

Postal delivery a hot topic for MP, riding constituents

I'd like to discuss a hot topic, one that affects all residents of Ontario riding, some more than others — namely, postal delivery.

I am well aware of the adjectives that immediately come to mind when I utter the word Canada Post, and I can assure you that I have used many myself. However, I thought I should use this opportunity to explain my feelings on mail delivery service, and set the record straight on what I am trying to accomplish for Ontario riding residents.

I receive many letters and calls from my constituents complaining about Canada Post, the complaints range from slow service or late delivery to objections to the installation of supermailboxes on

homeowners' properties. I have often said that if it wasn't for all the problems I receive from Canada Post, I would have half the amount of correspondence to answer.

Continuously from the time I was first elected a Member of Parliament, I have made representation to Canada Post and the then-Liberal Government, requesting door-to-door delivery for new residential areas in Ontario riding. I agree that it is not equitable for new homeowners to not receive the same service as that of established neighborhoods, and I made this point in the beginning when I first heard of supermailboxes.

I've been a proponent of alter-

nate-day home delivery for these residents, but my suggestions were not agreed upon, and in any event, the supermailbox concept was already initiated by the previous administration at that time.

As I have said, I agree that supermailboxes are certainly a poor alternative to door-to-door delivery; however, many of my constituents have agreed this is better service than having to go to the post office to pick up their mail. On the other hand, I have had complaints from many who do not want a supermailbox located on or near their property. Each of these complaints is dealt with separately and, needless to say, achieving an acceptable solution

Speaking To You

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is a very lengthy and involved process.

Contrary to common belief, I appreciate receiving your comments as it adds fuel to my fight with Canada Post, underscoring the fact that Canadians are not, and will never be, satisfied with

this type of service. I will continue until I have achieved results satisfactory to all.

Scott Fennell is Member of Parliament for Ontario riding, which includes Uxbridge, Pickering, Ajax and Whitby.

People Profile

By Chris Shanahan



Bill's a born-again musician

As a professional drummer playing Toronto's bar circuit, Bill Watts gained first-hand knowledge of the devastation caused by drug and alcohol abuse.

He himself became a victim of life in the fast lane — a lifestyle that nearly caused his downfall.

But Bill discovered Christ and decided to leave those days as a hard-living musician behind.

Today the long-time Stouffville resident is a reformed alcoholic and born-again Christian who has started his own travelling country gospel ministry.

Mr. Watts, who's employed full-time as a mechanic at a Mr. Transmission outlet, spends much of his spare time spreading a Christian message through music.

"I just feel a call to go out and minister the word and help people," he said simply.

Bill and wife Barb recently appeared in Claremont with the locally-based group Crossover, and have planned other similar shows including one at Stouffville's Latham Hall later this summer.

The Watts are now based at Musselman's Lake and are members of the congregation at Stouffville Pentecostal Church.



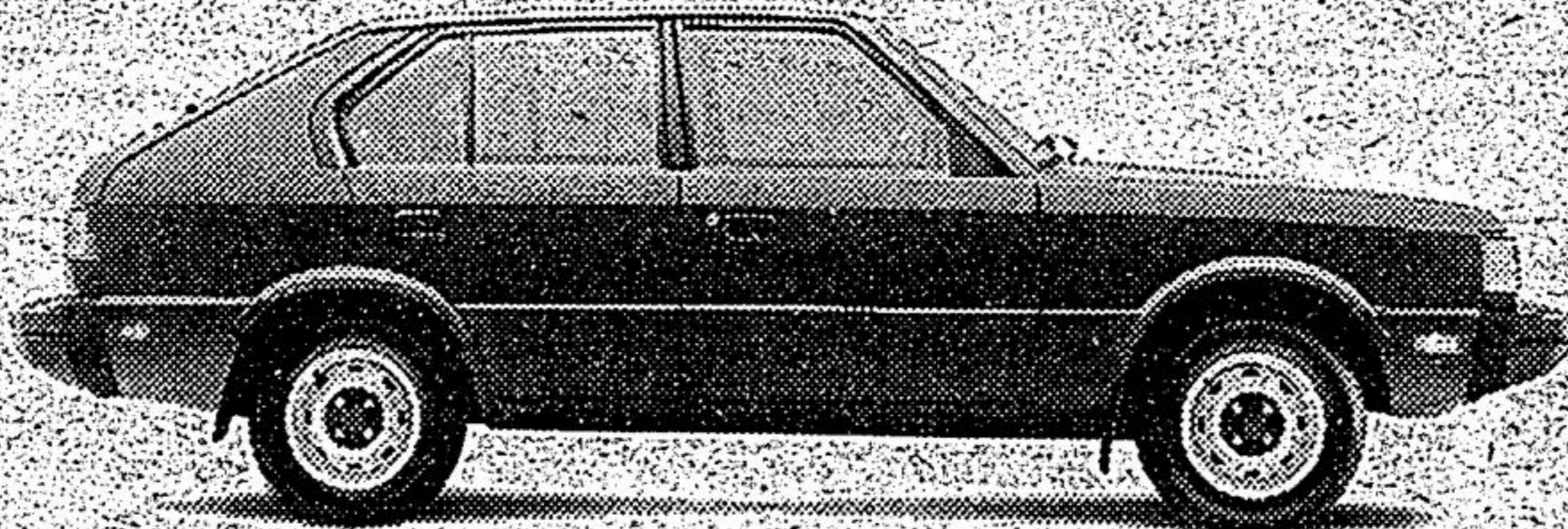
Bill Watts has launched a travelling gospel music ministry that'll play several area concerts this summer. — Chris Shanahan

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