

Garbage diverted from landfill continues to rise

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Halton Region continues to steer more waste away from its sole landfill site on Regional Road 25 in Milton, but has fallen behind some of its neighbours.

In a staff report to the Region's planning and public works committee meeting last week, Halton's waste management division said 40.9 per cent of the 181,081 total tonnes of waste collected in 2003 was diverted from the landfill, primarily through recycling.

The landfill has about three million tonnes of space left, with a lifespan of about 30 years.

Halton's diversion rate is up slightly from 2002's rate of 39.6 per cent, and 38 per cent in 2001. Ontario's average rate is around 26 per cent.

Overall, the Region collected 5 per cent more waste in 2003 compared to 2002, mostly due to population growth and other waste enhancements.

Garbage and blue box collection is a regional responsibility.

It had been touted that the Region had the highest diversion rate in the GTA, but Peel has surpassed the municipality with a rate of 45.2 per cent.

David Miles, Halton's supervisor of waste management, said he's not concerned that Peel has a higher

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diversion rate. "I'm really pleased with where we are and what we've achieved. We've got really good support for our diversion programs. Halton is still the leader with our blue box program."

He said a big reason other municipalities have increased their diversion rate is they have started an organics program mostly to address the issue of having little or no landfill space.

Peel has been conducting an organics pilot project since 2002. It involves residents dumping kitchen scraps, like peeled potato peels, into a plastic container, which is picked up by the municipality for composting.

A Halton waste audit about two years ago revealed that between 40 and 50 per cent of garbage bags contain organic material.

The Region, Mr. Miles said, is

undergoing a five-year review of its waste management strategy and will explore the notion of composting organic materials. It would look at where organic composting buildings exist — either publicly or privately-owned — and developing a partnership to use it.

It isn't a cheap venture. A company in Quebec for example charges \$115 a tonne, including trucking costs.

Before a recommendation is made, the public would be consulted, Mr. Miles said. It could come before regional councillors as early as next year, he said.

Burlington Regional Councillor Mike Wallace, chair of the planning and public works committee, said he's "comfortable" with the diversion rate, adding the Region isn't in competition with other municipalities.

"I think we need to make sure the program we have now is maximized in its efficiency," he said, noting he'd love to see blue boxes blanketing streets.

Meanwhile, a regional staff report examining the issue of a pay-per-garbage-bag system, which was to be tabled last week, is anticipated to go before regional committee members April 14.

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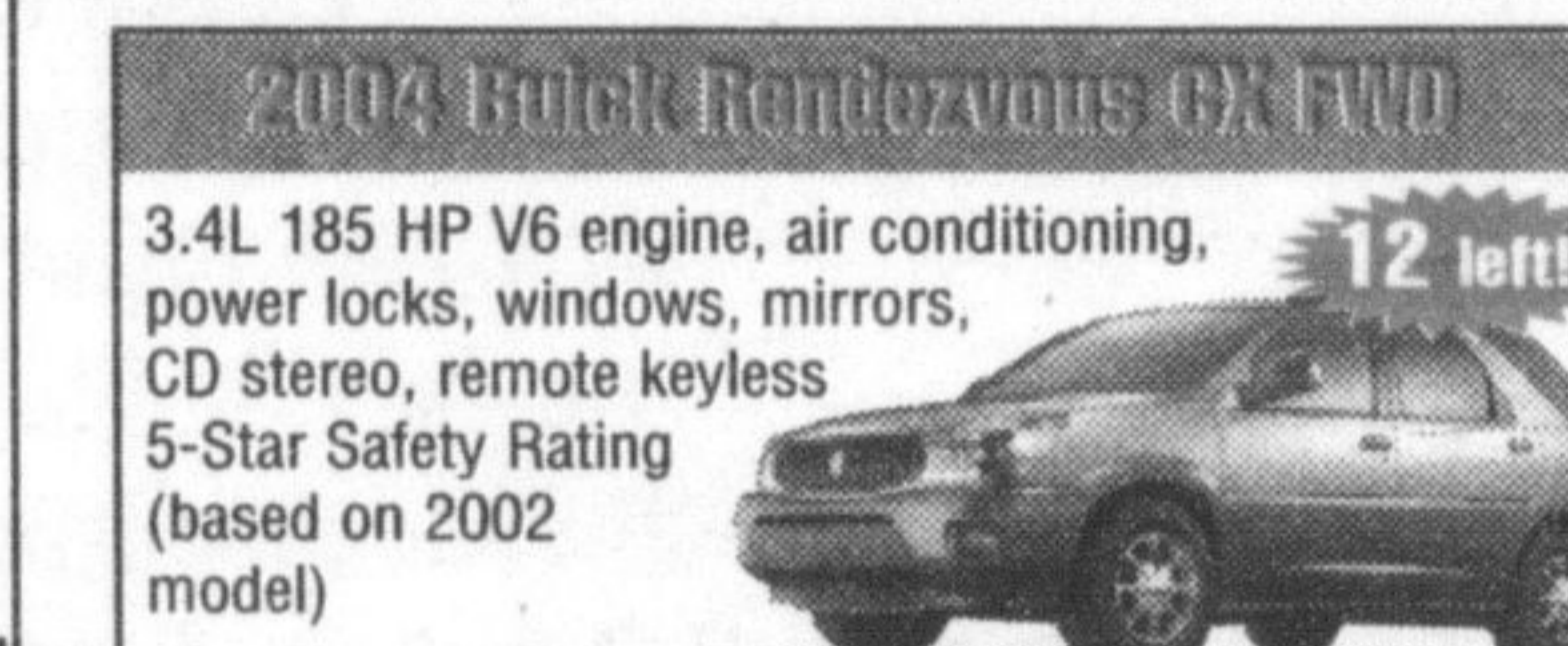
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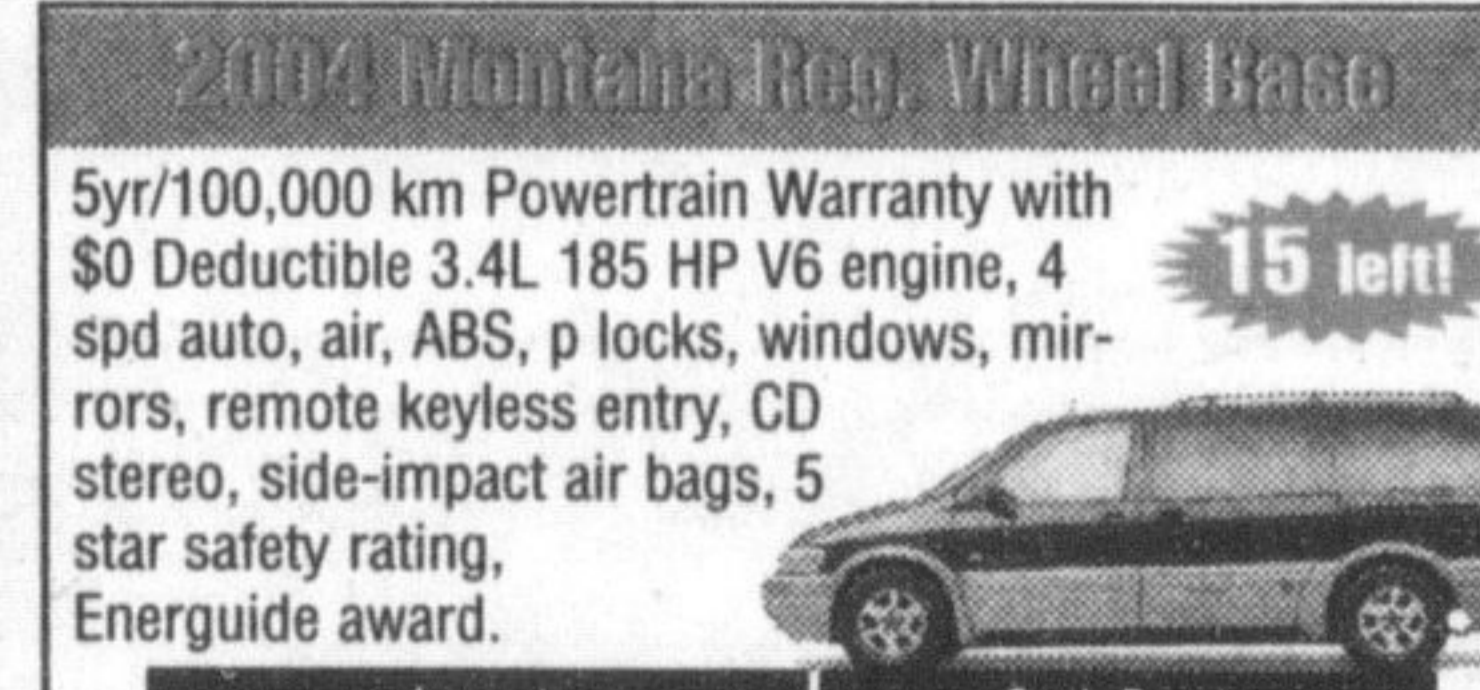
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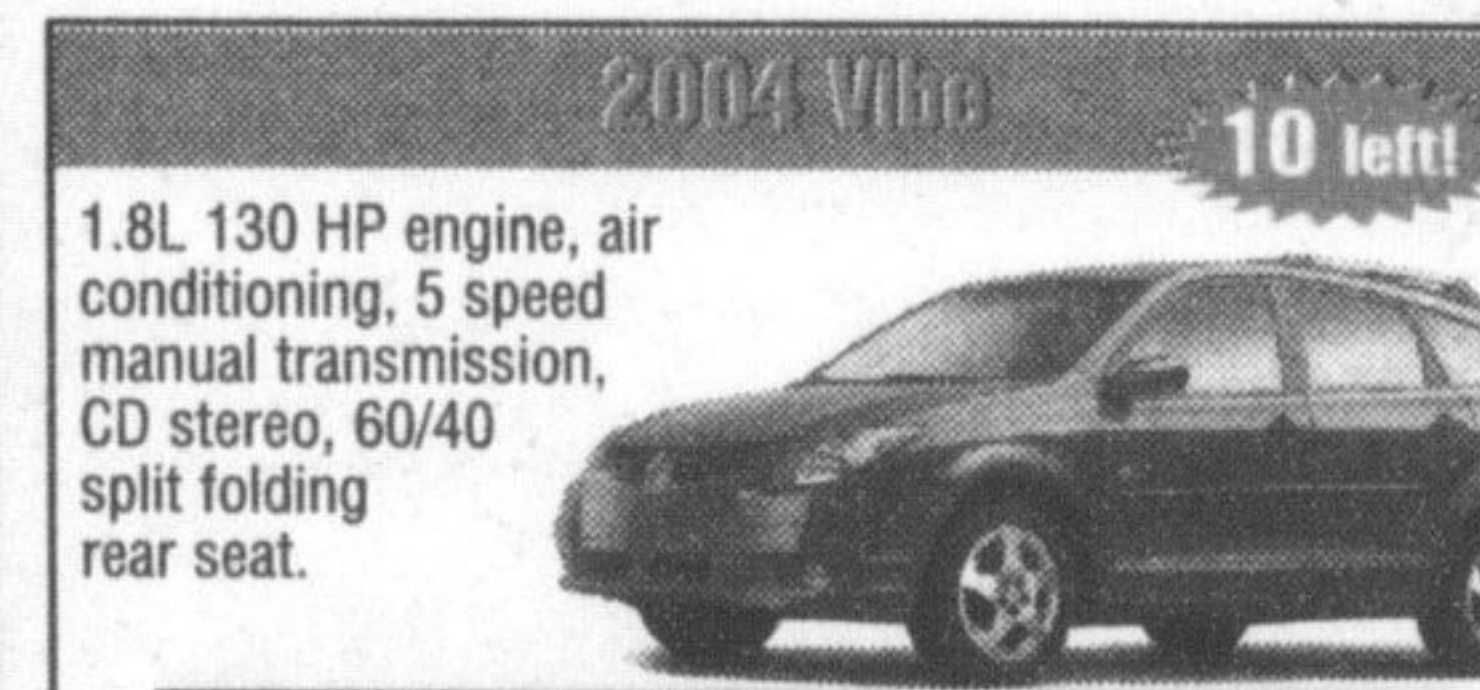
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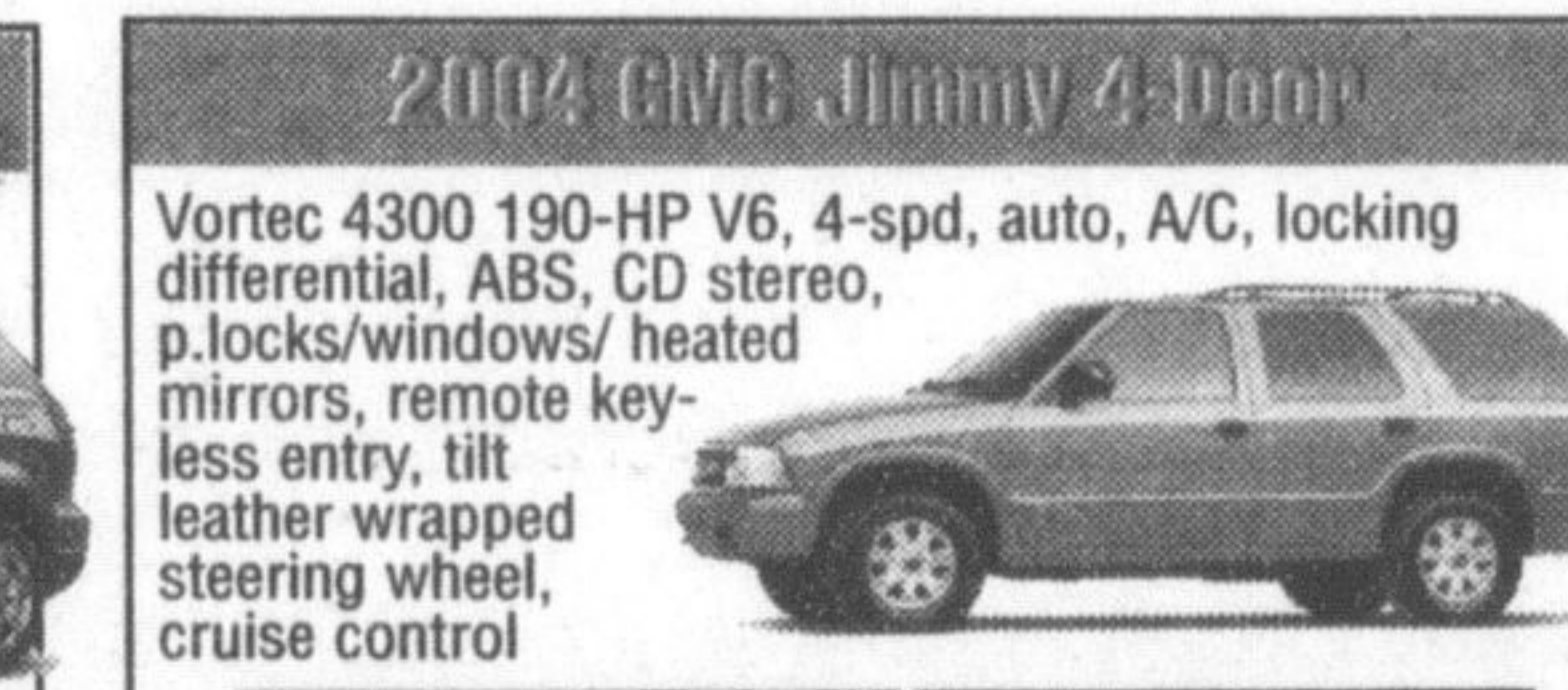
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