

Crime Stoppers
OF HALTON

Suspicious man talks to children

Someone is driving around Halton Hills asking children to perform sexual acts, and Crime Stoppers wants him stopped.

Between April 9 and April 14, children near Glen Williams and Limehouse have been spoken to by a man in a mid-size car. In what could be a related incident, a man was seen watching children while hiding in a wooded area near the Limehouse school.

None of the children have been physically approached by the suspect, nor has he persisted when the children ran from him.

The descriptions provided by the victims for the suspect vary, but the car seems to be a constant. The male, white adult has been driving a mid-size car, black, with what could be a stripe or lettering along the side or back of the vehicle. A rag was hung over the rear plate which hid the numbers from view.

Residents are being asked to help protect area children. If anyone has a possible suspect for police to investigate, Crime Stoppers wants to hear about it.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

You need not give your name and your information will be treated with complete anonymity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display.

Call 1-800-222-TIPS or 825-TIPS.

Crime Stoppers of Halton is operated by a board of directors made up of 18 civilians from all areas of Halton Region. The reward fund results from the financial support of business, industry, services clubs and private citizens.

The board of directors raises the money, decides on the amount of rewards, and actually pays the rewards. Crime Stoppers is incorporated as a charitable organization, therefore all donations to the reward fund are tax deductible.

Correction

The address of the Halton riding returning office in Milton was wrong in a story in Tuesday's edition.

The correct address is 17 Wilson Dr., not 77 Wilson Dr.

The newspaper apologizes for the error, and any associated inconvenience.

School saved at 11th hour by board

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open. He said expected growth in Milton and the school's unique natural setting were the decisive factors in maintaining it

"We'll have a little celebration," said Mr. Kingsbury.

"There are no immediate plans for the building. The building is in pretty good shape."

Mr. Kingsbury did say the building's wiring will be improved. All Halton schools were recently rewired but the six on the chopping block were bypassed.

"I am absolutely elated by the board's decision not to close it. There is a whole raft of people who worked really hard on this," Mr. Kingsbury said.

He estimated the savings to reach at least \$750,000 per year by closing the three schools

"All our efforts paid off. The future is bright and

strong and we'll be working on the outdoor, environmental aspect of the school," said Mr. Patterson. "I guess we planted enough seeds of doubt in their (board members) minds. We have to use the support from the community to fulfill the commitments we made."

Mr. Patterson said teachers had picked up on the unique environmental position of the rural school and have begun to put together a program for students.

A pleased Mr. Patterson said his son, now in grade 4, has some certainty that he will finish primary education at Percy

Merry. "I'll have to tell him he has to pull up his socks, there is going to be a grade 6 to pass," he joked.

Milton Councillor Rick Day said he was pleased and was looking forward to a student concert, which will provide parents their first chance to get together since the good news.

"It shows that even school boards can make common sense decisions rather than just dealing with crisis," said Mr. Day. "Pressure and repetition can work. You can fight city hall."

Mr. Day pointed to fellow Councillor Barry Lee and Mr. Kingsbury's efforts as being instrumental in the result.

He said the large site and proximity to major roads must have played a part in the decision to keep the school open, given the probable population growth in the area.



Tim Kingsbury

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