

IT'S A NEW YEAR.

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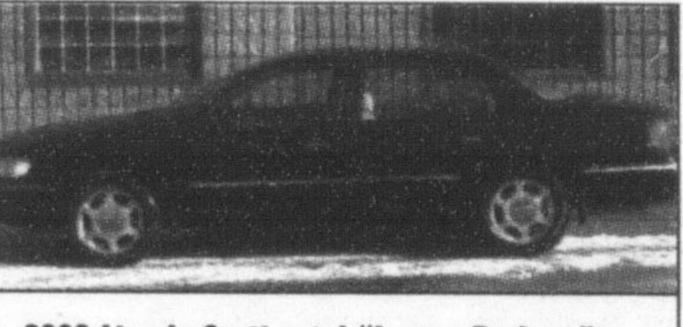
Our "One & Only Sale" of the year is on now but only until January 31st. So come in today!

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How many more cars do we have on our lot? A lot. In fact we have over 350 automobiles and trucks with more arriving each and every day.

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2003 GMC Sierra SLT Crew Gab HD Ton 4x4 (only 19,483km!!)	Now \$36,995
2003 GMC Sierra SL 2500 HD Ton 4x4 (only 30,601km!!)	Now \$27,995
2003 Toyota Avalon XLS (only 58,099km!!)	Now \$33,995
2003 Toyota Corolla Sport (only 49,419km!!)	Now \$19,995
2002 Buick LeSabre Ltd. (only 74,975km!!)	Now \$21,995
2002 Ford Escape XLS (only 95,442km!!)	Now \$18,895
2002 Ford Explorer XLT (only 54,353km!!)	New \$25,995
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2001 Lincoln LS (only 7,452km!!)	Now \$27,995
2002 Ford Windstar LX (only 77,668km!!)	Now \$15,995
2002 Lincoln LS (only 62,143km!!)	Now \$23,995
2002 Olds Alero GX (only 73,068km!!)	Now \$10,995
2002 Pontiac Transport Montana (only 65,187km!!)	Now \$14,995
2002 Toyota Camry SE (only 86,088km!!)	Now \$22,995
2002 Toyota Rav4 AWD C Pkg (only 44,029km!!)	Now \$24,995
2002 Olds Alero GLS (only 44,677km!!)	Now \$17,995
2001 Chrysler 300M (only 61,600km!!)	Now \$18,995
2001 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport (only 98,253km!!)	Now \$14,995
2001 Ford Focus SE Wagon (only 67,573km!!)	Now \$11,995
2001 Honda CRV GT AWD (only 48,233km!!)	Now \$21,995
2001 Olds Aurora (only 68,000km!!)	Now \$18,995
2001 Olds Intrigue GL (only 74,711km!!)	Now \$14,995
2001 Olds Silhouette GLS Extended (only 72,266km!!)	Now \$17,995
2001 Pontiac Grand AM SE (only 70,887km!!)	Now \$9,995
2001 Pontiac Grand Prix GT (only 72,950km!!)	Now \$15,995
2001 Saturn SL2 (only 49,003km!!)	Now \$11,995
2000 Cadillac Deville (only 76,991km!!)	Now \$24,995
2000 Chev Blazer LS (only 57,224km!!)	Now \$15,995
2000 Chev Tracker Sport 4x4 (only 39,021km!!)	Now \$14,995
2000 Chrysler Neon LE (only 75,204km!!)	Now \$7,995
2000 Dodge Caravan (only 118,964km!!)	Now \$9,995
2000 Nissan Maxima SE (only 88,016km!!)	Now \$18,995
2000 Nissan Pathfinder XE (only 96,313km!!)	Now \$18,995
2000 Pontiac Transport Montana (only 63,292km!!)	Now \$12,995
2000 Saturn SL1 (only 145,140km!!)	Now \$5,995
2000 Toyota Corolla VE (only 100,019km!!)	Now \$11,495
2000 Toyota Sienna GE (only 98,164km!!)	Now \$16,575
2000 Toyota Solara SLE (only 60,198km!!)	Now \$19,390
1999 Chev Tahoe LT (only 106,226km!!)	Now \$18,995
1999 Ford Explorer Sport (only 89,902km!!)	Now \$12,995
1999 Olds Aurora (only 93,676km!!)	New \$13,995
1999 Toyota 4 Runner SR5 (only 97,548km!!)	Now \$20,995
1999 Toyota Rav4 (only 94,475km!!)	Now \$14,995
1998 Buick Skylark (only 72,784km!!)	Now \$8,995

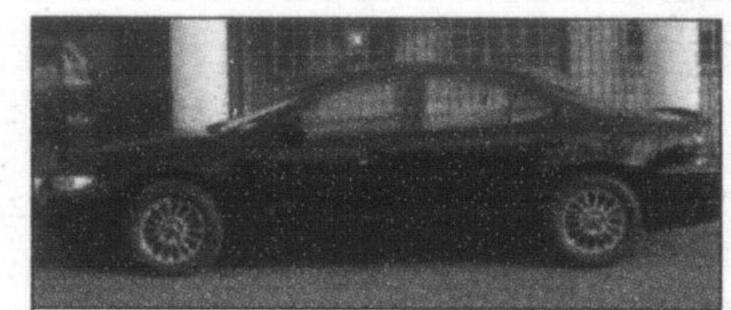




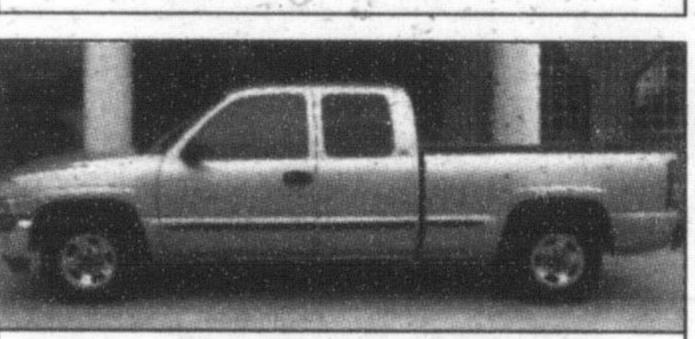
2002 Lincoln Continental "Luxury Package" (only 50,000km!! leather, moonroof) New \$26,995



2001 Chev Venture Extended (only 73,000km!! dual doors, pw, pl & more) New \$13,995



2001 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP Special Edition (only 75,970km!!) Now \$18,995



2000 GMC Sierra SL X-Gab (only 82,000km!! V8, auto, air, tilt, delay wipers) New \$16,995



Obviously, some conditions apply to all of the benefits listed above (unfortunately, some rotten apples have tried to take advantage of our generosity and good nature). We'll give you the full details when we see you.

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Council approves tax hike of 1.6%

But Mayor Krantz votes against it

By JASON MISNER

The Champion

Halton politicians voted overwhelmingly for a regional tax hike that will result in the hiring of more health staff, the operation of two new public long-term care facilities and expanded garbage pick-up.

On Wednesday, councillors voted 18-2 in approving a 1.6 per cent tax hike for 2004, amounting to an increase of \$13.50 on a home assessed at an average of \$250,000. Last year's increase for regional services was only 0.7 per cent.

The regional portion of the average homeowner's 2004 tax bill — excluding impacts from the Halton Police Services budget, which contains a 10.1 per cent increase — will come in at \$871.85. The police budget has been sent back to the police services board by the Region to see if further cuts can be made.

Also, water and wastewater rates will rise by 9.1 per cent, or an extra \$46.62 on an average household. Water rate bills are paid separate from regional tax bills.

Factoring in the tax levy, water and sewer rates and the current police budget, total regional taxes would amount to \$1,800.41, a 5.5 per cent hike over last year.

Milton council, meanwhile, passed a 2 per cent tax increase last month, amounting to an average household increase of \$12.

The Region's total operating budget for 2004 is slightly higher than \$447 million.

Halton Chair Joyce Savoline said the budget is justified, particularly because it will provide for better health protection for residents.

"Health and safety, that is our mandate, that is our responsibility," she said after the meeting. "I think in Halton we made those courageous decisions."

Budget highlights include:

- Hiring 13 staff people for the health department, including an associate medical officer of health, to meet a number of needs such as food safety and emerging infectious diseases, like West Nile virus.
- Some \$2.5 million of waste management improvements, among which include expanding rural roadside garbage and/or blue box collection in Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills.
- Taking over responsibility for roads with higher maintenance costs through a deal reached with the lower-tier municipalities last year.
- The opening of two new long-term care facilities this year, one each in Burlington and Oakville at a cost of \$741,300.
- Opening an ambulance centre in Burlington at a cost of \$183,100.
- Salary and benefit adjustments for staff.
- Ozonation at water treatment plants to better treat drinking water, like in Oakville.

The Region's finance staff had proposed a hike of 1.9 per cent, but a budget review committee Monday made \$559,100 worth of changes to get it to 1.6 per cent. It included cutting a blue box program, at a cost of \$59,000, for BIAs in the four municipalities that currently don't get the service. Staff will be investigating the program further.

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