

# Cash now available for mercury switches from cars

The Mercury Recovery in partnership with the Clean Air Foundation has launched the "Loonie for Loons" campaign to encourage mercury recovery in Ontario.

For a limited time, recyclers participating in the Clean Air Foundation's Switch Out program will receive up to \$1 for every mercury switch that they collect from now until Dec. 5, 2003.

Switch Out is Canada's first program dedicated to the recovery of mercury from vehicles. Since its launch in 2001, the program has collected over 30,000 mercury switches from the convenience lighting under the hoods and trunks of retired vehicles. To date, participation by recyclers

has been voluntary. The "Loonie for Loons" campaign will test the effect of a financial incentive on participation rates. It is being supported by Ontario Power Generation and the Ministry of the Environment.

Under hood and trunk lighting switches in automobiles are the fourth largest source of mercury pollution in Canada. A single car can have several switches, each containing about one gram of mercury. Without the Switch Out program, approximately 700 kg of mercury would be emitted into the Canadian environment every year as vehicles reach their end of life and are recycled. Switches collected through the program mean direct reductions in

mercury emissions to the environment. One gram of mercury can potentially contaminate an eight hectare lake to levels that leave fish unsafe for consumption.

Auto recyclers will finally be rewarded for their voluntary efforts to remove mercury from the scrap they send to steel producers," said Ian Morton, Executive Director of the Clean Air Foundation. "While Switch Out is the most successful program of its kind in North America, current collection rates are as low as 10 per cent. We expect this rate will increase under the Mercury Recovery Fund incentive," he added.

The Mercury Recovery Fund was set up to create and sustain mercury-

product collection, to prevent their disposal to the regular waste stream and the mercury from being emitted into the environment.

The Clean Air Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to

developing, implementing and managing public engagement programs and initiatives that result in measurable emission reductions. In addition to Energy Wise, it manages four national programs including Car Heaven, a

vehicle retirement program, Mow Down Pollution, a national lawnmower exchange program, Keep Cool, a room air conditioner exchange program, and Switch Out, North America's largest mercury collection program.

## Survey shows credit unions have positive impact here

A national survey on corporate giving has shown credit unions such as Prosperity ONE have an impact on their communities.

The second national survey of credit union philanthropy, conducted by national polling firm Ipsos-Reid, revealed that Canadian credit unions participating in the survey contributed \$20.7 million to humanitarian causes in 2002. Ontario credit union survey participants reported giving more than \$2.6 million to community causes, including over \$1.3 million in donations and sponsorships, and \$611,000 to economic de-

velopment initiatives.

Prosperity ONE accounted for \$30,000 of that total. The three North Halton credit unions provided monetary support to organizations such as high schools in Acton, Georgetown and Milton; Junior Achievement; Terry Fox; Multiple Sclerosis, Acton Sports Action Park, Halton Hills Risk Watch; Milton Risk Watch to mention a few of the causes Prosperity ONE supports.

The Ipsos-Reid survey found that health care causes, other non-profit organizations, and education related causes were the recipients of the majority of

Ontario credit unions' monetary support, including donations in kind and financial services. Several respondents indicated they provide financial services to community organizations, which include such things as low-or no-interest loans and fee-free accounts.

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**NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS OF HALTON REGION**

**- GET INVOLVED -**

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton is seeking one citizen-at-large to represent it on the Halton Regional Police Services Board, for a three-year term. The Halton Regional Police Services Board is responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services in Halton. The Board must also satisfy itself that the standards issued by the Ministry of Public Safety and Security are upheld. Involvement in the day-to-day operating decisions of the police service is prohibited.

The Board meets a minimum of 12 times a year, on the fourth Thursday of each month, all day, commencing at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are held in the Halton Regional Police Services Headquarters building, or may be held on a rotational basis throughout the Region. Applicants must be willing to commit a minimum of twenty hours per month for Board business, however, this can increase dramatically if members are involved in collective bargaining. Several Special Board meetings and other functions are held throughout the year.

All applicants will be required to apply for and obtain a security clearance at the Police Services Records Bureau.

For further information on Board responsibilities, qualifications and desired skill, call Dorothy McDonald, Executive Director, Halton Regional Police Services Board at (905) 825-4747, ext. 5014. For application and/or selection information, call Pat Crimmins, Regional Deputy Clerk, at (905) 825-6000, ext. 7256.

Regional Council wishes to ensure that its boards and committees reflect the diverse nature of its community and invites all residents of Halton to consider this opportunity.

An interview committee of Regional Council will recommend a qualified candidate for this position to Regional Council.

Application forms are available in the Regional Clerk's Division, Regional Municipality of Halton, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, ON L6M 3L1 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by fax at (905) 825-8838 or by e-mail to regionalclerk@region.halton.on.ca, or on Halton Region's web site, www.region.halton.on.ca/Council/Appointments/39.html

Completed application forms must be submitted to the undersigned no later than Monday, December 1, 2003. Interviews will be conducted during the week of December 8, 2003.

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