

Let's Take the Bus Workshops

In 2017, HCoA will be offering a series of workshops for Seniors to learn about the HSR & other ways to get around the City!

For information about upcoming workshops, please contact:

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65+ GUIDE TO TAKING THE BUS IN HAMILTON

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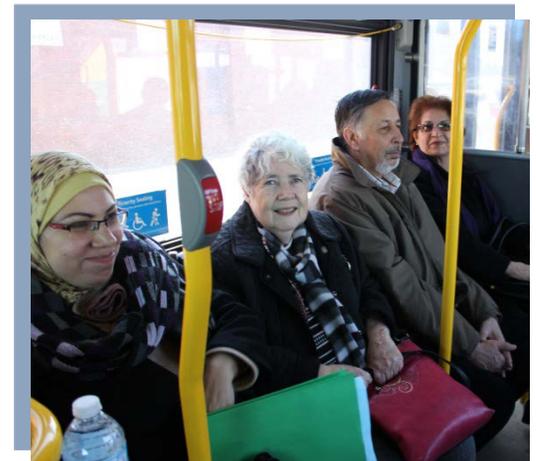
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About the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR)

EASY... CONVENIENT...
ACCESSIBLE... AFFORDABLE

TAKING THE BUS IS A GREAT
OPTION TO HELP GET YOU WHERE
YOU NEED TO BE IN HAMILTON AND
CAN USED AS OFTEN OR AS LITTLE
AS YOU NEED IT.

The Hamilton Street Railway is Hamilton's local public transportation system. The bus is a quick, easy and safe way to get around. HSR buses travel just about everywhere within the City of Hamilton. There are over 30 bus routes serving Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Dundas, Ancaster and Waterdown. Buses run seven days a week on most routes, from around 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. the next morning.
(Source: The City of Hamilton)





PAYING YOUR WAY

There are 3 different ways to pay your Bus Fare in Hamilton. You can choose the payment option that makes the most sense for you!

- ✓ **Buying an Adult Bus Ticket (\$2.30)**
- ✓ **Paying Cash (\$3.00)**
- ✓ **Using your Presto Card that you have personalized to pay your way:**
 - **Golden Age Pass (80+)**
(FREE with the purchase of a \$6 PRESTO Card at Hunter Street GO Station)
 - **Senior Monthly Pass (65+)**
(\$26.50)
 - **Senior Annual Pass (65+)**
(\$265)
 - **Senior Single Fare (65+)**
(\$1.90)

You must have a PRESTO card to pay the reduced senior fare. Proof of age is required to purchase and use a PRESTO Senior Bus Pass.

If you are a young looking senior you can purchase a photo ID for \$5 at the HSR Customer Service Centre.

ABOUT PRESTO

- ✓ The PRESTO card is a wallet-sized smartcard which can hold cash value between \$10-\$1000.
- ✓ PRESTO can be used to pay fares on many different public transit systems, including the HSR and GO TRANSIT.
- ✓ When you get your PRESTO Card, it will be set up for you and it will have information on it to say if you are a golden age user, senior, monthly pass or if you have an annual pass.
- ✓ To use PRESTO, all you have to do it tap it against the PRESTO reader when you enter the bus. The appropriate fare will be deducted from the total value you have on the card.

LOCATIONS TO PURCHASE AND RELOAD YOUR PRESTO CARD:



- **Online:**
www.prestocard.ca
- **Fortinos locations throughout Hamilton**
- **Hunter Street GO Station,**
36 Hunter St. E
- **West Harbour GO Station,**
353 James St. N.
- **Hamilton City Hall,**
71 Main Street West
- **Dundas Municipal Service Centre,**
60 Main St. E.



4 WAYS TO PLAN YOUR TRIP

USE A PAPER SCHEDULE:

Schedules are available on the bus, online, or at major stops. These schedules are published for each route and show a map and time the bus arrives at major stops.

Call the HSR information number 905 527 4441:

Each bus route has a 4-digit stop number. After you call the information line, enter your 4 digit stop number and you will get the time that the bus is due at that stop.

Get a schedule from the HSR website www.hamilton.ca/cityservices/transit:

OR search for the HSR Hamilton using Google and download a paper schedule from the site.

Use Google Maps:

Google Maps is a convenient way to plan a bus trip.

Visit: www.google.ca and click on maps. Click on the bus icon and enter your trip information for a detailed trip plan.