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## All aboard for another season at railway museum

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An extensive amount of work has gone into the Halton County Radial Railway's (HCRR) cars over the winter months and the museum's volunteers are excited about the 2006 season that opened recently.

A few new additions, including an education program director and a couple of new railcars, make for a promising season, said Caroline Rose, the museum's marketing director.

"There's been a lot of work on the cars over the winter and we're really excited about what has been accomplished," she said. "We've acquired a new high-rail car from Toronto (drives on road and rail) and an elevated car from Chicago. We've been working on the TTC car 416 and have got the roof on and the windows painted and stained and it looks good. As well, we've hired someone to lead an educational program so it's looking to be a good season."

The HCRR, located on Guelph Line, has about 60 volunteers that actively work at the museum on a regular basis completing restoration work on the railcars and property, helping with fundraising, and even conducting the trains, said Rose. The HCRR is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn their required volunteer hours, she added.

The addition of the education program will help young children understand the history of the rail system and the purpose of the individual cars, said Rose.

She added that the program will be offered to day camps throughout the summer and any schools that wish to book an outing in May, June, or early fall.

"The education program is a new and interactive way for

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**RIGHT ON TRACK:** Above, a vintage 1923 TTC trolley car — that ran the Lansdowne/Harbord route in Toronto — heads out from the station at the Halton County Radial Railway Museum. At left, a conductor makes his way aboard a 1951 TTC streetcar that ran the Queen Street line in Toronto.

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