was a big deal when I was in high school in the early 1970s - one of the joys was seeing if the big football players were going to faint."

Freeland continued to give blood as often as he could as his job took him across Canada. His numbers jumped considerably while he lived out west and donated just red

blood cells, allowing him to donate more frequently than for whole blood.

"It takes longer to go through the process of donating red blood cells, but you can donate more frequently and that's when (the number of) my donations really jumped," Freeland said.

Blood clinic officials were surprised to see such a young donor hit the 100 mark - most are much older.

"It's fabulous to see someone like Kent Freeland with that kind of faithful commitment - he's young and hopefully will continue giving blood. He really is a dedicated donor," said Acton clinic co-ordinator Julia Roehrig.

Freeland said his early motivation to give blood stemmed from a blood transfusion that saved the life of his best childhood friend. The story of that transfusion stayed with him and he felt it was his civic duty to donate blood when he was a teen.

"It doesn't hurt - it doesn't cost me and I can make a difference - it's that

simple," Freeland said when asked why he continues to donate.

"I have confidence in the blood system and I know that if I need blood it will be there," Freeland said, predicting he'll continue to donate blood until he's 70, the mandatory cut-off age.

Clinic officials were pleased with the turnout at last Thursday's clinic. Seventy-four people attended the clinic and 69 units of blood were collected, four more than projected. The next Acton clinic is December 14.

### POLICE BEAT

#### Theft from cars

Two dollars in American coins were stolen from a car parked at a Tidey Avenue house between 11:30 last Sunday night and 10 the next morning. Police report the money was taken from a 1997 Ford left unlocked in the driveway.

## Acton GO Train service in the long range plan

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It could take millions of dollars and the better part of a decade before commuters will be able to board a GO Train again in Acton, but the feasibility of extending service to Acton, is on the books.

In October 1990, GO Transit extended service to include an eastbound and westbound weekday train from Guelph with a stop in Acton. That service was cancelled - the last train ran July 2, 1993 - following the defeat of the NDP government at Queen's Park. Currently, Acton is served by GO Bus service to Union Station and Yorkdale/ York Mills with GO Rail service connections at Georgetown.

Currently the future rail corridor from Georgetown to Acton is just a dotted line in GO Transit's *Route Map to the Future*. GO's response to the Greater Toronto Area Services Board (GSTB) draft strategic transportation plan.

While the report says extending service to Acton with a limited number of peak period trains would cost \$10 million dollars, it also says extension of the service beyond Georgetown is not recommended until there is sufficient capacity to accommodate forecast ridership between Georgetown and Toronto.

"Our trains are already full at some points on the Georgetown line and if you extend

the service out further, you just fill the train further out and you're just serving what we're currently serving right now," GO Transit spokesman Dan Francey said recently, adding any service improvements to Acton are "long, long term," beyond GO's 2021 plan.

The GTSB transportation report stresses that service extensions and service on new corridors are secondary needs and while they have merit, entering new markets isn't recommended as long as there aren't enough resources to serve existing proven markets.

The total cost to make necessary improvement to increase capacity on the Georgetown rail corridor are \$250 million, with the first step a

\$35 million investment to allow two additional peak period trains to meet the most urgent growth demands.

In response to a GTSB review of GTA-wide challenges, Halton Hills Town administrator Steve Andrews said transportation - public transit and policies for inter-municipal and inter-regional transportation - is possibly the most significant issue and challenge in the GTA.

Andrews said the challenge goes beyond just public transit and should include major road and highway networks.

"Any future GSTB role should be focused on a GTA-wide transportation strategy in order to aggressively implement solutions and find necessary funding."



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On Monday, October 23rd, 2000 the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to enact a by-law authorizing the temporary closure of various roads within the municipality for the purpose of the following community events:


### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO EVENTS

#### Remembrance Day Ceremonies

- A. **Glen Williams**  
Sunday, November 5, 2000  
From 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.  
From Glen Williams School, West on Main Street to Confederation Street, to the Cenotaph and return: same route.
- B. **Georgetown**  
Sunday, November 5, 2000  
From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
From Market Street to Church Street, to Main Street, to James Street, to Cenotaph - return: Charles St. to Mill St. to Market St.
- Georgetown**  
Saturday November 11, 2000  
From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
From Market to Mill Street to Charles St. to James St. to Cenotaph - return: same route.
- C. **Acton**  
Saturday November 11, 2000  
From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
From Alice St. to Bower St. to Frederick St. to Mill, to Cenotaph, to John St.

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~ 7pm to 8.30pm ~

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