GO Train station lands formally designated by Province through MZO

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The Province has designated lands near Humber Station Road and King Street for a future GO rail site, the Province and Town announced Monday.

The decision is the result of a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) which the Town says was issued to ?designate the lands and increase the ability for Caledon to grow.?

?Caledon is planning ahead for growth, staying true to our Caledon plans Caledon approach,? said Mayor Allan Thompson in a statement. ?This announcement fulfills a Council request and is a step forward in ensuring our future is both sustainable and connected. Effective public transit is a critical part of the plan. It will bring both economic and environmental benefits to our community.?

Once complete, the planned GO site will complement the Bolton and Mayfield West bus routes launched by the Town in 2019.

?The Province's approval is the next phase in a long-awaited Bolton Residential Expansion Study that started in 2008,? said Caledon's Chief Planner Sylvia Kirkwood. ?The process included extensive consultation, was supported by Town Council, and approved by the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) in late 2020. We look forward to moving ahead with our planning.?

The Bolton Residential Expansion Study aims to determine the best course of action to accommodate 2031 population targets handed down to Caledon by the Region.