

Stopping in front of school could be halted by council

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Bishop Reding parents will no longer be able to stop on Main Street to pick up or drop off their kids at school if town council ratifies a recommendation to post no-stopping signs.

Council's community services committee endorsed the prohibition, which would extend on both sides of Main between Thompson and Maple Avenue/Sinclair Boulevard, at its meeting Monday night.

Parking is already prohibited in that stretch of road, but stopping is allowed to pick up or drop off passengers. However, Town staff said they observed in October many people stopping outside the school during the times school begins and ends.

"This creates increased congestion, which restricts emergency services, and a situation that is frustrating to commuting motorists," a staff report stated, noting the engineering services department had received numerous

complaints about the practice.

The staff report cited the problem as the secondary school's parking lot being full, but a spokesperson for the Halton Catholic District School Board said Wednesday that isn't the complete reason.

"I think it's a convenience thing (for parents)," said Giacomo Corbacio, superintendent of facility management for the board.

While the school does provide a drop-off zone on school property, "once you're in there, you're there for a bit," said Corbacio. "It's not a drive-in, drive out (place)."

While not specifically related to cars stopping on Main, Corbacio said the school board intends to pursue the possibility of the Town putting in stop lights at the intersection of Main and Sinclair/Harris. The Town rejected that suggestion about five years ago but allowed that traffic might increase in the future to warrant the signals.

The issue will go to council November 23.

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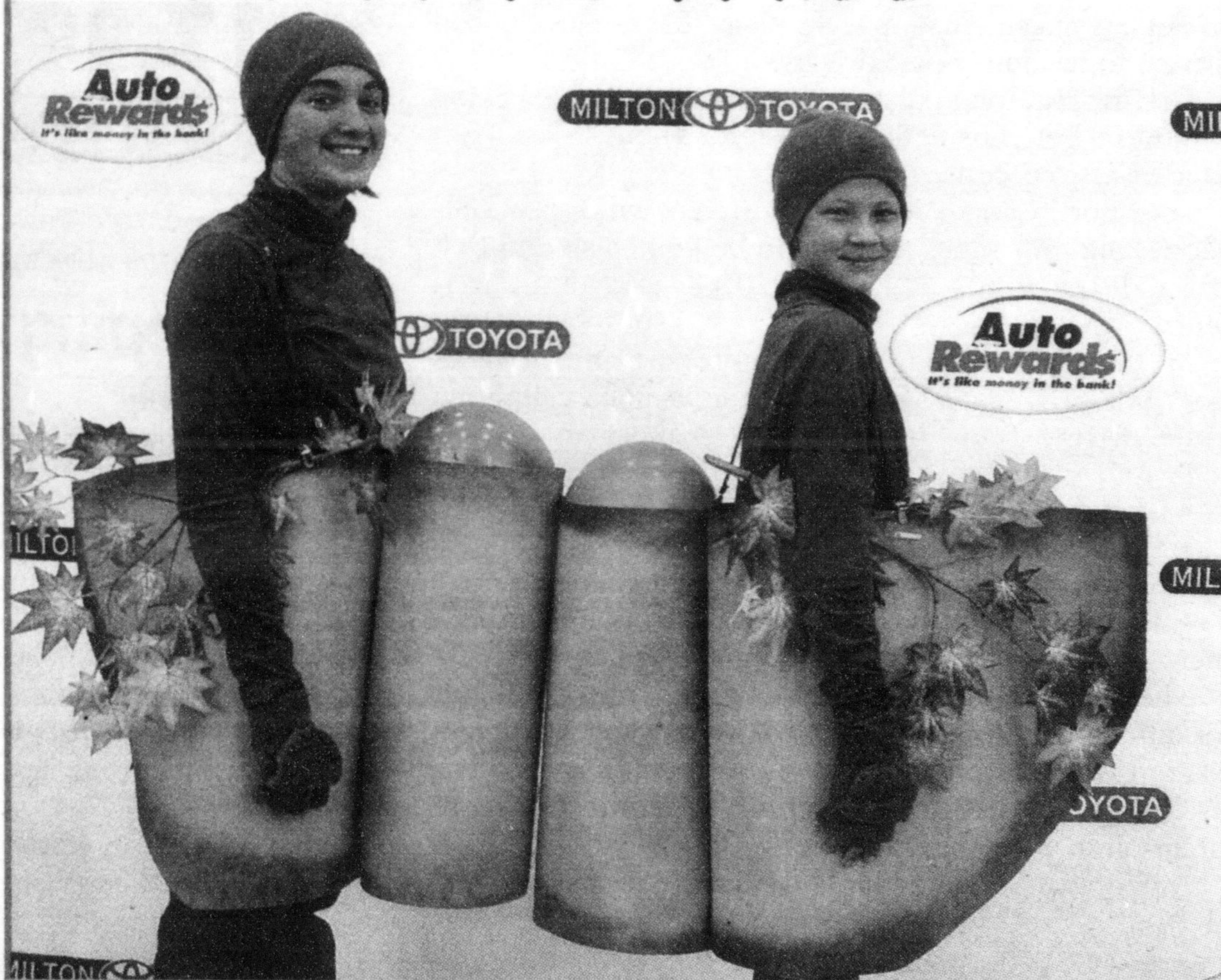
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