

# Trafalgar described as Indy 500

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officers who patrol the area so they can take action.

An increased police presence is what parent Shelley Davis said it would take for her to consider letting her children take the bus from Trafalgar Road again.

"I need more than a sign. People ignore the speed limit signs already," she said.

Ms Davis, who also lives between Britannia and Lower Base Line, said she's been driving her kids to school every day since the road was widened from two lanes to four.

"It's not worth the gamble," she said. "It's like the Indy 500 out here. It's insane. I don't understand why everybody's in such a hurry."

Even before the road was widened, Ms Davis had several harrowing experiences, like having a couple of cars almost run her down because they were passing the bus on the shoulder.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that aggressive driving is an issue throughout the community. For this reason, local school bus drivers and police work together on a Bus Watch program. Mr. Taylor explained bus drivers who identify a vehicle that doesn't stop for them and its licence plate number can forward this information to police.

Police will then send a letter to the vehicle's owner saying their car was seen not stopping for a bus and informs them of how much the fine could've been. It also highlights the fact that people were put at risk.

Mr. Taylor said erecting signs on Trafalgar will be a good method of public education, noting if the information is there in front of drivers they can make a conscious choice.

"We're looking to the public to play their part in ensuring our children are kept safe," he said.

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# Not issue of sour grapes

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Mr. Lauwers attended the May 16 and 18 meetings. Mr. Tate told The Post following the May 18 meeting that the \$10,000 fee for Mr. Lauwers' work would come from the board's \$500,000 legal fees fund.

A court reporter — whose costs haven't yet been publicly revealed — was also retained to cover the two meetings.

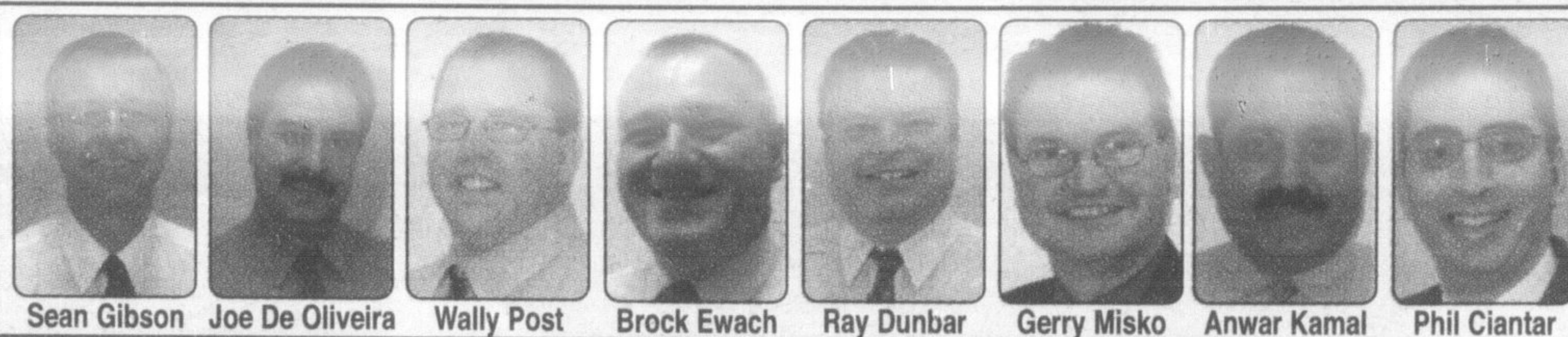
Mr. Tate said he approached Halton police about public safety given the agenda that was on tap for the May 18 meeting. Det. Sgt. Joe Barker said the officers sat in on the four-hour meeting while on paid-duty and therefore didn't cost the board anything.

Policy governance was drastically altered at the May 18 board meeting and, later that night, eight-year Director of Education Papke announced he was resigning. Mr. Papke said the board was heading in a new direction that he didn't feel comfortable leading.

Ms Gardiner, one of five trustees who voted against changing policy governance, said her request for a full account of the legal costs isn't the result of sour grapes.

"I'm just trying to get answers for the people who ask me the questions."

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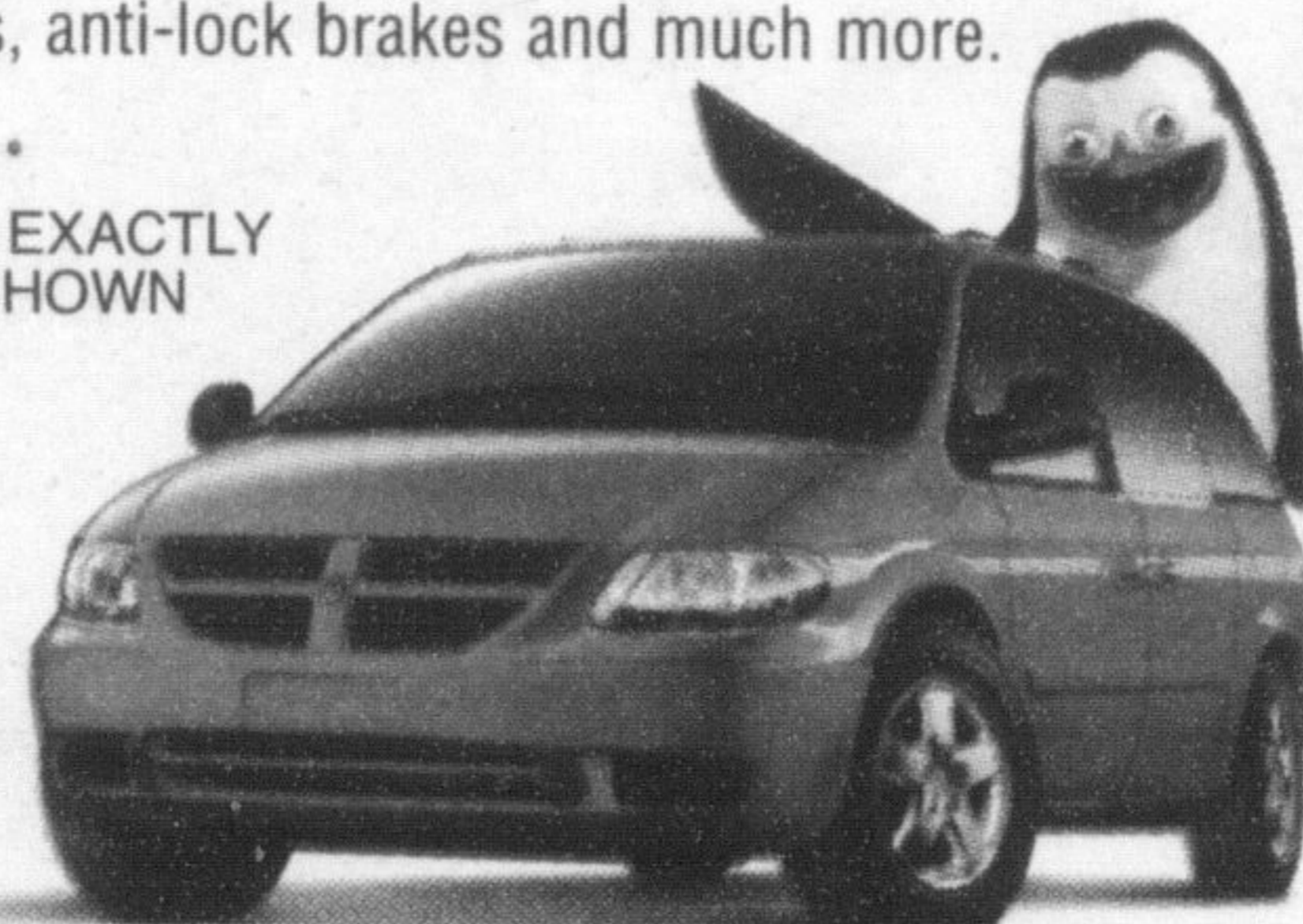
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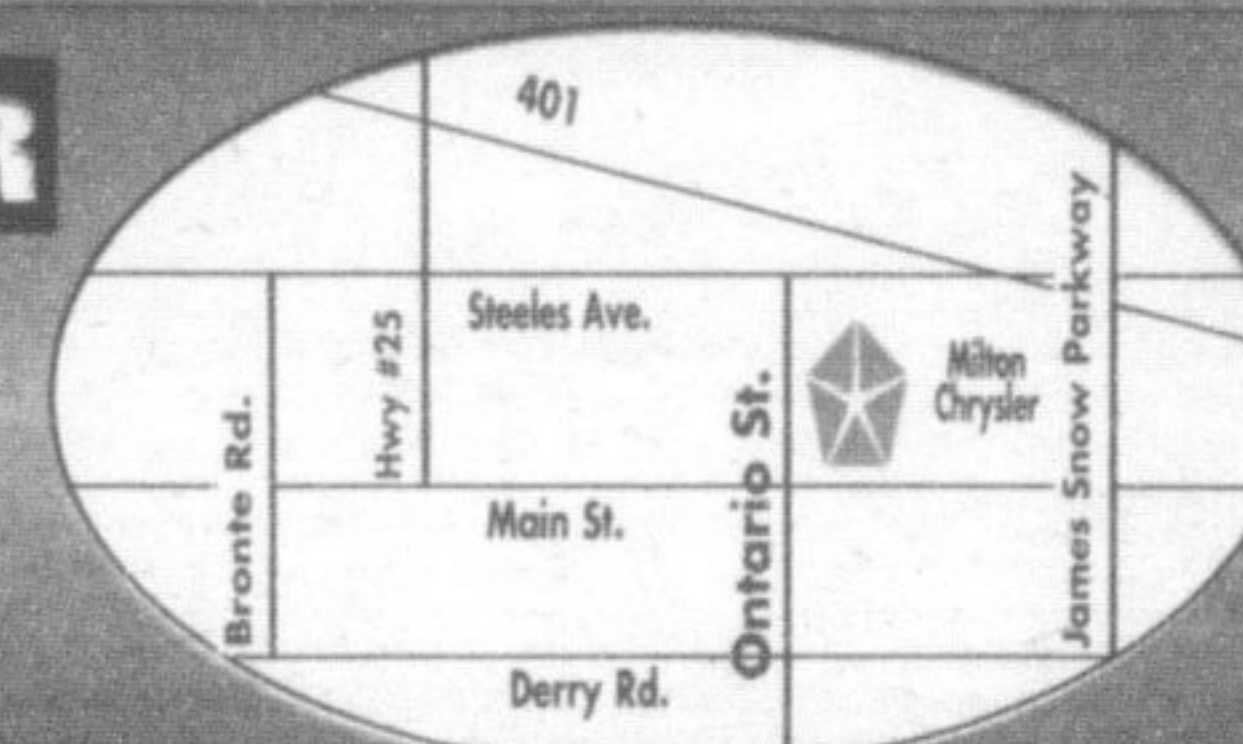
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