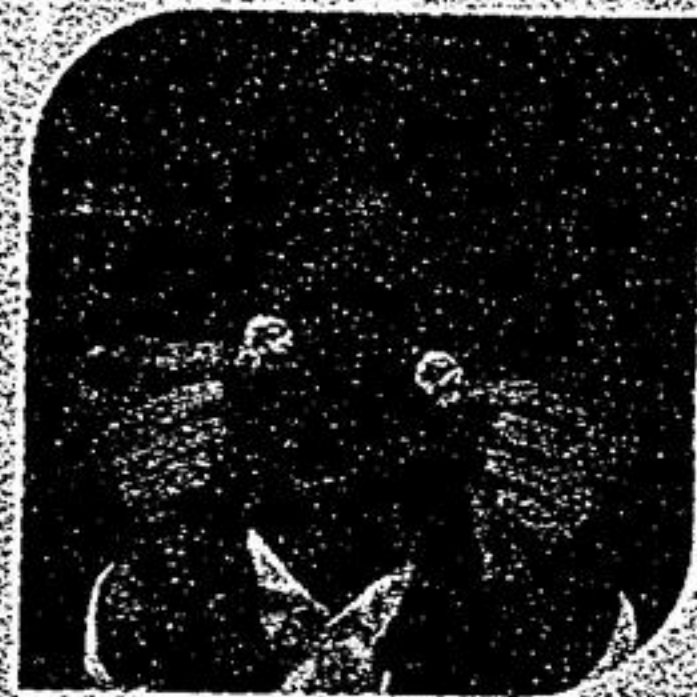


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YRT makes it easy to connect to GO.



50¢ Ride to GO fare keeps riders smiling.

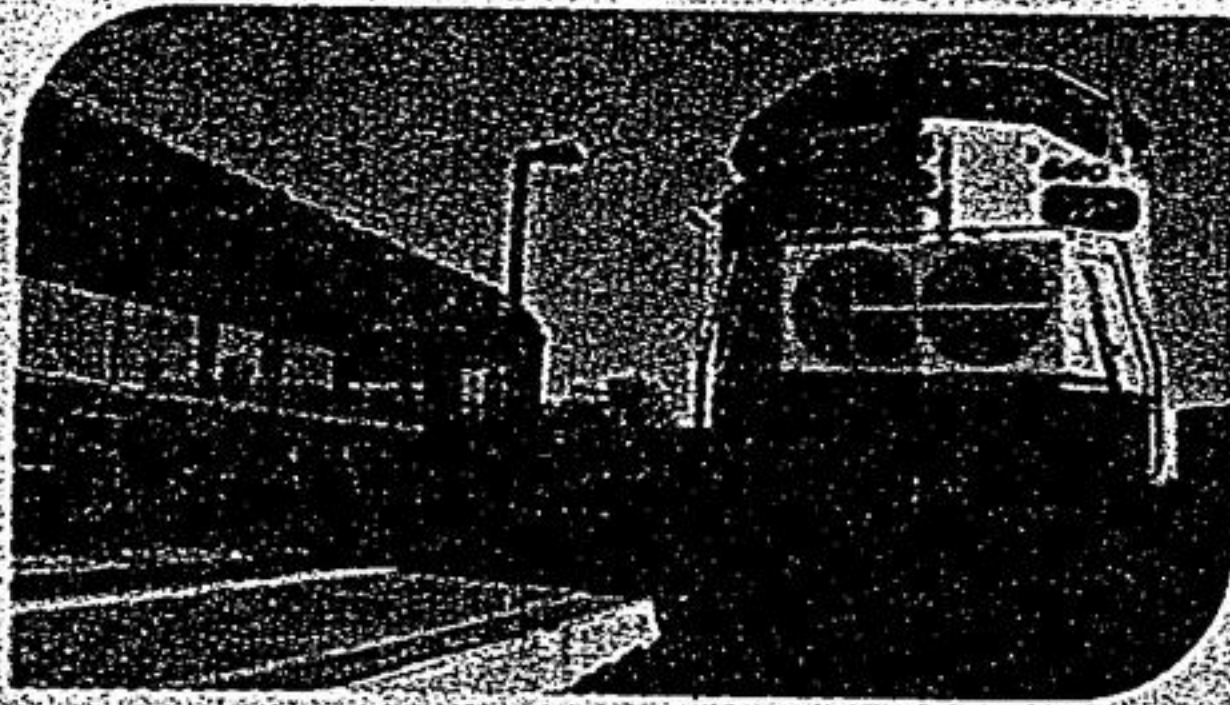
York Region Transit and Viva provide commuters a relaxing alternative to driving to their GO Train stations. The service is called 50¢ to GO and it lets commuters ride Viva or YRT buses to GO Train stations for only 50¢.

For commuters, this is an especially convenient transit service as it takes away the frustrations of dealing with rush-hour traffic and finding reasonably priced downtown parking. Instead, riders can catch up on sleep, work or even a crossword puzzle.

The program isn't just convenient and stress-free, it's affordable. For just 50¢, YRT buses and Viva rapid transit vehicles (RTVs) offer riders a choice of several routes servicing 13 GO Train stations. Riders can also opt to travel on YRT's special GO shuttles. Custom-designed around GO Train schedules, these shuttle buses make connecting to GO effortless. YRT shuttles arrive at GO Train stations

early and wait for commuters on arriving GO Trains.

Buying a Ride to GO fare is simplicity itself. Fares can be paid by dropping in correct change upon entering a YRT bus. Commuters can also buy Ride to GO fares (which are valid on both YRT and Viva) from oneRide and multiRide fare machines. For more details visit yrt.ca.



RIDE OR DRIVE? DO THE MATH.

So how much money can you save by taking transit? Consider these facts: On average, just the cost of gas, maintenance and parking downtown works out to \$1,000 per month. Comparatively, commuters using the 50¢ Ride to GO fare, can get to work and back on GO Transit and YRT or Viva, for about \$180 per month. That's one-fifth the cost. What would you rather do?

¹You must have a valid GO Transit ticket or pass on hand to ride for 50 cents.

²Based on driving 80 kilometres per day, 20 round trips per month, at an average of 48¢ per kilometre and downtown parking at an average of \$12 per day over a 20 day period.

³Based on the purchase of a \$160 GO Transit monthly pass, and the use of 50¢ to GO round trip fares over a 20 day period.



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Next in our series of updates: how tickets that are valid for two hours set you free to do more.

Novice AE2 Waxers ice OMHA title

SPORTS DIGEST

The Markham novice AE2 Waxers laid claim to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association title by capturing the first-to-six-point series over Caledon last week with a dramatic 4-3 overtime road win. Brendan Browne scored the game-winning marker at the 6:17 mark of the first extra 10-minute session that enabled the Waxers to win the series in five games.

Dean Rayner and Jordan Sambrook assisted.

Anthony Di Rito, Cameron Searles and Jonathan Ang scored the other goals for the Waxers, who trailed 3-2 entering the third period.

With the series knotted at three points apiece through the first three contests, the Waxers gained the upper hand March 22 with a 3-1 victory.

Rayner, Joseph Mizzi and Ang each scored once for the Waxers and set the stage for last Friday's finale.

Coached by Terry Browne, George Jupp, Keith Nakamichi and George Georgiou, other team members included Michael Georgiou, Michael Popalis, Emil Pasini, Cristian Giorgio, Kent Nakamichi, Michael Plante, Joshua Urquhart, Christopher Christidis and Giancarlo Da-Ré.

The Waxers had a 28-0 mark during the regular season.

Stouffville peewees win Little NHL tournament

The Stouffville peewee A Clippers captured their third tournament title of the season by defeating Mooretown 4-1 in the final of the 32nd annual Little NHL Tournament in Welland.

Exhibiting some rust after a three-week layoff following their Ontario Minor Hockey Association quarter-final playdown loss to TNT, the Clippers defeated London SSE 3-2, Lincoln 8-7 and Burlington 2-1.

Returning to form in time for the championship round, the Clippers defeated Wheatfield (New York) 4-1 and

Thorold 6-1 to set the stage for a showdown with Mooretown, the only other undefeated team among the 16 entries.

David Beloff tied for the scoring lead with eight goals and five assists. Josh Machesney, Curtis Crago and Brett Hembruff also placed among the tournament point leaders.

Player-of-the-game honours went to Joseph Palladino, Lindsay Burrows, Daniel McMahon, Vanessa Spataro, Crago and Beloff.

Also making some major contributions were: Robbie Acton, Connor Cadaret, Dalton Mayo, Michael Bourgeois and Chris Smith.

The netminding tandem of Gabe Grunwald and Kyle Pontone posted a tournament-leading 2.16 goals against average for the Clippers.

Sharks devour Stars

The Stouffville Markham peewee B Stars were eliminated from the North Toronto Girls Hockey League playoff series thanks to a 2-1 loss to the Barrie Sharks last Saturday. Lisa King scored the lone goal for the Stars.

The Stars will play in the provincial championships next weekend.

Bantams cage T.O. title

The Markham Unionville Minor Basketball Association bantam girls held court at the Toronto Lords' tournament last weekend by winning the title with 44-17 victory over the host Lords.

Sarah Irvine was high scorer for MUMBA with 12 points.

In reaching the final, the Lords defeated the York South Silver Knights 57-49 and East Toronto 44-22.

Brittany McKay was high scorer for MUMBA against the Silver Knights with 18 points while Bhavika Chauhan had nine in the win over East Toronto.

—Mike Hayakawa

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