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Sandra Harse shows how empty food bank shelves have become at the Salvation Army centre on Nipissing Road. Ms Harse, family services co-ordinator, says food is badly needed.

Shelves nearly empty

Food bank is in dire straits

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

The Salvation Army has been scrounging for food to feed the large number of local families in need of help. One-hundred and forty-five families, including 144 adults and 197 children, went to the Army's food bank for help from Sept. 1-20, says Sandy Harse, family services coordinator for the Salvation Army in Milton.

The great demand left the food bank with only a few tins of vegetables and packages of Kraft Dinner.

If it wasn't for a recent food drive by Canadian Tire employees, the shelves would now be empty, she says. Staff donated 12 cartons of food Monday.

"It will keep us going this week, but that's all it will do." Mrs. Harse says she's depending on area residents to bring non-perishable food donations to the Milton Fall Fair this weekend. Barrels will be placed by each entrance gate. People can also drop off food in a bin at Milton Mall outside Loblaw's or at the Salvation Army office, 100 Nipissing Rd., Unit 3, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Colin Best wants comments

Should Milton mimic the City of Burlington and others by putting customer comment cards on the counters of all town departments? Ward 2 Councillor Colin Best says yes.

Mr. Best introduced the idea at last week's town council meeting in the form of a notice of motion. Staff will investigate the request and report back before the issue is debated or council makes any decision.

"This is one area mentioned at the recent AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) conference, where many municipalities have implemented the use of comment cards to measure their performance and improve services," said Mr. Best.

The councillor included as an example a sample comment card available at Burlington's departments that reads "Service, an attitude, a commitment."



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