

# 'Disgusting' vandalism at Fairview Cemetery

In recent weeks, seven monuments at Acton's Fairview Cemetery have been tipped over and pieces of decorative hardware have been removed from the columbaria, the

granite structures containing cremated remains. "I am disgusted by these events," said Mayor Rick Bonnette in a press release issued on Monday. "It should concern

all of us when cemeteries are not treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. This total lack of respect for monuments in memory of those who have died must not

be tolerated," the Mayor said. Although Town staff reported six previous vandalism incidents over the summer, increased police surveillance curtailed the vandalism until a few

weeks ago.

Town staff said along with the unnecessary upset to families whose monuments recklessly disturbed, when a monument is tipped over, it can

be cracked or damaged, requiring costly and time-consuming repairs.

The Town continues to monitor the cemetery on a regular basis and urges residents to report any suspicious activity to Halton police or Crime Stoppers at 905-825-8477 or on-line at [www.haltoncrimestoppers.com](http://www.haltoncrimestoppers.com)



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**SANTA SWEETIE:** Acton's Luke van Asseldonk, 3, waited patiently to take a horse-drawn carriage ride with Santa last Thursday night during the Acton BIA's Holiday Magic on Mill & Main event. — Frances Learment photo



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