

## On International Day of Disability, County of Brant will Eliminate Para Transit

December 3, 2012 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Disability. Last week the federal government announced funding for the City of Brantford to improve job opportunities for people with disabilities <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?nid=708319> as part of a national commitment to inclusion of people with disabilities.

December 3, 2012 is also the day of the next Community Services Committee meeting where the committee will most likely approve the immediate elimination of Para transit in the County.

Other communities are planning celebrations of inclusion and community participation, recognizing the value and positive influence that people with disabilities have in their municipalities.

Meanwhile in the County of Brant, those of us with disabilities will lose our jobs and our independence as well as our basic and protected human rights when the County eliminates specialized transportation service/para transit.

Those of us with disabilities challenge every staff member and every elected official in the County of Brant to put their vehicles in the garage for a month and only take a taxi to wherever they want to go and then come back and tell those of us with disabilities that we don't need accessible affordable and sustainable Para transit.