

OPINION

Give gift of life — your blood

You never know what's waiting for you around every corner.

Life is full of uncertainties. And sometimes, the uncertainty of needing the gift of life — blood — may be knocking at your doorstep.

For those of you who have been involved in a life-threatening accident or required a life-saving surgery, you'll know well the importance of donating to Canadian Blood Services, especially during the summer months.

A person who has been involved in a serious accident may require 50 units or 50 donations of blood, while a leukemia patient may require eight units a week, according to Canadian Blood Services.

For those of us who haven't relied on its services, there's always a possibility that you may need to one day.

Two blood donor clinics are planned locally this month at New Life Church, 824 Thompson Rd. S., — one this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one Thursday, Sept. 15 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are accepted. Call 1-888-236-6283 to give the gift of life.



ReadersWrite

Transit funds could be used way better

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to Mr. Camilleri's letter where he put forward certain facts pertaining to the off peak hours transit service, he didn't mention the cost of providing this service.

Providing the current off peak hours transit service costs the taxpayers of Milton approximately \$35,000 a month or \$425,000 a year.

With that money we could afford to keep a satellite library at Bruce Street, or we could make major improvements to our parks, playgrounds and walkways, or we could resolve the Main Street landscape issue.

Those are all areas that would better serve a far greater number of residents than the number currently using our transit system.

Public transit has become an albatross for many municipalities. That's why municipalities such as Toronto are reducing or eliminating some of their transit services in order to reduce costs and lighten this tax burden that's being borne by the property owner.

Milton must do the same.

Milton taxpayers are subsidizing Milton Transit at a higher rate than other municipalities. Seven per cent of property taxes collected go to support our transit system.

The fact is Milton Transit is a service used by a few and paid for by all.

**RICK MALBOEUF,
WARD 4 COUNCILLOR AND
MILTON TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Why do new schools have so many portables? Poor planning?

DEAR EDITOR:

My comments are aimed at the Town of Milton's planning department.

I have now lived in Milton for two years, and have watched the area in which I reside grow. In that growth P.L. Robertson Public School has been built.

I'm very confused as to why in this day and age schools aren't being built big enough to accommodate the children and teachers. Why within one year are there now at least a dozen portables at P.L. Robertson?

I'm sure parents don't pay taxes to put their children in trailers to get an education, nor do I believe for one moment that the teachers who get

pushed out into them are happy either.

Has anybody in the planning department even thought about population projections before building begins? In this neighbourhood, I could easily estimate two to three children per household.

The other option is to build the school higher right from the get go, or at least build with brick and mortar a nice looking annex, because quite frankly purchasing a house in what we think is a beautiful neighbourhood has just been ruined.

**HILARY DEMELO
MILTON**

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