

Go Train closer to reality

By Frances Niblock

GO Transit has a green light to proceed with its long-range growth plans that includes extended train service to Guelph and Kitchener and a possible resumption of GO Trains service to Acton - depending on government funding.

The Environment Minister has given approval in principle to GO's long-range plans that include track improvements over the Credit River and extension of GO Train service on the Georgetown Line to Kitchener-Waterloo.

Acton commuters enjoyed GO Train service in the early 1990s, but it was cancelled in 1992 by the Bob Rae NDP government because of low ridership. GO's strategic

plan calls for extension of peak-period trains on the half-hour on the Georgetown line to Guelph during the next decade.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said the environment study estimated passenger volumes between 2,300 and 5,000 by 2011.

"If the government funding is made available it could mean service by 2011 with four trains running in each direction," Bonnette said on Friday, adding it would be a major commitment.

"The Town of Acton has every right for train service, (just) as anybody else. I hope that there is money for it - I think that it's needed as the price of fuel increases and people want to get out of their cars," Bonnette said.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Gabriela Leadbeater, 2, enjoyed her day out at the Acton Band Hall for an early Family Day on Saturday. Kids aged newborn to six-years-old were invited to spend time together and have fun.

- Nancy McLelland photo



Halton celebrates Heritage Day

The Halton Region Museum is celebrating Heritage Day with an open house on Sunday, February 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. This year, visitors will be treated to two very special events: All Things Ford - the story from the people who worked at the Oakville Plant, and Telling Stories - an inspiring collection of sculptures by local artist Nancy Cuttle.

"I invite everyone to visit the Halton Region Museum on Heritage Day," said Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair. "Whether you are a former employee of the Ford Oakville Assembly Plant, still work at Ford or are just interested in learning more about an important player in Halton's heritage, the All Things Ford event promises a fascinating inside glimpse into Ford's past."

From 2 to 4 p.m., All Things Ford will provide visitors with a chance to hear employees talk about what

it was like to work at the plant from the early 60s right up to today. Former historical consultant for Ford Oakville, Sandy Notarianni, will provide an overview of the history of the Company. "You can bring your own stories and join in the fun of recalling some of those great moments in Ford history," said Nancy Field, Halton's Manager of Heritage Services. "Then gather in the Visitor Centre at 4 p.m. for the opening of Nancy Cuttle's exhibition 'Telling Stories.'"

Nancy Cuttle has been communicating through her works of art, including painting, drawing and sculpting for almost three decades. She has won numerous awards in premier juried exhibitions in the Greater Toronto Area.

Following the Opening, meet the artist and enjoy a reception in the HaltonArt Gallery.



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Fire Report

Silo blaze
Investigators are still trying to determine what caused an explosion and fire in a corn silo at

Anthony Acres farm in Limehouse last Thursday night. Police said owner Fred Anthony heard a loud

bag at approximately 9:30 p.m., and then saw flames coming from the top of a silo used to dry corn. The cone-shaped roof collapsed inside the galvanized steel silo at the Fifth Line farm, south of Highway 7.

Firefighters emptied the silo, which continued to smolder for several days. No damage estimate has been released by fire officials said it would be a "serious loss."

There were no injuries, and at the height of the blaze there was a pumper, airtel truck, three tankers and a rehab trailer at the scene.

Power outage

Approximately 2,558 Halton Hills Hydro customers were in the dark for up to 30 minutes on Saturday afternoon after a insulator on a hydro line failed and tripped the feeder, cutting power to one-tenth of Hydro's customers.

Crews quickly repaired the equipment on a pole at Main and Mill Streets.

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY MARCH 15 to 19 - 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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