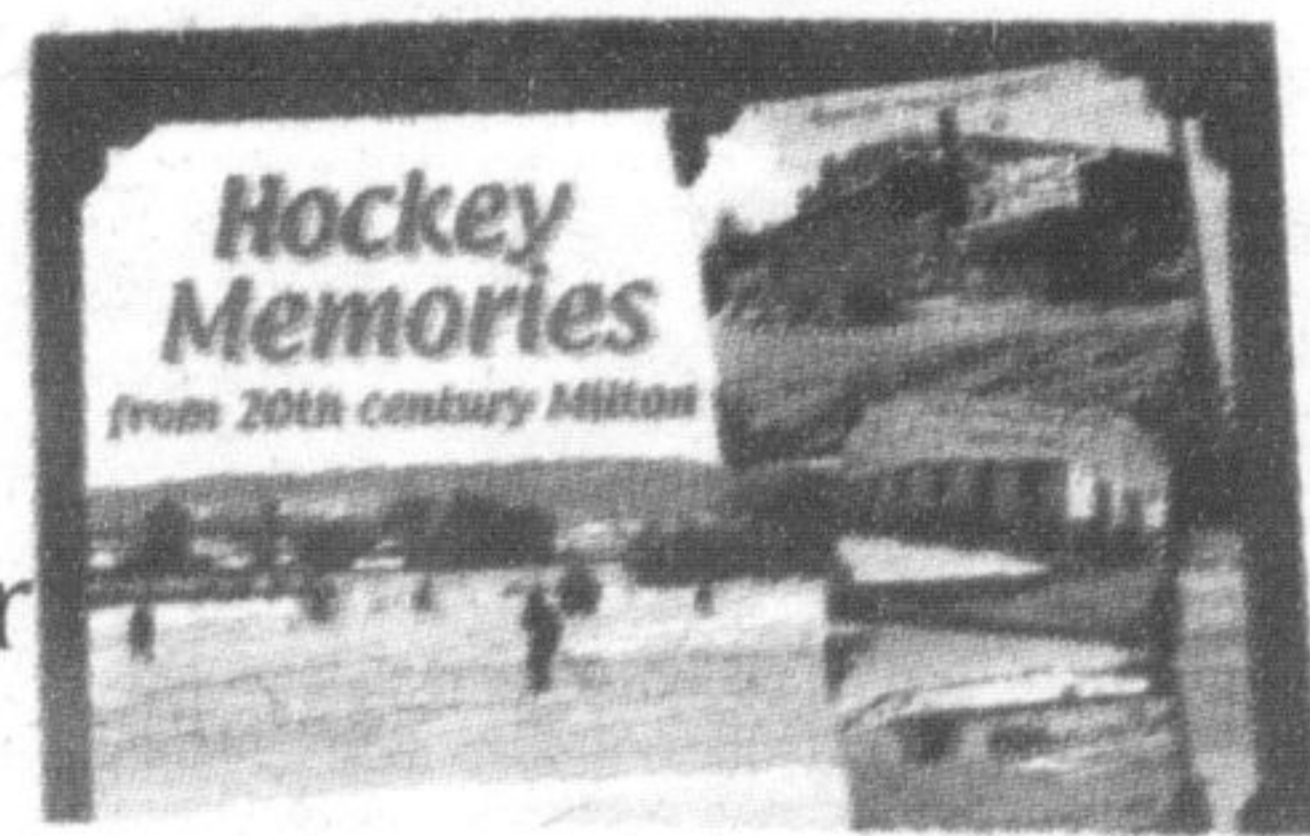


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Sleeping beauty

Alyssa Clews, playing Sleeping Beauty, rests her head as she awaits Prince Charming, played by AJ Marshal, during a rehearsal at the Milton Youth Theatre Productions' summer camp at the Milton Fair Grounds. The play took the stage Thursday. See another photo on page 7.

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New transit service ready to roll

By MELANIE HENNESSEY
The Champion

The enhanced Milton transit service will be ready to roll in a couple of weeks, and residents will get a chance to take a spin on the new system for free.

Three buses will start touring the town August 16, about a month and a half later than previously expected.

Since there was a delay, the Town will be offering free rides until September 20 to boost ridership.

The new system brings one more bus on board than what's currently operating in town. The buses will travel fixed routes around Milton, stopping at designated locations about every half-hour from 6

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MAYOR GORD KRANTZ

a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"The new conventional transit service being implemented is similar to other area municipalities and should provide a higher level of service for the users," a report from Director of Community Services Jennifer Reynolds said.

"It will now be easier for transit riders to catch a bus during service hours as the buses will run along a fixed route with fixed times."

The routes are organized so the buses can meet with GO trains and buses for the morning and evening commute and during non-peak times. Transit will also go through many new subdivisions that are currently without bus service.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said he hopes the new system is used more than the previous full bus service.

"When we had it (full service), it would have been great if the buses were only half empty," he said. "Transit is something that I've advocated for quite some time, and it's critical that people use it."

The buses will be provided by Oakville Transit
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