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Hamlets argue against closure

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Georgetown Gemini Concerned parents at Limehouse and Glen Williams Public Schools made logical and emotional appeals to save their facilities during separate meetings with Halton Board of Education Superintendent Paul Anthony on Monday afternoon.

The Halton Board is attempting to save \$2 million annually in operating costs by closing eight to 12 schools within Halton, and Limehouse and Glen Williams are on the list.

School Council members at both facilities stressed that

their schools would meet acceptable capacity rates if the leased Speyside and Wrigglesworth schools were sold.

Anthony told both groups they had valid points and strong positions that would be considered in deciding which schools to close, but also stressed that schools will close because the Board faces "significant budget problems."

"That \$6 million deficit that some of you may have heard about is really \$15 million annualized and we are waiting to hear how much our grants from the Province

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Blade boys best

Kudos to the Georgetown Showtime amateur roller blade hockey team, which captured the North American Championship on Sunday in Orlando, Florida.

The team, all young adults from Georgetown, were the only Canadian entry in the competition and the win sends them to the world championship next year in Colorado.

The team - Greg Dobbin, Ryan Pells, Brent Couling, Shawn Pearson, Dustin Thompson, Ryan Perrie, Jeff Pasma and Dave Blyth - won the Canadian championship in August.



UNITED WE STAND: Elly Tuitman and Russell Miller, chairs for the east and west chapters of the Halton Hills United Way posed with the new mascot following the 1996 campaign kick-off last Wednesday at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The launch recognized the efforts of area businesses and individuals and also heard testimonials from member agencies. The 1996 United Way campaign goal is \$220,000. (Jamie Harrison photo)

National bank ad for Georgetown Children's Chorus

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Georgetown Gemini The smiling faces and beautiful voices of Georgetown Children's Chorus members can be seen and heard on national radio and television advertisements now running for the Bank of Montreal.

The radio ads feature 30 members of the Chorus singing the Bob Dylan classic *The Times They Are A Changin'* and the television commercial uses the same audio and shows 14 Chorus members and chil-

dren from a Collingwood school, walking on a hill.

The producers learned of the choir when Chorus member, Caitlin Lichty of Acton, auditioned for the lead in the commercial. Although she didn't get the part the casting director mentioned he was looking for a choir and asked to see videos of past Chorus performances. The rest, they say, is show business history.

"They had hired a whole public school in the Collingwood area to be in the TV commercial and they

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TIMES ARE A-CHANGING: Members of the Georgetown Children's Chorus recently recorded a television commercial to Bob Dylan's *The Times They Are A-Changing*. Back row: Melissa Loyer. Middle row, from left: Thomas O'Sullivan, Matthew Peruscello, Caitlin Lichty, Ashley Carlton, Alexander Fraser, Nora Loreto, Evan Loreto, Melissa Drisdelle. Front row, from left: Lauren Gemmill, Katie Fraser, Corey Carlton, Jennifer Stevenson, Joanna Fraser. (photo submitted)



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