

New bus means better mobility for Allendale residents



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Allendale residents welcome the addition of a new wheelchair bus to the long-term-care facility. It'll transport residents to medical appointments and recreational events.

Residents of Allendale have a new wheelchair bus thanks to a community partnership headed by Halton Region.

The Region shelled out almost \$64,000 for the van-like vehicle, which will transport Allendale residents to medical appointments as well as leisure pursuits.

Another \$19,000 from the Milton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Milton Rotary Club was pitched in to help pay for the \$83,000 bus.

With the new vehicle, users will be able to attend events like the Milton Fall Fair, as well as enjoy the best of each season has to offer, such as fall colours and Christmas lights.

Participants in Milton's two adult day programs will also use the van. Allendale resident Len McNeil appeared

before regional council recently to thank Halton and its partners for the wheelchair van.

"I like this mission at Allendale, which is to maintain the highest level of quality of life for each individual it serves," he said. "A new mode of transportation was required and much needed."

Ironically, Mr. McNeil served for years

with Milton's Rotary Club, which helped fund the vehicle.

"What goes around comes around," he said. "I am here now on the receiving end of something that was started."

The bus is a vital addition to what is currently the only Regionally-run, long-term-care facility in Halton, said Halton Chair Joyce Savoline.

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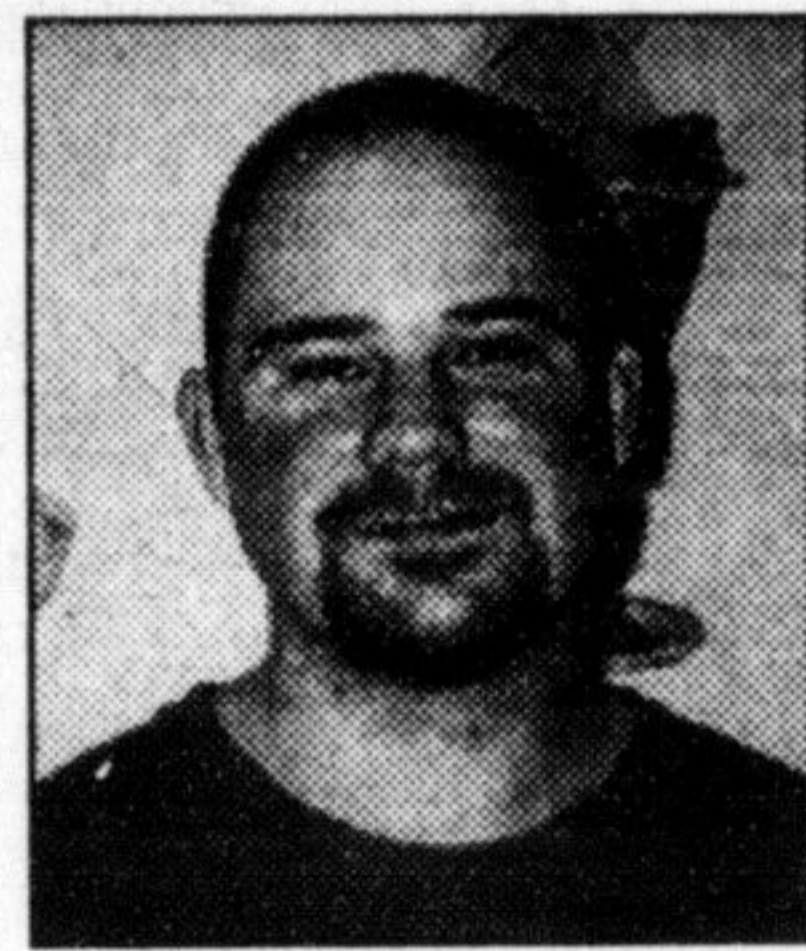


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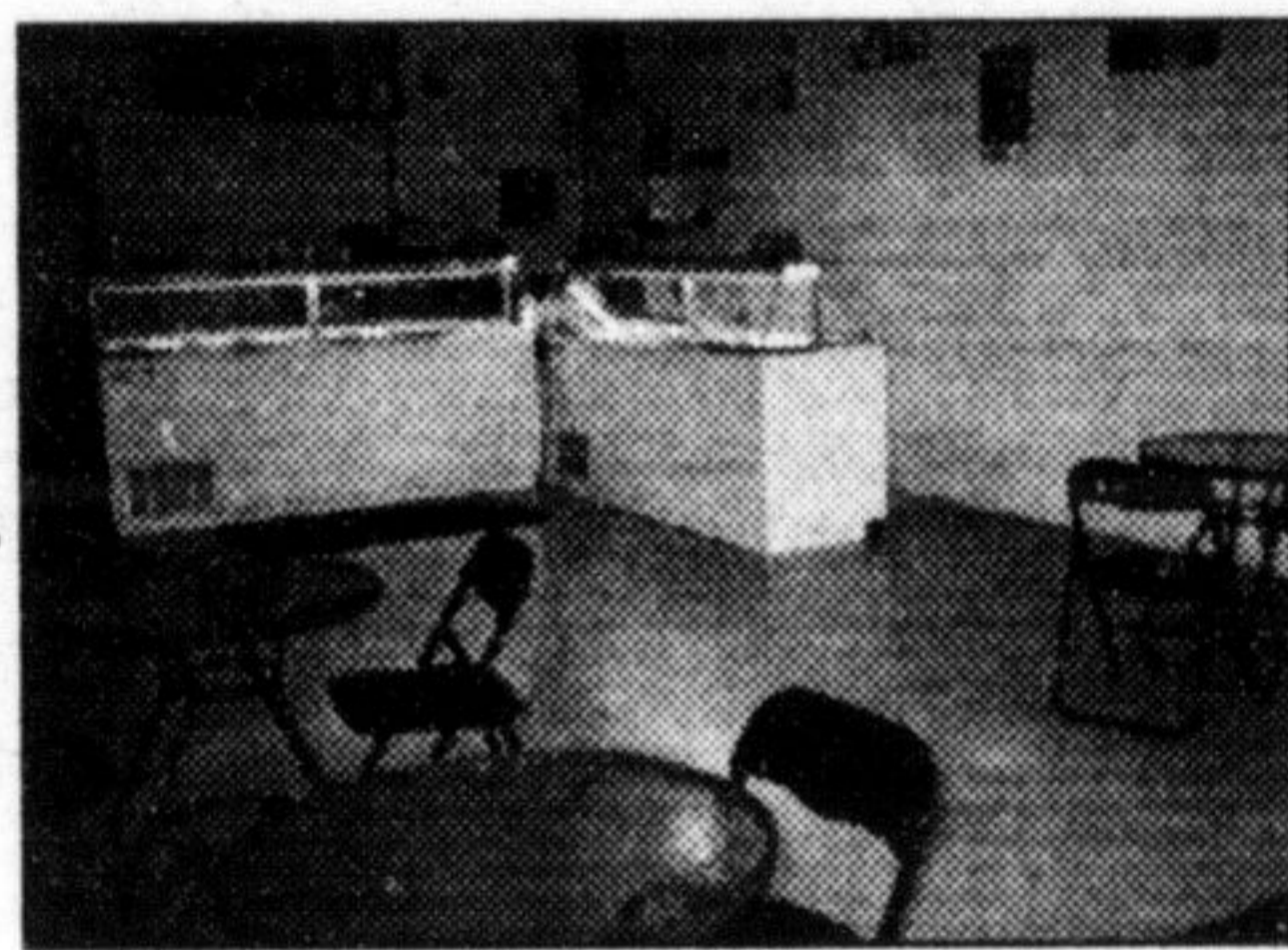
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