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At left, Milton firefighter Kevin Von Cube gets a hand hauling a hose to a Campbellville grass fire by Glen Gate Farms manager Doug Nash. Above, motorists on the eastbound Hwy. 401 at Guelph Line get out of their cars as the highway was closed due to the grass fires.

Fires delay GO train service

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"As far as I'm aware, there were no significant losses," Chief Brassard said.

By about 4:30 p.m., the Milton Fire Department was on its own once more, extinguishing a few stubborn spots.

Grass fires are fairly common in the summer months — although this one was of a much larger magnitude than most — but they're never taken lightly, Chief Brassard said.

"As dry as it's been, the worry is the fires will get into wooded areas," he said, explaining once that happens, it can take two, three or even four days to extinguish. "Thankfully that didn't happen."

In the end, it was the hard work of

dozens of firefighters that was to thank for the fires being put out, Chief Brassard said.

"They've done a great job, as always."

GO train riders experienced delays, since the train from Toronto's Union Station to Milton went only as far as the Meadowvale station in Mississauga, GO Transit reported on its Web site. Milton passengers were then taken the rest of the way via GO buses.

Peter Gregg, vice-president of corporate communications at Hydro One, said the company kept a close eye on the fire as it approached Campbellville, but no problems transpired.

"We monitored it as it rolled underneath our lines, but there were no prob-

lems," Mr. Gregg said.

Ironically, power outages experienced in some areas of town — including in the Childs Drive area and in the vicinity of Mohawk Raceway — were due not to the fires, but lightning that accompanied a heavy rain late in the afternoon.

Richard Murray, vice-president of operations for Milton Hydro, said power was out for about a half hour for some residents of Childs Drive. The outages came as a result of lightning striking power lines.

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Milton Fire Captain Gord Hurley sprays water on District Chief Ron Townsend after already cooling down firefighter Brent Hurley. The stifling heat was a factor in fighting the grass fires, which sent one firefighter to hospital with heat exhaustion.



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