

Halton board condemns Metro teachers

Halton Board of Education took steps Thursday to clean up the image of all teachers they believe tarnished by the recent strike in Metro Toronto.

Trustee Richard Goodin told the board Thursday the idea that Halton has good, dedicated teachers because actions taken in Toronto has reflected on the entire profession. "We have to protect our teachers," Goodin declared.

He complained about the contents of a newsletter sent out by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation following the recent contract settlement. The newsletter suggested teachers on strike days in total silence, block the toilets, accidentally spill ditto fluid, spindle, fold and mutilate all IBM cards, be sick and sleep in.

Goodin claimed this kind of advice was in contravention of the Education Act and indicates a lack of loyalty, maturity, good citizenship, statesmanship and sportsmanship. He warned such behaviour by teachers would effect the behaviour of pupils.

He said the advice of the provincial teachers' organization didn't reflect the dedication of the many fine teachers in Halton and suggested it is one of the ingredients which undermines the lack of respect and confidence in teachers throughout Ontario.

Goodin reminded trustees the board had sent a letter of support to both the boards in Metro and striking teachers urging them to settle their dispute but received a response from only the boards.

"Language and tactics used in public demonstrations of recent weeks by some teachers and leaders deteriorated to a very low standard," he observed.

Trustee Bill Priestner said the lack of proper behaviour wasn't just on the teachers part but also some board officials and trustees.

He noted while the contract arbitrators decision may not have been palatable to some people the decision "was still the law of the land and you accept it. We must take a good hard stand on this subject." Priestner called for board support of Goodin's motion commending those teachers who don't accept or reflect the attitudes evidenced by many during the board-teacher confrontation in Toronto.

Peter Gayfer, president, Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation, told the board in a letter the teacher's attitudes in Halton are different than those in Toronto. He reminded trustees staff-board relations are superior in Halton and noted Halton high school teachers can and do act independently of the provincial body.

Gayfer pointed out Halton teachers like to solve their problems locally with the board members and officials they know.

The board voted to support Goodin's motion deploring the actions of some teachers and leaders which have tarnished the profession's image.



LESLIE HALLADAY, centre, retired last Wednesday from Building Products of Canada Ltd., after ten years' service as a tradesman. Mr. Halladay received the president's purse of a \$100 bill. Mr. Halladay's wife, Beatrice, received a bouquet of fresh flowers. The presentation was made by Bill Wadland, of Montreal, general manager of vinyl siding, right. Also attending the sendoff were production superintendent Fred Selby, left, and Brian Lockhart, second from the left, the new plant manager. The Halladays, who lived 32 years in Acton, live in Fergus. One of the couple's five children, Joyce Auger, works at the company's order desk.

Commission bugged by leaks to the press

For the second time in as many meetings Halton Police Commission went behind closed doors to discuss this year's budget but not before complaining about leaks of information to the media.

Chief Kenneth Skerrett informed the commission some aspects of the yet un-finalized budget was leaked to a Hamilton radio station which called last week asking questions. He noted he refused to comment.

In addition, a South Halton paper published figures showing an increase in police spending and a \$7.5 million police budget.

It was noted at the Thursday meeting the radio and newspaper reports were incorrect. Commissioners expressed

Magnuson Halton rep

Halton Police Commissioner Glenn Magnuson, Georgetown, will represent the regional force at the 1976 meeting of the Association of Municipal Police Governing Authorities.

This year's annual meeting will be held in North Bay May 6 and 7 at the Empire Hotel. Mr. Magnuson noted he has attended meetings in the past and found them beneficial. He said he thought Halton should be represented at the meeting, advising the com-

mission he is prepared to attend again this year.

Commissioner William Hourigan, Burlington, who was absent from the meeting Thursday, will be asked if he would also like to represent Halton at the two day conference.

Changes

Several more business changes keep the face of the main street changing. The ads keep people posted.

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concern about leaks of false information. It was suggested leaks might be emanating from either regional coun- cillors or regional staff. Several members vowed they will find the leak and plug it.

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Halton board supports anti-inflation drive

Halton Board of Education has joined the Brant Board of Education in supporting the spirit of the federal and provincial anti-inflation programs.

Brant has warned that school boards and other

municipal bodies could lessen the effectiveness of the anti-inflation program with excessive salary and budget increases and urged all boards to keep its wage and budget hikes within federal guidelines this year.

The Halton board reaffirmed this is its goal in 1976, Thursday.

Georgetown Choral Society is to receive a grant of \$533 to purchase gowns and music for its 52 members from the proceeds of the Ontario Lottery.

Culture and Recreation Minister Bob Welch announced six new grants to the Regional Municipality of Halton.

Council vetoes convention ban

A resolution that would have effectively banned all conventions for regional council and staffers was rejected by Halton Regional Council.

Members of the Administration Committee had been in almost unanimous agreement with the move that would realize a saving of about \$12,000 for the year.

Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson summed up the feelings of a number of councillors when he said that during a year of restraint, conventions should be one of the first things to go.

Councillors Jim Watson of Milton and Paul Preston of Burlington were the only two councillors on the committee who voted against the ban when it went before committee.

Councillor Mary Munro said she was opposed to the ban but suggested council should closely scrutinize any applications or requests for seminars or conventions.

The motion died on the table with a 11-10 vote. Councillors Pat McLaughlin, Ernie Sykes and Tom Sultherland were absent from the meeting.

Voting in favor of the ban were Councillors Anderson, Harry Barrett, Dave Coons, Pat McKenzie, A. Donaghey, George Harrington, Tom Hill, Carl Erikson, Terry Mannell,

and Marjorie Powys. Voting against the ban were Councillors Dick Howitt, Vern Connell, Anne MacArthur, Ric Morrow, Mary Munro, Paul Preston, Bill Mason, Jack Raftis, Gord Brown, Ted Ralfe and Jim Watson.

As the vote was called and each councillor stood to be counted, there were jibes and criticisms cast back and forth.

Mary Munro looked towards Mayor Harrington. "How can you vote for that; you spend more money on conventions than anyone."

"Haven't been to one in five years," said the mayor. "What about Montreal?"

"That was a meeting," the mayor answered.

The Association for Excellence in Education, an Oakville based group, told Halton Board of Education Thursday, it isn't doing enough for gifted children especially in North Halton.

The parents presenting the brief urged the board to provide more challenges for gifted children and group the gifted pupils together in classes rather than dispersing them throughout the school system.

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