

Project could mean faster commute for your GO train

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If you are a commuter who takes the GO Train from Markham into the city, your commute will get easier in the near future.

At least that is the plan for a new project in Markham that will stop CN Rail cars from intersecting with GO Trains.

Dignitaries including Federal Transportation Minister Lawrence

Cannon were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony to start building an underpass to stop CN rail lines from intersecting with GO Trains.

The \$47-million project is

expected to be completed by the end of 2007.

"The improvement will mean better travel times and possibly more trains on the track in the future," Vase Papadopoulos

spokesperson for GO Transit said.

The project entails building an underpass to avoid trains intersecting between the Milliken and Unionville GO Stations.

The underpass will eliminate GO Transit's Stouffville corridor from crossing a major east-west freight line owned and operated by Canadian National Railway.

In February York Region started construction on GO Transit's Bradford corridor line.

In Vaughan, between the York University and Rutherford GO Stations an overpass is also being built to separate two intersecting rail lines.

Like the project in Stouffville, this \$23 million project will stop GO Transit's Bradford corridor from crossing another east-west freight line run by CN Railway.

The Vaughan project is also expected to be completed by 2007.

feel free to do more.

Pathways hosts wine reception

Taste some fine wines and help a great cause.

Pathways for Children, Youth and Families, a charitable organization serving at-risk youth and young families in York Region, will hold its fifth annual Pathways to Wine June 8.

This is Pathways' major annual fundraising event consisting of international wine tasting and a silent auction.

This fundraiser is essential to the organization, according to Jim Thomson, executive director of Pathways.

While the cost of providing services continues to rise, Pathways' government funding remains the same, he said.

"They (our clients) are already vulnerable. The last thing we need to do is to slap on a user fee."

This year's goal is to raise \$30,000, Mr. Thomson said.

The cost to attend Pathways to Wine is \$50 per ticket, all-inclusive. For more information, contact Pathways at 905-471-7877 or by e-mail at admin@pathwaysyorkregion.org to buy tickets.

The event is June 8 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Southbrook Farm and Winery, 1061 Major Mackenzie Dr.

For more information about Pathways, visit www.pathwaysyorkregion.org

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