



CN Rail crews worked throughout the day and night Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday) to reopen the CN line after 20 cars derailed early Wednesday near 10th Line in Georgetown after a coupler broke off between two cars. No one was injured in the crash in which the Halton Hills fire department's hazardous materials team responded and quickly determined none of the cars posed a health risk.

Photo courtesy Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services

## After 20-car derailment Wednesday CN line back in operation

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CN crews used heavy equipment throughout the day Wednesday to clear the tracks in the 10th Line area, west of Winston Churchill Blvd., after a freight train derailed earlier that morning.

Frank Binder, regional manager of CN Public Affairs, said the apparent cause of the accident was the mechanical failure of a rail car coupler—the mechanism used for connecting railway cars in a train.

The derailment is still under investigation

by the Transportation Safety Board.

The derailment of 20 cars on the westbound CN train at about 2:10 a.m. closed the CN line in the 10th Line area and left both GO and VIA Rail train passengers scrambling for other methods to get to work Wednesday.

Yesterday (Thursday) commuters experienced delays of about 10-15 minutes due to restricted speeds through the derailment site.

Binder said there were no injuries and no one was evacuated from the area. There were no spills, or environmental issues resulting from the incident and no crossings were blocked.

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