

# All-day demand questioned

From page 1.

in a 10-year period.

After a few stragglers, to whom she spoke, boarded a bus, the station was virtually empty, begging the question if all-day train service is warranted yet.

"I think we have to recognize the workforce is changing. People work at different times, it's not all about nine-to-five, Monday to Friday," she said.

Local commuters would benefit from not having to run to catch that last train home, but Ms Bisanz also touted the potential economic benefits from making it easier to come to local communities from the city on weekends to visit farmers markets and other attractions.

"There's no question that all-day transit service to our communities must happen," said her Conservative rival, Frank Klees.

He said he's advocated for just that since at least 2003, but the Liberal commitment is too little too late.

"It's interesting that now, three weeks before the election, it appears as yet one more promise," he said, noting the Liberals de-prioritized a similar plan he pushed as a former Transport Minister.

The PC party has pledged \$35-billion over the first three years of the new term and transportation and transit would be prioritized, he said.

All-day GO service would be a priority and the government would "honour and advance" important regional projects like the Yonge subway extension and the final phases of Viva's bus system, Mr. Klees said.

Indeed, Mr. McGuinty's pledge is not an entirely new idea and improved service was already eyed as part of GO's 2020 strategic plan.

It envisions all-day, both-way service up to Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Mount Joy on local lines, running every 15 minutes at peak hours and every 30 during off-peak.

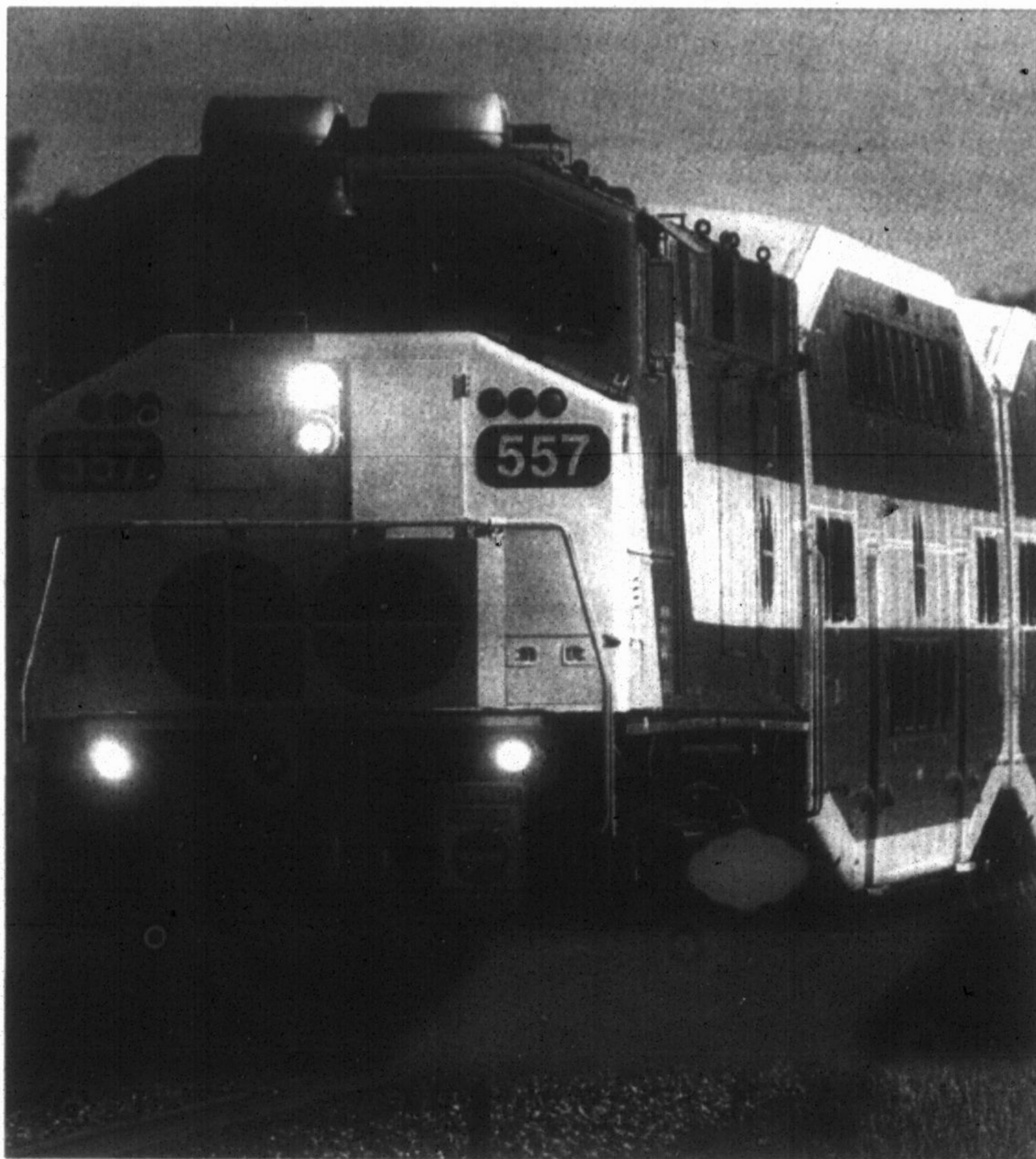
Commuter service, running half as often, would continue further north up to Uxbridge and Barrie, along with new service on the Richmond Hill line to Aurora and through Vaughan up to Bolton.

The plan also anticipates a doubling of the bus and train fleets and a look at alternative power sources.

"It's a good idea but you have to do more," Healthy Transport Consulting director Marty Collier said.

Given current transportation options it's going to take more than new service to get drivers out of their cars. Part of that, he said, is having some form of road pricing so drivers are paying the actual costs of using roads.

"Until we price roads, you're not going to get the demand," he said. "We have to level the playing field and give drivers an incentive to take GO Transit."



SUN-TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Tory MPP Frank Klées says he has been fighting for all-day GO trains since at least 2003.

## THE OFF-PEAK NUMBERS

• Today, only the busy Lakeshore lines have off-peak service. On the Lakeshore East line, serving communities like Whitby and Oshawa, about one-quarter of the 42,100 weekday riders use the service during off-peak hours. Weekend service sees about 8,100 riders on the line, roughly equivalent to off-peak weekday ridership.

• The busier Lakeshore West line, serving communities such as Mississauga and Oakville, has about 50,000 weekday riders, 20 per cent of whom board during off-peak hours. They see about 10,000 weekday riders.

• The Barrie line, serving Maple, Aurora, Newmarket, is comparatively quiet, with about 12,900 weekday riders, with all trains running during rush hour. Nonetheless, it continues to grow, gaining a new train in the morning and the evening starting this month.

• Across the entire GO train system, about 11 per cent of riders use off-peak or weekend service.



**Durham  
Steam  
Cleaning**

- 3M Scotchguard
- LOOSE RUGS
- BROADLOOM
- UPHOLSTERY

**905-642-5111**



Arts Integra Centre For Music & The Arts



**REGISTER NOW!**

MUSIC LESSONS & DRAMA CLASSES

Conveniently located on Main Street Unit 101

www.artsintegra.com (905) 471-3001

Arts Integra Theatre

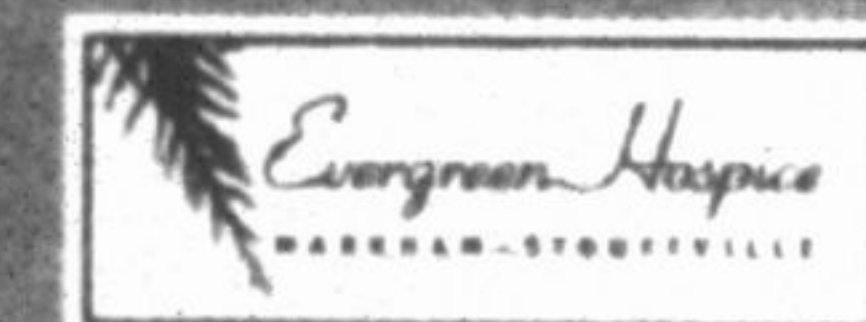
Presents

The Wizard of OZ

Markham Theatre  
October 24, 25 & 26, 2011  
Box Office (905) 305-SHOW  
www.artsintegra.com

We're not in Kansas anymore... We're off to see the Wizard. Are you?

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! MEDIA SPONSOR ECONOMIST & SUN



*Evergreen Hospice*  
MARKHAM-STOUFFVILLE

Grief is not a problem to be cured.  
It is simply a statement that you have loved someone.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

- Circle Of Hope - 8-Week Adult Support Group
- Bridges Of Hope - Drop In Adult Support Group, Monthly
- Stormy Nights... Sunny Days-Children's Support Group
- Teen Support Program

Sharing Common Experiences May Help Heal

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Support From Others With Similar Issues

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE

For Those Dealing With The Impact Of A Life-Threatening Illness

EVERGREEN LIVING ROOM - THURSDAYS


Life-affirming activities including message, music, speakers, a great lunch and lively conversation

---

At Evergreen Hospice (Hwy 7 & Markham Road)  
For More Information Call Our Office At 905.472.5014  
Or Visit Our Website www.evergreenhospice.org

# Beat IDENTITY theft

with



## COMMUNITY SHRED-IT

Crime Stoppers & Shred-it

invites YOU to bring all unwanted personal documents for shredding. Shred-it mobile trucks will shred your documents for a donation to Crime Stoppers of York Region.

Crime Stoppers is a registered non profit organization operated by citizen volunteers that assist the police solve unsolved crimes.

Minimum donations of \$5 for shopping bag  
and \$10 for a bankers box will be gladly accepted.

Saturday September 17 • 10am - 2pm

MARKHAM

Markville Shopping Centre

RICHMOND HILL

Hillcrest Mall

VAUGHAN

Vaughan Mills

NEWMARKET

Upper Canada Mall

1-800-222-TIPS

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
OF YORK REGION

www.1800222TIPS.COM

**Shred-it**

Stouffville

**Sun-Tribune**

**Aurora Mobile Sign**