

# Catholic board leaves door open to install surveillance cameras in schools

The Halton Catholic school board has approved a video surveillance policy, but board staff says that doesn't mean cameras are imminent in local schools.

Assistant superintendent Gary Mahoney described the board policy as basically: "Video surveillance where necessary, but not necessarily video surveillance."

The policy outlines how security cameras, along with the information they gather, may be used on school board sites. It comes on the heels of an announcement by the provincial government that it will spend \$4 to \$6 million installing cameras in schools where public access is difficult to monitor.

But Lou Piovesan, director of education for the Halton Catholic District School Board, says most of the board's schools have either been renovated or designed to ensure that front entrances can be monitored by office staff.

The board will consider requests from individual schools that believe they would benefit from the installation of cameras to improve staff and student safety, deter unauthorized access or discourage vandalism and theft.

But Mahoney warned trustees that cameras won't likely prevent criminal activity, as they won't be consistently monitored.

"Video surveillance is primarily seen as a way of augmenting the information available to anyone investigating a situation," he said, adding that it isn't the right tool for all circumstances.

"In fact, there may be situations where a locked door may be more effective than video surveillance."

Piovesan also reassured trustees that the cameras would not be used as a substitute for staff supervision of students.

"The best surveillance is human surveillance," he said. "The cameras are there to support, but not to take over human surveillance."

The only Catholic school in Halton that

currently uses video surveillance is Notre Dame high school in Burlington.

About 16 cameras were mounted both inside and outside of that school nearly a decade ago, in response to concerns about the growth of the school, the number of portables and the use of the facility by Sheridan College students.

Piovesan said staff at Notre Dame believe the cameras have been effective in dealing with problems at the school.

"They tell us it has had a positive impact on reducing vandalism and thefts," he said.

He added that the board has also addressed security concerns by hiring one full-time security guard for each of its high schools.

—By Kim Arnott, special

## Santa visits town Saturday

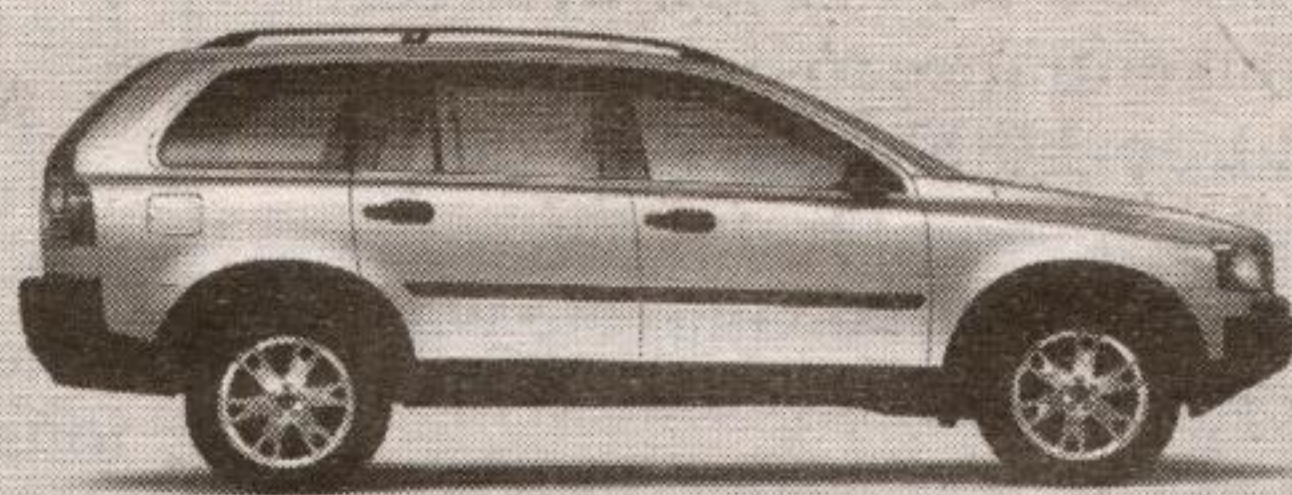
The 74th Annual Georgetown Santa Claus parade hosted by the Lions Club of Georgetown will get under way at 1:30 p.m. and feature approximately 70 floats and bands.



Floats will be decorated in keeping with the theme of this year's parade—Christmas Around the World. Prizes will be awarded in five categories including Best Band and Best Commercial Entry.

As in the past, children are encouraged to bring their letters to Santa Claus to the parade as Canada Post letter carriers will be walking the route collecting them.

The parade begins at Sinclair Ave. and Guelph St., travels down Guelph to Mill St., then goes along Mill to Charles St., onto Park St. then ends at Georgetown Fairgrounds.



THE 2005s HAVE ARRIVED

### LAST CHANCE FOR A 2004 VOLVO.

THE 2005s HAVE ARRIVED, SO WE'VE GOT GREAT FINANCE AND LEASE RATES ON OUR REMAINING 2004s. WITH OVER 70 LEFT IN STOCK, WE'RE CERTAIN YOU'LL FIND THE RIGHT COMBINATION OF VOLVO STYLE, PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY FOR YOU. VISIT MCMILLAN & SAUNDERS VOLVO OR ERIN MILLS VOLVO FOR A TEST DRIVE.

FINANCE AVAILABLE

1.8%

UP TO 60 MONTHS

VOLVO

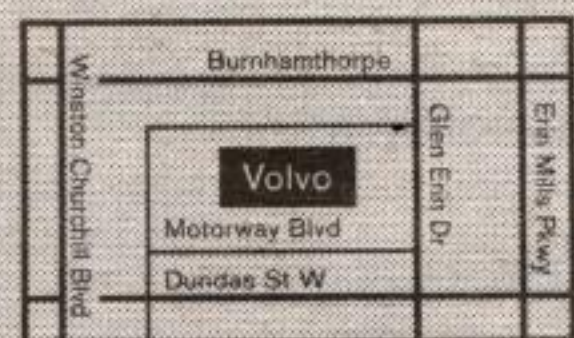
for life

YEAR	MODEL	COLOUR	STOCK #
2004	V70 2.5 T	SILVER	E2D008
2004	XC90 T6	SILVER	E2D555
2004	XC90 T6	ASH GOLD	E2D172
2004	S80 AWD	BLACK MET.	E2D359
2004	S80 AWD	BLACK MET.	E2D360
2004	S60 AWD	SILVER	E2D256
2004	XC90 T6	BLACK MET.	E2D202

YEAR	MODEL	COLOUR	STOCK #
2004	S40 A	ALT BLUE	2D396
2004	S60 2.5TI	RUBY RED	2D410
2004	S60 2.4ASR	SILVER	2D494
2004	S60 2.5T	PLAT GREEN	2D519
2004	S60 AWD	NAUT. BLUE	2D567
2004	S60 T5	SILVER	2D589
2004	S60 2.4I	PLAT GREEN	2D635

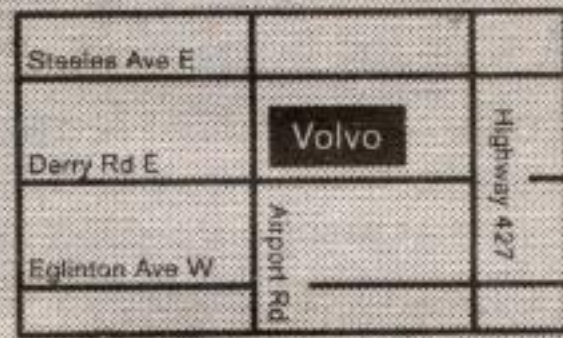
#### ERIN MILLS VOLVO

2455 Motorway Boulevard, Mississauga  
1-866-543-0140 www.erinmillsvolvo.com



#### MCMILLAN & SAUNDERS VOLVO

3295 Derry Road East, Mississauga  
1-866-543-0096 www.mcmillansaundersvolvo.com



# LOWEST PRICE OF THE YEAR - GUARANTEED!



Call now...  
Offer expires  
Mon. Nov. 15/04

Echelon

by Coleman  
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING PRODUCTS

Replace it now and receive

a factory system  
rebate of up to  
**\$650.00\***

**PLUS**  
\$200 Rebate  
on your Union Gas  
bill

**AND**  
Don't pay until March '05  
Limited Time Offer  
O.A.C.

UFCU financial

- Up to 96% Efficiency
- DC motor saves you \$200-\$300 per year in electricity costs

Call now for your furnace & fireplace maintenance  
• Qualified mechanics • Quality Workmanship



APPLEBY SYSTEMS 877-8990

Fireplace, Heating & Air Conditioning Sales & Service  
118 Guelph St. Georgetown (at Maple)

Hours: Monday - Friday 9-5; Saturday 11-4; Appointments available after hours upon request

# P.O.W.E.R.

(Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources)

presents

Bob McDonald

P.O.W.E.R.'s annual general meeting and silent auction.

November 23, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.  
Mold-Masters Sports Plex  
Upper Hall



CBC radio ONE

host of CBC Radio's Quirks & Quarks

"Precious Planet:  
the View from Above"

See images of Earth from space.

Hear what we have learned from this cosmic perspective.

More info: Leslie Adams, 905-877-4766

\*Limited time offer through participating Volvo retailers and Volvo Car Financial Services Canada on approved credit to qualified retail customers only. Available purchase financing from 1.8%. Finance example: \$20,000 financed at 1.8% over 60 months, monthly payment is \$348.80, total cost of borrowing is \$928.00. Freight and delivery of \$1,495.00, taxes, licence, insurance, PPSA and dealer charges extra. Retailer may sell/lease for less. Offer ends November 30, 2004. Some terms/conditions apply. See your Volvo retailer for full details. ©2004 Volvo Cars of Canada Ltd. "Volvo for life" is a registered trade-mark used under