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Former Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Justin Hines, middle, with guitarist Justin Abedin and keyboard player Scott Galloway, performed at Parkview Services For Seniors' 11th annual Celebration of Spring fundraising dinner at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club last weekend. The singer-songwriter has performed around the world, including at two Olympic Games.

GO explores Wi-Fi for stations, buses

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Wi-Fi may soon be available at a GO Transit station near you.

GO launched a six-month pilot project that provides free Wi-Fi Internet to customers at its Pickering and Clarkson stations.

The study was initiated in response to user feed-back, GO Transit customer service vice-president Mary Proc said, adding the company hopes to offer Wi-Fi at all stations within a year should this trial prove successful. The pilot will expand to include eight GO stations and three bus terminals.

Wi-Fi access will be provided by IMA Outdoor at no charge to GO users, Ms Proc said, adding IMA will also be responsible for installing and maintaining the equipment, at no cost to GO

To access the system, you will need to select the network named "IMA Wifi at GO" and agree to the terms and conditions.

You will also be presented with a short advertisement from a sponsoring partner, which makes the free Internet access possible.

While GO plans to implement Wi-Fi in the near future, it is too early to say when and where the system will come online; Ms Proc said.

Beyond stations and terminals, GO Transit is also exploring offering Wi-Fi on trains and buses, although doing so presents its own issues, Ms Proc said.

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A GO train at capacity could carry up to 1,800 passengers, she said, and if all of them were connected to Wi-Fi, it would consume immense bandwidth.





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