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WEDNESDAY...

Look for a profile of Dr. Alex Ashenshurst who recently retired after serving Halton Hills for more than 40 years.

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A Canadian National police officer walks away from the engine of a CN freight train early Thursday morning after a 19-year-old woman was struck by the train on the CN tracks east of the GO station. The tracks were closed for approximately four hours while police investigated. No foul play was suspected. Buses were used to shuttle passengers from Georgetown to Brampton. Photo by Ted Brown

Woman, 19, killed after being hit by train

LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Georgetown woman is dead after being struck by a freight train on the CN tracks east of the GO station early Thursday morning.

The woman, whose name was not released by police at press time, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Halton Police say the accident occurred shortly after 6:15 a.m. and as a result of the investigation the tracks were closed in that area for approximately four hours interrupting GO train service from Georgetown that morning.

At press time police said the incident was still under investigation but foul play was not suspected.

There were no reports of injuries to the train's crew.

Thursday morning buses were used to shuttle passengers from Georgetown to Brampton while emergency crews responded to the collision.

However, GO Transit said the line was cleared later in the morning, and expected to operate as usual for the afternoon rush hour.

However, the transit operator also said heavy snow was delaying some buses by up to 50 minutes.

Thursday's interruption in train service was the second problem Georgetown GO train commuters had to contend with in recent weeks.

On Jan. 30 hundreds of homebound commuters were delayed for as long as three hours after a GO train struck a 45-gallon drum filled with ice, water and debris on the Georgetown GO line.

Cultural Centre may get facelift at same time as library expansion

CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

Improvements to the Halton Hills Cultural Centre may occur at the same time the Georgetown branch library is expanded it was revealed recently.

In an in camera session last December, council gave Recreation and Parks Director Terry Alyman the go-ahead—and \$20,000—to conduct a “visioning” exercise to determine how the John Elliott Theatre and Gallery, could be updated at the same time as the library expansion. The amenities are located in the same Church St. building as the library.

The council decision was contained in the minutes of the library board meeting released this week.

The visioning had the library's architect, Chamberlain Architect Services, leading a discussion with potential donors, stakeholders and arts

groups on suggested enhancements. Then the firm will prepare conceptual drawings on how these improvements could be married into designs for the expanded library. For example, locating a multi-purpose space in the newly-designed library near the theatre for shared use.

“But they are not going to compromise the program they have with the library,” said Alyman, explaining that the library's needs comes first.

“A number of areas at the Cultural Centre will be impacted regardless of what happens, when you're looking at that size of an addition,” added Alyman in an interview Monday, pointing to the lobby, main entrance and washrooms. “It will change the whole dynamics of the facility. So separate and apart from what the library is doing, we should look at what opportunities might exist to capitalize on some of the work that might be happening with the

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