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Thousands flock to 90-minute Santa parade

Thousands of Miltonians lined downtown streets Sunday for the Milton Santa Claus Parade.

"From the comments I've heard today, a lot of people enjoyed it," Town employee Brenda Wilson, who helped organize the event, said Monday. "It was great."

The traditional parade, which lasted about 90 minutes, featured 60 floats, 10 marching bands and, of course, Santa Claus as it travelled a route from the Milton Fair Grounds to Milton Mall.

The theme of the parade was 'Toyland.' Winners of awards for best floats and storefronts were as follows:

Sam Sherratt School (Best School Float), Campbellville Area Business Association (Most Creative Non-Theme Float), Rotary Club of Milton (Most Creative Theme Float), Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 136 (Runner-Up Theme Float), Kalena Flowers (Best Dressed Storefront Window) and Dorland-Haight Gallery (Honourable Mention for Storefront Window).

The downtown Milton Santa Claus parade was a huge success Sunday, with plenty of smiles all around. At top left, Michael Mills, 9, was one of hundreds of clowns taking part. At centre top is a character from the Sam Sherratt School entry. At top right is old St. Nick himself. At bottom left, some youngsters braved the cold with the help of a blanket and snacks. At bottom centre is Cale Helmer of the St. John's Drum and Bugle Corps. At bottom right, a member of the Top Hat Marching Orchestra waves.

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