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#### SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION STRIKES NERVE

## Tears and anger at Board of Ed meeting

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Georgetown Gemini

With tears in their eyes, Limehouse P.S. students Heather Maxwell, 9, and her six-year-old sister Beth Anne pushed to the front the gym at Georgetown High on Monday night to ask Halton Board of Education Director Bob Williams why their school might close.

"He told me [it might close] because it was a small school," Beth Anne said, wiping away her tears. "That's not a very nice thing to say."

Not very nice, but necessary Williams said as the Board looks at saving \$2 million in operating costs by closing eight to 12 schools, including possibly Limehouse P.S. or Glen Williams P.S.

Along with the tears there was anger from Glen Williams parents, who got a rude awakening when Board consultant Steven Lichty said even with vacant Wrigglesworth P.S. and Speyside P.S. pupil places removed from the calcula-

tions, either Glen Williams or Limehouse would have to close if the Board voted to meet its highest school utilization rate of 95 per cent.

"You've been stringing us along about what might happen to our schools," a visibility upset Glen School Council Chair Dona Wenzel.

"Until tonight all the reports said that closing one of the schools was an option. Now you tell us that yes, one will close. This is a farce," Wenzel said.

Lichty said that with the sale of Wrigglesworth and Speyside there is still a 412 pupil place surplus in Halton Hills elementary schools and

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TO THE RESCUE! Carel Vandersluis of the Halton Hills Fire Department and Doreen Bergsma, owner of My Hometown, married Saturday afternoon. After the wedding, the newlyweds took a post-ceremony spin around town on the back of the HHFD's 1942 Ford Fire Engine. (Jamie Harrison photo)

## Georgetown woman dies in Milton accident

Halton Regional Police report that 79-year-old Lilian Bumford of Baylor Crescent, Georgetown was killed in a car accident Sunday in Milton.

According to police, Ms. Bumford died after being taken from the scene of the accident to Milton District Hospital where she died a short time later.

Investigators have determined that the accident resulted when a southbound vehicle on Guelph Line had slowed to turn left onto Steeles Avenue. The vehicle behind it stopped, however, a third southbound vehicle pulled out around the stopped vehicle and hit the turning vehicle. The struck vehicle was spun around and entered the ditch, ejecting Ms. Bumford from the vehicle.

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