

## A REFRESHING CHANGE



Jim Dye has lived in Acton for around 20 years and started driving for ActiVan in October 2016. Prior to that he lived in Toronto and worked in nation-wide sales importing food.

Because he was let go from his previous job and did not want to retire, Jim decided to be an ActiVan driver. "It was my neighbour who was driving for ActiVan who got me interested. He thought I should try it myself. I got hired by Tyler who looked after the service at that time."

The 66 year-old driver enjoys the social aspect of his job because every day is different. Jim meets around 40 passengers daily and there is always something new to talk about. "I find this career a refreshing change from sales and I like my clients' conversations."

Most of Jim's clients are seniors and people who need transportation to medical appointments as well as those with disabilities who go to different social programs, shopping at the mall, seniors' centres or the community centre.

According to Jim, timing is the most challenging part of the job. Many people take a lot of time to get on the vehicle which affects the set schedules. "Helping passengers make my job easier and dispatchers usually allow time to adapt to someone's mobility needs."



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ActiVan will be closed for service on the following date:

**February 17, 2020**  
**(Family Day)**

Call the ActiVan booking office at 905-702-6435 prior to the holiday closures to update your schedule and/or to make a booking. Many facilities, programs and businesses close on holidays. Note: recurring trips are automatically cancelled on holidays.

### We Want to Know:

Let us know if you prefer to receive this bulletin electronically or if you require this information in an alternate accessible format. Contact ActiVan customer service at:  
[activan@haltonhills.ca](mailto:activan@haltonhills.ca)  
or 905-702-6435.

# ActiVan

January - March 2020

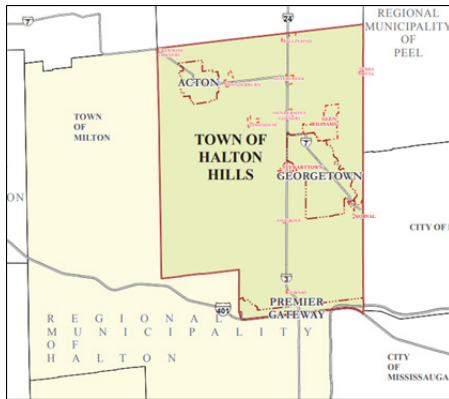
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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ActiVan Boundaries

ActiVan travels anywhere within the municipal boundaries of Halton Hills. Whether it is for a medical appointment or a social program, ActiVan will provide convenient, specialized transportation. Call 905-702-6435.



## Lost and Found

Call the Activan booking office at 905-702-6435 for any lost or missing items. Remember to check your seat before leaving the ActiVan to ensure you have not left anything behind.

## Taxi Scrip

Taxi scrip tickets are valid for rides with the following companies:

- EZ Taxi 905-873-9900\*
- GTown Taxi 905-873-2222\*
- McKab Taxi 905-877-1234

\* Wheelchair accessible vehicle available.

## Subsidized Transit Options in Halton Hills



Get help with the cost of getting to and from work, school or personal trips with Subsidized Passes for Low Income Transit (SPLIT). These passes subsidize eligible Halton Hills residents for a portion of their local travel expenses.

Users qualify for SPLIT if they are:

- Registered with ActiVan or the Taxi Scrip Program as low income users;
- Receiving assistance from Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program;
- Government and privately sponsored refugees.

For questions or to apply for the SPLIT pass, call Halton Region at 311

Toll free 1-866-442-5866

or visit [haltonhills.ca/split](http://haltonhills.ca/split)

## Winter Safety Tips

- Clear ramps, driveways and sidewalks of ice and snow

- Add ice grippers to the rubber tips on the end of canes for extra traction on slippery surfaces
- Wear shoes and boots with deep treads for extra traction
- Dress warmly as service might be delayed in inclement weather
- Repair mobility devices and get the tires properly inflated.

For up-to-date information regarding ActiVan service delays and/or service cancellations due to inclement weather visit, [haltonhills.ca](http://haltonhills.ca) or call 905-702-6435.

## EVENTS

**Saturday, March 14**

**Abbanania & the Bee Gees - 7:30 p.m.**  
**John Elliott Theatre**

The world's largest production of ABBA and the Bee Gees. All Canadian cast that performed in Mamma Mia and for 15 years at Stage West

Cost: \$49.

**Friday, March 27**

**Prelude to a Kiss - 8 p.m.**  
**John Elliott Theatre**

A Georgetown Little Theatre Production. Peter and Rita meet at a party, fall in love and get married. At the wedding, a mysterious old man insists on kissing the bride. What happened during that kiss?

Cost: various prices

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**John Elliott Theatre:**  
9 Church Street, Georgetown