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## Durham

# How we integrate heritage conservation and transit planning



We're protecting Victorian-era industrial architecture at 500 Howard St. in Oshawa as part of the Bowmanville Extension project.

Thomas Wicks, Environmental Programs and Assessment manager shares that there's a misconception that heritage means keeping things as they were.

*"Really, it's about managing change, not resisting it. It's about finding new uses and new meaning in places that have value."*

That philosophy is at the heart of his work at this site with more than a century of industrial and community history that was preserved as part of the project.

For Wicks, preserving 500 Howard is about sustainability and protecting a sense of place in the community.

By integrating heritage preservation into transit planning when feasible, we are protecting Ontario's architectural legacy and investing in smarter, more sustainable infrastructure.

The future use of 500 Howard is still taking shape – it now is protected and positioned to serve the community once again.

[Learn more](#)

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICES

### **Bowmanville Extension: Building demolition works on Simcoe Street**

August 18 to December 24, 2025, approximately.

Work hours: Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Demolition of five properties on Simcoe Street begins.

[Get construction details](#)

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### **Update: Albert Street watermain installation and water shutoff at Fisher Street and Albany Street**

1) The current road closure in the area will be extended until September 30, 2025.

2) During the process of tie-in, affected properties on Fisher St. & Albany St. will experience a temporary water shutoff. Property owners impacted by the shutoff will receive notice at least 48 hours in advance.

[Get more details](#)

## Geotechnical Investigations

Work ongoing until December 2025.

[Get more details](#)

## General Updates

# Fall GO Transit Service Changes



On August 30, we're adjusting service on GO Bus services within Durham Region to support your return to school, and to better meet customer's needs.

- Service will be returning for GO bus routes that serve post-secondary institutions. New additional express trips will also run.
- Seasonal 'GO Explore' bus service to Canada's Wonderland and the Toronto Zoo will conclude for the year.
- Due to long term roadway construction, the eastbound and westbound stops serving route 90B at Victoria St. E. and South Blair St. in Whitby will be permanently removed. Customers can use the closest existing stops at Whitby GO and Oshawa GO.

- Schedule changes of up to ten minutes to better reflect actual travel times and provide better connections on routes: 41, 56, 71, 88, 92, 94 and 96.

We continuously monitor our schedules and ridership network-wide to ensure our GO Transit services align with ridership demand.

Customers are encouraged to view schedules and plan their trip in advance.

[Learn more](#)



### **Stay in the know – What are On the GO Alerts?**

Get text message or email alerts when you need info about schedule changes, construction updates and more.

Choose times and specific days you want to receive alerts. You can pause alerts when you're on away.

You choose the info you want to receive, like delays, cancellations, construction, new services, and improvements happening near you!

[Sign-up here](#)

### **A student's guide to PRESTO, GO Transit and more**

Headed back to class this fall?

Before you go back to school, here's



what you need to know about GO service to post-secondary campuses, and how PRESTO can make it even easier and more affordable for youth and post-secondary students to take transit this fall.

[Read more](#)

## Event Highlights



### **Summer Pop-Up at Pickering GO**

The Durham Region Community Engagement team had the opportunity to meet with over 125 riders on the opening day of the Canadian National Exhibition at Pickering GO station.

Thank you to all who stopped by to share your feedback and ask questions.

## Upcoming Events

**College and University Orientation**



## Events

Durham Community Engagement will be at Durham College North Campus on Sept. 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Ontario Tech University on Sept. 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stop by to learn more about how Metrolinx supports your return to school through GO Transit and your PRESTO card.

## Quick Links

<a href="#"> <u>Lakeshore East GO Expansion</u></a>	
<a href="#"> <u>Bowmanville Extension</u></a>	
<a href="#"> <u>Union Station</u></a>	
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