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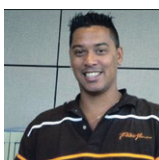


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## Braving the cold and snow for some fun

Considering the weather— bitter cold and blowing snow, the turnout to the Acton Winter Carnival last weekend was "awesome," said Acton BIA manager Josey Bonnette, adding there were about 1,000 attendees. Above, Adam Holmes, 8, of Acton, shows great form at the horseshoe pit. Crowned Acton Winter Carnival Snow Queen and King 2014 were Deirdre Hogan and Tony Robinson, both of Acton. Preparations are already underway for the 4th annual Acton Winter Carnival. If you are interested in being on the committee, call the Acton BIA at 519-853-9555. **For more Winter Carnival shots, go to page 11.**

Photo by Ray Lavender

## Walk to school criteria may be re-evaluated

By **TIM WHITNELL**  
Metroland Media Group

Halton District School Board wants the transportation consortium of which it is a member to investigate the possibility of reducing the walk-to-school distance for its high school students.

Halton board trustees have endorsed a request from its representatives on the Halton Student Transportation Services (HSTS) board that the HSTS do a feasibility study to investigate decreasing the walk-to distance for secondary students from the current four-kilometre threshold to 3.2 km.

If it were to happen, it would make more students eligible for busing to their designated school.

Trustees were told that a study to determine the financial costs and other effects of reducing the walk-to distance could be done in time for implementation of the change for the 2014-15 school year.

Oakville trustee Ann Harvey Hope noted nearby boards in Peel, Hamilton and Upper Grand (Guelph area) all have 3.2km as the demarcation point for walk-to/busing distances for high school students.

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