

# Citizens give council petition to save bus service

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The decision to keep transit going was met by quiet but seemingly heartfelt applause from a crowd, largely comprised of seniors, who came out to witness the vote.

Support for the bedraggled system had also been submitted to Town Hall in the form of a 600-signature petition.

Status quo service will be in place until March, 31, which is when the Town's contract with current provider Stock Transportation expires.

But Laidlaw will slip into the driver's seat

April 1. They'll drive the service until the end of 2003, at an upset limit cost of \$271,000 per year.

That's when riders can expect to say goodbye to familiar, fixed routes. They'll be abandoned in favour of a flexible, demand-oriented service in which clients call ahead for door-to-door service in the urban area.

The service shift could drive off riders in the short term, warned Milton's coordinator of engineering services, Phil Antoniow.

"You have other people to collect and drop off," he said. "A 15-minute trip now may

become a half hour or 45-minute route."

Councillor Rick Malboeuf expressed concern that a service already plagued by low usage would risk losing more riders.

"The recommendation says if we go on with this option, we'll lose ridership," he said. "I'm a little concerned about what we're committing to."

But that will change as drivers adapt to the new service, assured Mr. Antoniow. "As the program grows, the service becomes efficient."

Councillor Ron Furik noted that the Town had

to either get all the way in or out of transit. He wondered if it would be cheaper to send residents around in taxis.

But that idea was nixed by Councillor John Challinor. "I think you border on intellectual flatulence to talk about sending people out in cabs. I support the staff recommendation."

And while Councillor Art Melanson had hoped for continuation of the present service, he was pleased to see transit kept on.

Currently, Milton Transit clocks in about 200 rides a day at a cost of \$265,000 per year.

## Religious Service Directory

### The Power of Love

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could do to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, to prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, and Michael began to sing to his sister in Mommy's tummy.

Karen's pregnancy progressed normally. Months passed and the delivery time came. Serious complications arose, however, and Karen found herself in hours of hard labour.

Finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born. But she was in very serious condition.

With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The days inched by. The little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst."

Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they were planning for a funeral. Michael however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he pleaded.

Week Two in intensive care looked as if a funeral

would come before the week was over. Michael kept asking to sing to his sister, but children are not allowed in an Intensive Care Unit. Karen made up her mind, though. She would take Michael whether they liked it or not! If he didn't see his sister soon, he may never see her alive.

She dressed him in an oversized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. But the head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed."

Karen, usually a mild-mannered lady, glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!"

Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray."

Almost immediately, the baby girl responded to the music. Her pulse rate began to calm down. Her laboured breathing steadied.

"Keep on singing, Michael!" encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes.

"You never know, dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away!"

As Michael sang to his sister, a peace came to the baby's ragged, strained countenance.

"Keep on singing sweetheart!!!"

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..."

Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed.

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away..."

The next day ... the very next day ... the little girl was well enough to go home!

Women's Day magazine called it "The Miracle of a Brother's Song." The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's Love!

We must be careful never to give up on the people we love, just as God never gives up on us. Find out more about His miraculous love by visiting a local church this Sunday. Service times are published in the directory below.

Submitted by: Rev. Dan Rogge, Senior Pastor of New Life Church, Milton.



Be ye sincerely kind, not in appearance only. Let each one of God's loved ones centre his attention on this: to be the Lord's mercy to man; to be the Lord's grace. Let him do some good to every person whose path he crosseth, and be of some benefit to him.

- from the Baha'i writings

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#### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist

Church School & Coffee Hour  
Wheelchair Access Through Parking Lot Doors

**Thursday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion



### HOLY ROSARY PARISH

http://www.golden.net/~wts/hamilton/p-holyrosary-m.html  
878-6535 (T.Y. 878-9044)

### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

139 Martin Street

Mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday  
9:00am., 10:30 a.m. & Noon Sunday

### ST PETER CHURCH

9th Line & Britannia

Mass at 9:00 am Sunday

Rev. Earl Talbot, P.P.



### MILTON GOSPEL HALL

306 Ontario St. N. • 878-3873

10:00 a.m. - The Lord's Supper  
11:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. - Gospel Service

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer and Bible Study

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus)  
the iniquity of us all.  
Isaiah 53.6



123 Main St. E.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2000 10:30 a.m.

Worship and Church School  
Sermon: **WHY ARE WE HERE?**

Commissioning St. Paul's Council and Committees  
Council Orientation Workshop 12:00  
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Information Line 878-8895

- Minister -  
Rev. John Benham  
- Interim Minister -  
Rev. Dr. John Ambrose  
- Director of Music -  
Judy Hunter



### The Salvation Army Church Milton

**11:00 am - Morning Worship &  
Kids Church**

100 Nipissing Road, Unit 3

**Pastors:**  
Captains Dan and Wendy Broome

For more information about our services, and  
other programming please call 876-2420

### Milton Alliance Church

2850 DERRY RD.

(between the Fire Hall and Hospital)

Phone 878-5664 • Fax 878-6676  
Pastor Greg McCombs

11 a.m. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11am SUNDAY ADVENTURELAND FOR CHILDREN

Tues. 7 pm Jr. High (gr. 6 - 8)

Wed. 7 pm Pioneer Clubs (ages 4 - 12)

Thurs. 7 pm Sr. High (gr. 9 - OAC)

\*\* For more info on our ladies', men's, youth's and  
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## Milton Bible Church

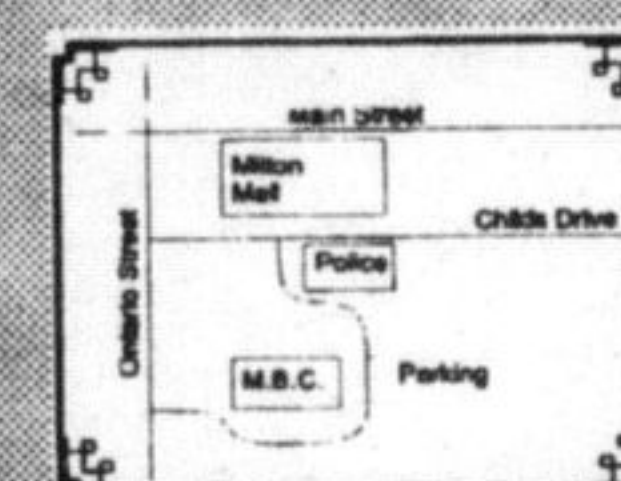
Worships at the  
Milton Senior's Activity Centre  
500 Childs Drive

10:00 am MBC in the Word

11:00 am MBC in Worship

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