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DURHAM REGION

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**Ontario's One Fare Program
Launching February 26, 2024**



New program making it more affordable to transfer between TTC, GO Transit and participating local transit systems

Taking transit, including transferring from one transit system to another, should be convenient and affordable.

That's why the province, Metrolinx and local transit partners are working together to connect communities across the region. Through Ontario's One Fare Program, taking transit from Brampton to Oshawa or anywhere in between, will be more simple, convenient, and affordable.

Transit riders will only pay once when connecting to and from the TTC and GO Transit, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit.

The One Fare discount will be applied automatically when customers tap a PRESTO card, credit or debit, or PRESTO in Google Wallet to connect between GO Transit, TTC and the participating transit systems.

For an adult who commutes five days a week, this could save them an average of \$1,600 per year.

More affordable transit makes it easier to leave your car at home when commuting to and from work, heading to a sporting event or concert, or visiting family and friends.

How Ontario's One Fare Program works:

PRESTO automatically calculates a 100 per cent discount and applies it to a PRESTO card, credit or debit card or PRESTO in Google Wallet.

- Transfers are valid for two hours for trips started on local transit and within three hours of the start of a GO bus or train trip.
- The payment method used to tap and pay a fare is a customer's proof of payment. Riders approached for fare inspection will need to tap the card, phone or watch used on the inspection device.
- For trips connecting between TTC and GO Transit, the TTC component of the trip will become free, regardless of travel direction (cost of TTC trip is discounted from overall trip cost).
- For trips connecting between TTC and local transit systems, the second portion of the trip will become free (first payment will enable a two-hour free transfer across all systems).

Keep in mind, customers paying fares with PRESTO in Google Wallet, credit or debit card, must tap on and off with the same card.

[Learn more about Ontario's One Fare Program.](#)

Metrolinx Commemorates Black History Month

Metrolinx commemorates Black History Month & celebrates contributions by Ontario's Black community.

Black history is an integral part of our collective history.

Every year, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

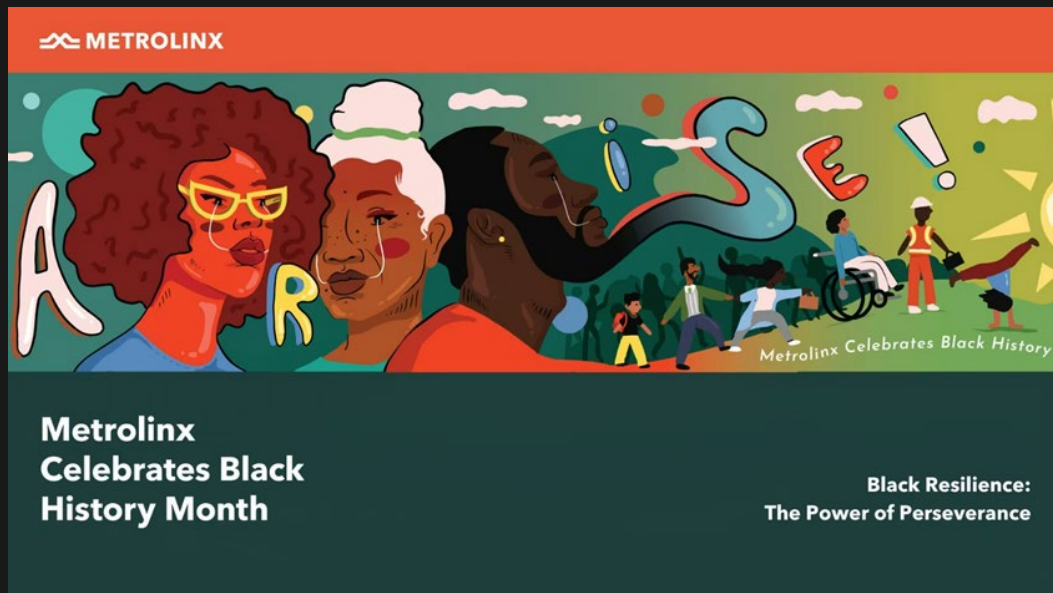
Legacies that have helped shape the world we live in today.

In the late 1800's, Elijah McCoy, a Black Canadian-American inventor from Colchester, Ontario created a lubrication system that allowed railroad steam engines to be lubricated without stopping the train, saving time and money.

More than 150 years later, GO Trains as well as machinery in industries across the world still benefit from his innovations.

By celebrating Black History Month, we aim to continue to reflect and recognize black excellence all while creating space for equity within the organization and the broader community we serve.

This year, our Black History Month theme focuses on Black resilience, and the power of perseverance. And the tagline is defying the odds and reclaiming the narrative.



A look at the art featured on the special edition Black History Month GO Bus, coming to a station near you. (Metrolinx image)

Black History Month GO Bus

As part of our Black History Month efforts, customers should keep their eyes peeled for a newly wrapped GO Bus to commemorate Black History Month.

The special edition bus was unveiled on February 2 and will travel across the GTHA throughout the year – stay tuned for more details on the special GO Bus in the coming days on the Metrolinx and GO Transit social media accounts.

As a sneak peak, check out the artist's concept for the bus above. Read more about this [here](#).

Introducing New UP Group Passes



Ride together & save together with UP Group Passes without any age restriction - perfect for family and friends.

- Groups of 3-5 friends or family can save up to 36% on one-way fares when travelling together to/from downtown Toronto to Pearson Airport.
- Group Passes for Bloor and Weston to Pearson trips are also available. Check out the Standard Fare Table below to see the Group Pass fare details to plan your trip.

Now available online [here](#).

Metrolinx partners with ONxpress to transform GO Transit service in the region

GO Expansion

Announcement



New GO Expansion operator will mean more trains, less waiting and faster, more frequent service.

Metrolinx will soon have a new operations partner with a plan for faster and more frequent service to the region.

Metrolinx has accepted ONxpress' proposal for the operations and maintenance of the GO Transit system beginning Jan. 1, 2025.

This will include operating and maintaining GO Trains, train service planning, introducing new operational technology solutions and providing maintenance services for new assets like electrification and signaling. ONxpress' operations division ONxpress Operations Inc. (OOI), is made up of the European railway operator Deutsche Bahn International Operations and Aecon Concessions.

This is an important milestone for OnCorr, the second and largest piece of the GO Expansion program, as one of two proposals making up the [development phase](#).

Read more [here](#).

New Grad Program at Metrolinx



Coinciding with Metrolinx being recognized as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People, we are looking to attract fresh talent to work with us!

In June 2024, ten recent graduates will join our Capital Projects Groups (CPG) project delivery teams and rotate through to develop technical and project management skills over a four-year period.

For all available opportunities at Metrolinx please visit our careers website [here](#).

**Upcoming Event: Come to the
Canadian Automotive Museum
(Oshawa) on Family Day**



On this Family Day, February 19, 2024, come join the Durham Community Engagement team for a Family Day event at the Canadian Automotive Museum (C.A.M.) located at 99 Simcoe St S, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 4G7 between 9am and 4pm (free parking on site)!

This event features over 50 cars, including Lightning McQueen from the CARS franchise and learn more about exciting transit projects in Durham Region.

As a PRESTO Perks member, the C.A.M. offers 15% off admission for PRESTO card holders and free entry for kids 5 and under. This event is a unique blend of automotive excitement and community engagement. Don't miss out!

Read more about this event or buy tickets ahead of time [here!](#)

Event Highlight: Ongoing and Upcoming Transit In Your Community School Presentations



The Transit in Your Community program is designed to fit within the Grade 5 social studies curriculum. Through this program our team was able to share with students how Metrolinx approaches outreach engagements while planning transit in Durham Region and the GTHA.

By means of an interactive presentation we were able to talk about the Bowmanville Extension project, Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project, the GO Expansion project, how different levels of government work together to deliver major transit infrastructure, and safety along the rail corridor!

We will be continuing these presentations throughout Durham Region over the next several months!

If you happen to be an educator who would be interested in having our team present to your students, please send us an email at DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com.

Reminder to Stay in the Know

Sign up for [On the GO Alerts](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates on service delays, cancellations, new services and more!

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Community Engagement: Have questions? We're here for you!

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Do you have questions about GO Expansion, Bowmanville Extension, or other Metrolinx projects in your neighbourhood? Our team is always happy to help!

Feel free to call us, email us or reach out on social media!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOWMANVILLE EXTENSION:

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[Metrolinx.com/BowmanvilleExtension](https://metrolinx.com/BowmanvilleExtension)

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Community Features Call Out

We're looking to spotlight local groups, clubs or organizations that are making a positive impact in Durham Region. [Contact us](#) for a chance to be featured in upcoming editions of our newsletter.

Stop by and say hi!



We'll be in the community again soon! Drop by and chat with us about the Bowmanville Extension, Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit, and GO Expansion!

Please also reach out to let our team know if there are any accessibility related concerns or requests you may require (i.e. ASL interpreter, large-print materials, etc.)

Transit In Your Community (TIYC)

We are also completing school visits across Durham Region to teach elementary school students about the benefits of public transit, the various players involved in building new transit projects, and transit safety. If you happen to be an educator who would be interested in having our team present to your students, please send us an email at DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com.

Stay Safe with Thomas Book Readings (Recommended Ages 2+)

We will be out at local libraries throughout Durham Region to continue our Stay Safe with Thomas Book Readings.

- March 11, 2024 - Clarington Library - Newcastle Branch
 - Time: 10:30am
 - Address: 150 King Avenue E, Newcastle, ON L1B 1H5
- March 12, 2024 - Pickering Library - George Ashe Branch
 - Time: 10:00am
 - Address: 470 Kingston Road, Pickering, ON L1V 1A4
- March 13, 2024 - Oshawa Library - McLaughlin Branch
 - Time: 11:00am
 - Address: 65 Bagot Street, Oshawa, ON L1H 1N2

- March 14, 2024 - Ajax Library - Audley Branch
 - Time: 10:30am
 - Address: 1955 Audley Road N, Ajax, ON L1Z 0L2

- March 15, 2024 - Whitby Library - Central Library Branch
 - Time: 10:30am
 - Address: 405 Dundas Street W, Whitby, ON L1N 6A1

Reach out to your local library for sign-up details and registration!

This is where we'll be over the next couple of weeks for community drop-in pop-up tables:

February 19, 2024 - Family Day Event - Canadian Automotive Museum

- Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Address: 99 Simcoe St S, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 4G7

Door-to-Door Canvassing

Our team will also be out in Durham Region over the next several weeks performing door-to-door canvassing to let residents know about all of the great projects happening in the area and to answer any questions.

Please note: Our team always tries our best to make the confirmed dates. However, there are instances where we have to cancel our pop-ups due to staffing shortages or unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs, it will be communicated via our social media channels!

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