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Popular ActiVan driver is moving on

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Acton resident Roger Clark made his final rounds last week after nearly two decades in the Halton Hills ActiVan driver's seat as he's retired from the position.

Clark, who turns 70 this week, said he's made many friendships with ActiVan clients over the years during his daily pick-ups of the disabled, developmentally challenged and seniors in the municipality.

"What's not to like about it? Very, very few people actually complain," said Clark, a Nortel employee for 35 years until that company's sudden demise left him with little in the way of a pension.

"When I started, I might have

picked up 18 to 20 people a day, and then they opened it up to seniors, so we're doing 30 to 40 pick-ups a day. People are happy to see you. I'm going to really miss it."

Clark noted that the four ActiVans aren't referred to as buses because they provide curb-to-curb service to their clients.

The affable Yorkshire, England native said he and wife Susan are moving to Strathroy, Ont. to be closer to two of his daughters and their six children.

A trip to the Maritimes is also planned and he'll likely continue volunteering with Meals on Wheels. As a longtime Scout leader, Clark is mulling a return to the organization as one of his grandsons has become a Cub Scout.



Retiring ActiVan driver Roger Clark (left) dropped by Horizon Packaging on Todd Rd. last week for one of his last visits to the company to drop off employees. Also in the photo (top left) is Horizon Packaging senior support worker Kelly Little and employees (from left) Adriene Dewhurst, Heather Baillie, D.J. Ricciuto, Lee Snow and Matthew Shedden.

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