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## **Canada's First Subway Cars Defaced By Vandals**

**Milton, ON**, January 10, 2008 – Due to a recent act of vandalism at the Halton County Radial Railway museum two historic subway cars' exterior was extensively vandalized. The cars were sitting on display outside at the museum on Guelph Line. The Halton Region police have been notified and the investigation is ongoing.

"This is extremely frustrating and disheartening for the museum," commented Jim Borland, President of the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association (OERHA) operators of the Halton County Radial Railway. "Not only are these cars important in transportation history, but also central artefacts in our collection."

The cars are representative of the vehicles purchased for the opening of the initial subway line in Toronto in 1954. They ran in the subway line until they were retired in 1990 and then donated to the museum in 1991.

The recent incident has caused further concern for the need of the new display barn, the Sir Adam Beck Centre. The fourth barn would house the many cars sitting outside, such as the TTC Subway cars and not only preserve them from the weather, but also protect them from vandalism. It is hoped that the barn can be constructed in the near future.

Located at 13629 Guelph Line in Milton, Ontario, the Association works to preserve and protect railway cars and equipment for the education and enjoyment of the public and for future generations. Along with its railcar collection on display, the museum offers its visitors unlimited streetcar rides, tours, and access to its railway station, gift shop, ice cream shop and picnic areas.

The Association celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2004. It is a privately funded, not-for-profit, educational organization and a federally registered charity. The museum is open to the public May to October and attracts approximately 15,000 visitors per year. For more information about the museum call 519-856-9802 or visit [www.hcry.org](http://www.hcry.org).

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