

Jones calling on minister to make key transportation investments

By Bill Rea

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones is making herself well represented in the mail flowing into Kathryn McGarry's office.

Jones sent three separate open letters last Thursday to the new Transportation Minister, raising three separate concerns.

One of the issues was all-day, two-way GO Train service between Toronto and Kitchener.

“Many of my constituents rely on the GO transit system to take them to and from work, and across the GTA,” Jones wrote in one of her letters. “That is why they are disappointed to see that your 2014 promise to have all-day two-way GO Train service on the Kitchener line has not been fulfilled. Despite the original promise of having the service up and running by 2019, we now know that the new estimate is 2024.”

Another letter called for safety improvements on Highway 10 between Camilla and Primrose in Dufferin.

“Municipalities and residents have expressed real concern about the safety of this highway,” Jones wrote. “I ask that you take the opportunity to review the need for safety improvements to Highway 10 and work with the Town of Mono to implement the needed upgrades.”

The third letter addressed the need for improvements to the intersection at County Road 124 and Highway 89 in Shelburne. She pointed out Shelburne Mayor Ken Bennington and Council have been calling for an advanced green there, also citing statistics stating Shelburne is the fastest growing community in Ontario.

All three letters opened with congratulations to McGarry on her recent appointment.

“As the new Minister, I encouraged her to do what her predecessor failed to do,” Jones said later. “Minister McGarry has an opportunity to address key transportation issues impacting residents in Dufferin-Caledon.”

“A new Minister means a chance for a new course,” Jones added. “It is never too late to do the right thing. I encourage the new Minister to make these important investments.”