

# Schools may get GreenCart

The Region is looking to get its GreenCart program into all Halton elementary schools.

The initiative — which aims to build on the success of the residential curbside GreenCart program and instill environmentally-friendly habits in local kids — was supported by the Region's planning and public works committee Wednesday.

If approved by regional council next week, the plan is to gradually implement the GreenCart program in Halton's schools. Blue Boxes have been in Halton schools since 2003.

Six elementary schools in the region took part in a GreenCart pilot project and will continue using the bins, while another eight have already expressed interest in taking part, staff reported to the committee.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette asked if thought had been given to getting GreenCarts into municipal buildings. Halton CAO Pat Moyle said GreenCarts are already available at the Halton Regional Centre and the Region's offices on Dorval Drive. He also said the Region should speak to the local municipalities to make sure the program is available to them.

It's estimated that about 1,000 GreenCarts and 1,500 Kitchen Catcher bins will be needed to service all of the elementary schools in the publicly-funded school system. The containers would cost about \$18,000 and be accommodated in the Region's budget.

The annual cost to collect Blue Box and GreenCart material from elementary schools is estimated at \$52,000. It's also expected to cost \$12,000 to process and transfer the materials. Both figures were incorporated in the approved 2008 budget.

The committee discussed whether the Region should have an agreement with the school boards to recover costs.

Burlington Councillor John Taylor said that's something that could be discussed and negotiated going forward.

The item will go before regional council Wednesday.



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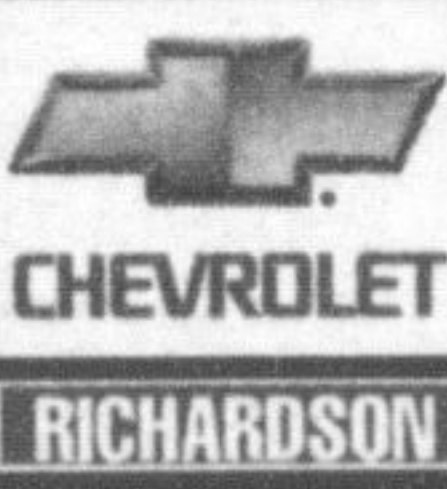

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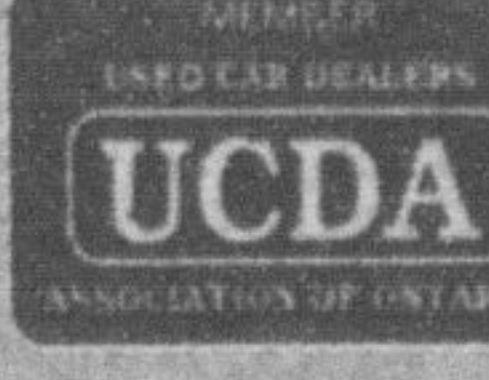
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