

Make your very own Christmas movie right here

I'm a Christmas movie junkie. I watch any and every Christmas movie, and having the benefit of the Hallmark channels via satellite I get a healthy daily dose.

They're mostly the same and they're mostly poorly made, many of them in Canada, but I enjoy them just the same.

You might not have the same advantages as me, so I'll help you make your own Christmas movie so you don't have to miss a thing.

You start with a grumpy or sad person. Choose one of the following reasons:

- a. Doesn't have meaning in their life.
- b. Doesn't have love in their life.
- c. Doesn't have fibre in their life.

Somebody, a son or daughter usually, returns home for whatever reason, and we learn why the mother/father is mad at them. Pick one:

- a. Didn't stay and help out on the farm.
- b. Didn't stay and help out at the hardware store.
- c. Didn't stay and help out with the family moonshine business.

At the same time, the person returning home gets involved with an old flame, who quite fortunately is still single after the 15 years since they last met. Of course, there was something unresolved from the last time they saw each other.

- a. They each thought the other



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person didn't love them.

- b. The person who left didn't say goodbye.
- c. The person who left took their car, dog, and laundry ticket.

Some kind of event brings all the people together. Choose one.

- a. The town or school Christmas pageant.

b. Picking out and decorating a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve, when remarkably the best tree is still available.

- c. Punch-up at the local department store over the last available computer gaming system.

The grumpy or sad person comes around because of one of the following:

- a. Their heart is warmed by Christmas spirit.
- b. Their heart is warmed by fond family memories.
- c. Their heart is warmed by a bottle of Scotch.

The old flames get back together when they realize:

a. There are not many other choices in that small town.

- b. One of the other is in line to receive a large inheritance.

c. They have to get together because there's only five minutes left in the movie.

The movie is almost over and everything has been resolved and we're assured that everybody is going to live happily ever after. At this point you should:

- a. Bawl your eyes out because that's the whole point of the movie.
- b. Bawl your eyes out because that's the whole point of the movie.
- c. All of the above.



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Milton Christmas & New Year's Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Dec 21	22	23	24	Christmas 25	Collection Changes 26	27
28	29	30	31	New Year's Jan 1	Collection Changes 2	3

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, there are some delays to waste collection.

There is no waste collection on Christmas Day (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). There is waste collection on Christmas Eve (December 24), Boxing Day (December 26), and New Year's Eve (December 31).

Milton Area 5: there was an error in the Calendar mailed to your home. Waste collection takes place on December 24; it does not move to December 25.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

Please check your 2008 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar for your collection area details, or visit www.halton.ca to use our "Search by Address" tool.

Halton Waste Management Site

will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2008 and Thursday, January 1, 2009

Regular Operating Hours
Open Monday to Saturday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Please check your 2008 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar or visit us online at www.halton.ca for more information.

2009 Waste Management Guide & Collection Calendar

Your 2009 Waste Management Guide & Collection Calendar will be delivered to your mailbox in mid-January 2009.

Free Influenza (Flu) Immunization Clinics

It's not too late to vaccinate! The Halton Region Health Department is offering free flu immunization clinics to all Ontarians six months of age and older. Please wear a short-sleeved shirt. Children under nine years of age needing a second dose are also invited. No appointments are necessary. If you have a fever or do not feel well, postpone your visit to a later date.

Wednesday, December 17	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Halton Regional Centre, auditorium	1151 Bronte Road, Oakville (use north entrance)
Wednesday, January 7	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Halton Regional Centre, auditorium	1151 Bronte Road, Oakville (use north entrance)
Wednesday, January 21	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Halton Regional Centre, auditorium	1151 Bronte Road, Oakville (use north entrance)

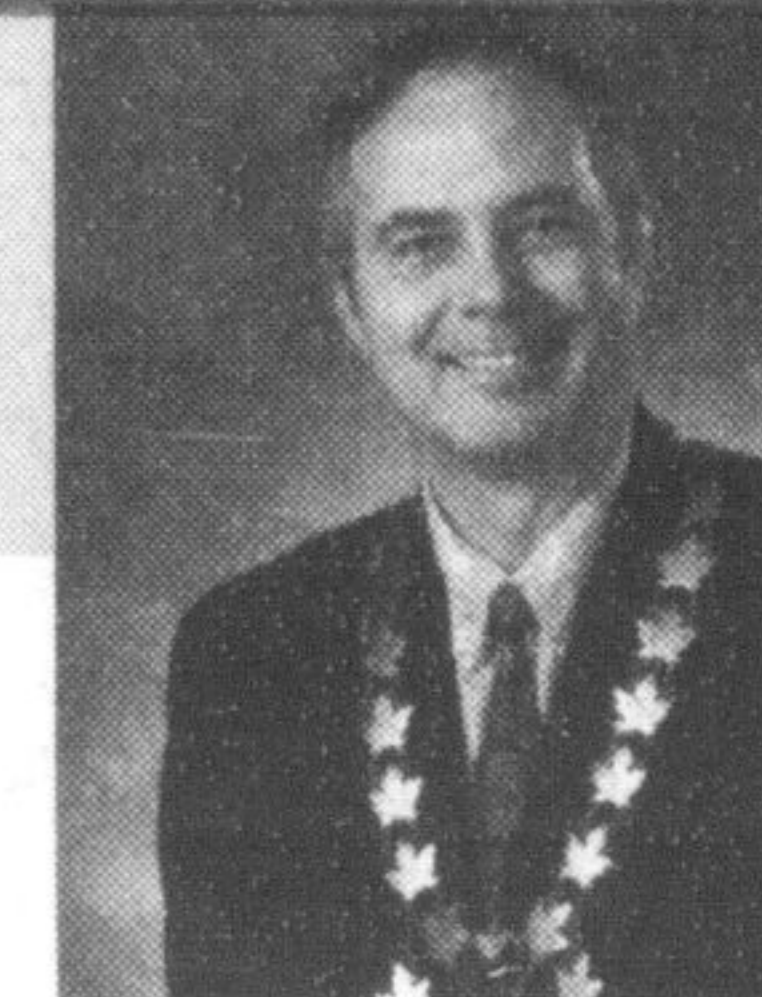
For more information on influenza (flu) and the complete clinic schedule, visit www.halton.ca/flu.

Let's Beat the Flu
Free Vaccination for all Ontario

Essential services available during the holidays

Halton Region's administration offices will be closed for the Holidays on December 24, 2008, until 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2009. However, all of our essential services will remain available during this time. If you need assistance with a Regional service over the holidays, please call Access Halton at 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

On behalf of Regional Council and staff, I'd like to wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Dec. 15	9:30 a.m.	Budget Review Committee
Dec. 17	9:30 a.m.	Regional Council Meeting
Dec. 24 to Jan. 1		Offices Closed for the Holidays