Police vehicles getting new look

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Residents can expect to start seeing blackand-white police cruisers patrolling the streets of Milton late this summer or early fall.

The Halton Regional Police Service Board voted last Thursday to change the colour of police vehicles. They will move away from the current all-white branding that has been in place since 2009.

The change will only affect newly-purchased vehicles so existing police cruisers will be kept in service.

"We're partly looking at visibility," said Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner.

"One thing we are hearing from citizens is they like the visibility. They want to see police vehicles more often. They want to see police officers more often... The design of the vehicles may have some impact on visibility and other police services have addressed that as one of the primary reasons for changing the design."

The trend among police services across Ontario has been to shift back to black-and-white vehicles so the public can instantly recognize them, outlining the chief in his report to the board.

He noted black-and-white cruisers would



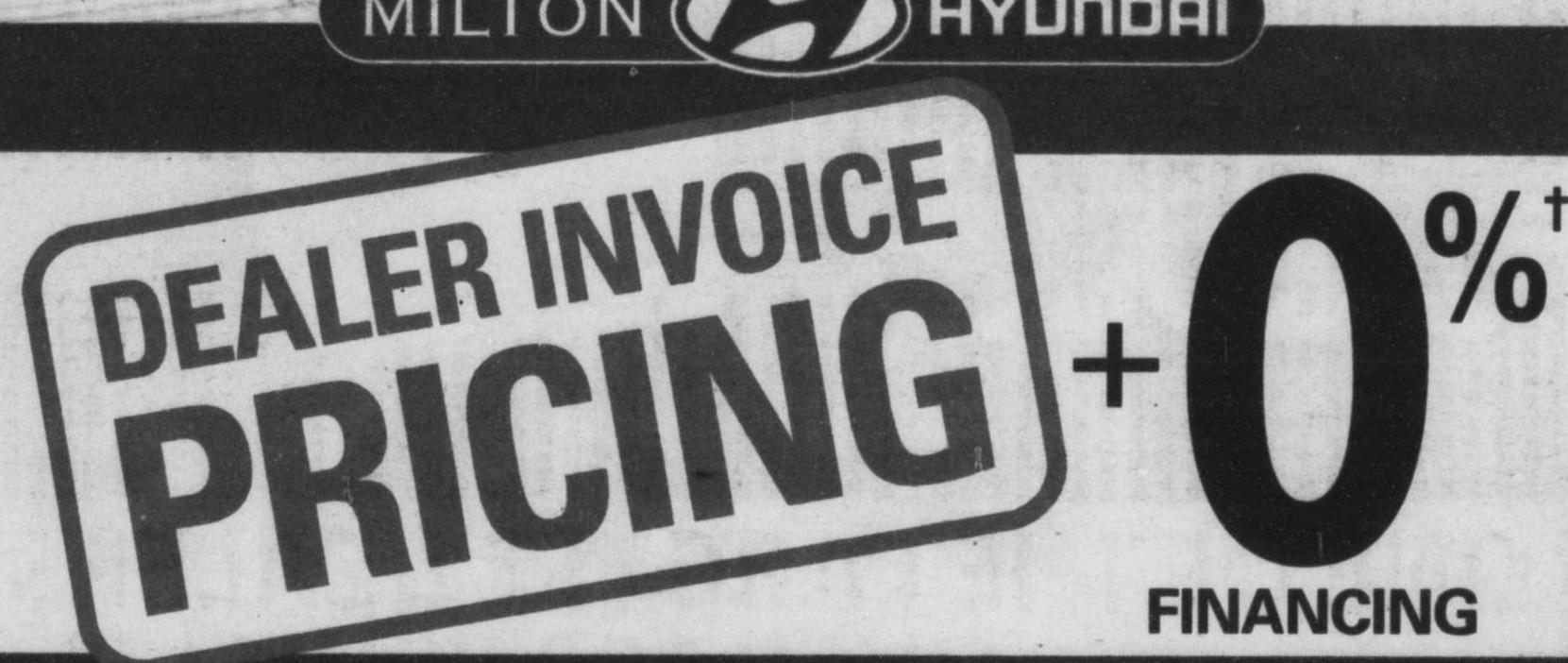


Black and white police cruisers are coming to Halton.

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provide a distinctive presence for police and enhance the organization's efforts toward traffic safety, increased community presence and overall community safety.

Tanner said 600 members of the Halton Regional Police Service were surveyed to get



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