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## Ontario Announces New GO Station at Woodbine

*Province partners with business to address transit needs and save taxpayers money*

**NEWS**

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TORONTO —Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation, along with Kinga Surma, MPP for Etobicoke Centre and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, and Phil Verster, President and CEO of Metrolinx, announced our government’s plan to build a new GO station at Woodbine at no cost to taxpayers.

The Ontario Government and Metrolinx are partnering with Woodbine Entertainment to build the station along Highway 27, on the Kitchener GO rail line.

“Our government is putting Ontario’s transit users and taxpayers first by delivering a modern GO station at Woodbine,” said Minister Yurek. “We are moving quickly to address transit needs and get relief to people who rely on the GO network.”

As part of Ontario’s broader strategy to deliver more transit solutions in the GTHA, the province is pursuing a transit-oriented development approach to the delivery of transit infrastructure to reduce the cost to taxpayers.

Woodbine Entertainment has development plans that will bring new jobs, housing and entertainment opportunities to the area around the station.

“The new station is terrific news for everyone in Etobicoke and the surrounding area,” said PA Surma. “Our government came into office with a clear mandate to help people and this will better connect Etobicoke residents to the GO line.”

“A new GO station at Woodbine will offer opportunities to live and work near a major employer and entertainment destination, as well as better access to the local community and jobs in this employment mega zone,” said Phil Verster, President and CEO of Metrolinx. “This is a wonderful announcement for our customers. We look forward to working with Woodbine Entertainment on this exciting venture.”

“This is an exciting day for Woodbine Entertainment and the entire community,” said Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment. “Bringing mass transit to the Woodbine property is a big part of a larger vision to develop and unlock the value of our land to create new revenue streams that will help grow and sustain the horse racing industry for decades, attract millions of visitors to our site annually, and serve the surrounding community. It will be a major commercial and employment hub that will include mixed-use residential, commercial space, sports and recreations facilities, parks and public space.”

**QUICK FACTS**

- The new GO station at Woodbine will also feature fully accessible and barrier-free facilities, and direct road, bicycle, and sidewalk access.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Metrolinx – 2018 Woodbine GO Station Initial Business Case](#)

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