

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# PROPOSED BUS SYSTEM WILL COST RATEPAYERS

The Town of Halton Hills is pushing for a bus system that will end up costing ratepayers more per ride than we can afford - and will reduce door to door service such as the ActiVan program.

I found this out when I joined some friends for a briefing on the Town of Halton Hills' proposed transit plan.

If what we saw is the future for our town, then I suggest the taxpayers of Georgetown hang onto their wallets.

The town's consultant said their plan will end up costing all of us \$30 million in capital expenses with an annual operating cost of \$5 million.

With no explanation of how we are going to pay for this unnecessary service!

The initial part of the plan with enhanced free ActiVan and subsidized \$3.50 Uber rides seemed perfectly reasonable for a small, spread-out community like Halton Hills.

But then the plan calls for a reduction in existing ActiVan transport and the virtual elimination of door-to-door service.

All to be replaced by a fleet of town-run buses housed in an expensive new bus barn.

Worse yet, the routes that were proposed either go through largely vacant farmland or mirror existing GO bus routes.

Routes that appear to be designed more to bring workers in from Brampton than to meet the transportation needs of local residents. At a cost to the taxpayers of "\$8 to \$10 a ride."

So they want us to give up door-to-door service that costs the town \$6.50 a ride and replace it with poorly designed bus routes that cost \$8 to \$10 a ride. That's crazy thinking.

Only a town council more interested in creating vanity legacy projects than serving the voters would come up such a ridiculous idea.

Time to wake up, Georgetown, before they destroy everything good about our home.

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