

## School board should make library board appointments

School boards should be able to continue appointing people to library boards, Halton trustees say.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education approved a motion from Milton board member Bill Lawson calling for the board to continue making appointments to municipal library boards.

He urged the board oppose the Bowron Report, a provincial study, which says boards of education shouldn't be making appointments to

library boards.

Lawson noted municipalities are obviating at Queen's Park to make library board appointments exclusively municipal.

He said there are "valid and just" reasons for allowing school board to appoint people to library boards. "Effective educational liaison" and co-operation between boards of education and library boards must be maintained he said,

and educational interests of the community must be reflected in library board decisions.

The board decided to seek support from other boards through the Ontario Public School Trustees Association for their stand and get board lobbying against any change at Queen's Park.

Library board chairman Dick Howitt and Betty Fisher are Board of Education appointments to Halton Hills Library Board.



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## Meals, coffee out trustees reject \$5,000 fund

A special committee reviewing all programs to see if any fat can be trimmed won't be getting \$5,000 to pay for coffee, cookies, meals and mileage.

In February, Halton Board of Education set up a committee to review high school and elementary programs as well as special education and adult education courses. The object of the study is to see if the board can save money on supplies and materials by dropping some of its low enrolment courses, especially since enrolment is declining.

Thursday, chairman of the committee, Burlington Trustee Edna Robinson, asked colleagues to set up a fund of \$5,000 to cover committee expenses. She noted

there is one central committee and six sub-committees studying programs. The money was needed to pay for mileage for people working on the committee as well as coffee and cookies for meetings and meals for a dinner meeting. Money was also needed, Robinson added, for secretarial help in typing up reports.

It was noted during discussion by trustees that the \$5,000 is not in the board's 1978 \$86.4 million budget approved just two months ago.

Both Trustees Jim Clelland and Fred Armitage objected to the committee spending any money suggesting funds could come from some other area of the approved budget.

They also felt staff help for the committee, like secretaries, could come from the board's existing staff.

Acton-Esqueing Trustee Bert Hinton said he was opposed to the committee being given the money even though he sits on it. Hinton said paying mileage is one thing but spending money in tight economic times on things like cookies, coffee and meals was another.

He thought the committee study was becoming too involved suggesting a few meetings was all that is needed to determine if program costs can be cut.

Robinson suggested the committee might have to fold if the \$5,000 wasn't approved.

Hinton said any hint the committee would have to fold if it wasn't funded had to be rejected. He said no money would be needed if the committee didn't have so much unnecessary research carried out.

Trustee Cam Jackson of Burlington called for the budget to be cut back to \$3,200. He said the omission of meals from the committee's budget would make the funding request more palatable.

Trustees rejected his idea, preferring to turn down the entire \$5,000 request.

Trustees Hinton, Armitage, Clelland, Jackson, Shepherd, Priestner, Cooper, Crost and Howard-Lock all voted against the funding.

## Board of health

### Incident reports

Not wanting to be caught unaware about potentially controversial complaints made to health inspectors, Halton Regional Board of Health is going to try out a system of incident reporting for a three-month trial period.

Health inspection staff were requested to submit to the board bi-weekly reports of incidents staff believe warrant the attention of the board.

However, chief public health inspector Jim Powell warned that while reporting would make board members more aware of the inspectors' activities, it would do nothing to forestall the occasional

publicity resulting from inspection services.

The call for a system of reporting followed an incident in which board members heard of a complaint for the first time when they saw copies of a citizen's letter about mice in a food store, sent to a television program.

Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth opposed the motion. Mr. Booth argued it would be difficult for the staff to decide when a specific item was going to "blow up" and to satisfy all the members of the board, who would have different ideas about what needed to be reported. He said assurance that the chairman

and board would be notified immediately by phone about problems that come up should be adequate.

Mr. Powell said in the near future all inspection activities will be computerized by the Ministry of Health, and detailed accounting would be available on a quarterly basis.

### Charges laid for disturbance

Two Acton residents have been arrested and charged with causing a disturbance, according to Halton Regional Police.

Police say the two were fighting on Mill St. East and broke a window at Sweetman's Shoe Store May 9.

## Four principals being moved

Four Milton and area school principals will be moving to new schools this fall, Halton Board of Education revealed Thursday.

Speyside principal Norman Howell is headed for a Burlington school and won't be replaced since Speyside has been twinned with Robert Little school in Acton. Current Little vice-principal Larry Ciglen will be vice-principal at both schools.

Pineview principal Grant Hutchings is being sent to a Burlington school while John Simpson is going from Oakville to Pineview.

Kilbride principal Barbara Rennick is headed to Oakville

and will be replaced by Irma Coulson who comes from Oakville.

Ken Trowbridge is leaving Fairview for Glen Williams school and will be replaced by John McGibbon from South Burlington.

Fairview is also losing its vice-principal John Kavanagh who is going to George Kennedy and will be replaced by Gerry Smith from Burlington.

Caroline MacDougall will be the principal's assistant at Campbellville school which is attached to Brookville and Jean Mitchell will hold the same position at Sunshine school, Hornby, which is attached to Pineview.

### Halton hosts educators

Halton is hosting educators from 32 Commonwealth nations this week.

Each year a member Commonwealth nation hosts the conference and it's Canada's turn this year.

"Halton is proud to be one of the host school systems in Canada for this conference," Chairman Garry Morton told Halton Board of Education Thursday.

Morton noted Superintendent of Instruction John Bolch has been deeply involved in organizing the conferences.

### Ombudsman to hear citizen complaints

Citizens wishing to make complaints against federal administrative organizations will now have the opportunity to make a direct complaint to a federal Ombudsman. The new position was announced by federal justice minister Ron Basford.

The role of the Ombudsman includes complaints from the public on actions of the R-CMP, said Mr. Basford.

The number of regional offices is not yet known.

While the Ombudsman will not be allowed to make orders or decisions, he will advise authorities on means of rectifying the situation, explained Mr. Basford. Only in a situation where the proper authorities do not deal with a complaint, is the matter taken before parliament.

## Two new principals

New principals will be arriving at the helm of two Esqueing schools this fall.

John Simpson was named Thursday by Halton Board of Education as the new principal at Pineview school, replacing Grant Hutchings. Simpson comes from the Georgetown area from Brantwood school in Oakville. Hutchings is being transferred to Frontenac school in Burlington.

ships at their present school are Ron Chatten, Centennial; Azolyn Fisher, Kennedy; Howard Allan, Harrison; Eric Balkind, Wrigglesworth; Tom Gibson, Gibbons-Limehouse; Allan Leaper, Park; Logan MacDonald, Stewarttown; and Mike Furlong, Georgetown High School.

Peter Oprica has given up his post as principal of Glen Williams school and will return to the job of classroom teacher. His position at Glen Williams will be taken by Ken Trowbridge who is currently principal at Fairview school in north Burlington.

In addition two principals at rural Georgetown area schools will be sent to the south since their schools have been twinned.

Limehouse principal Ron Beckett, whose school has been twinned with Joseph Gibbons in Georgetown, is heading for Champlain school in Burlington.

Norman Howell will move from Speyside to Mountain Gardens in Burlington this September. Speyside has been twinned with Robert Little in Acton.

Vice-principal Al Zannata moves from Stewarttown school to Gibbons-Limehouse this fall while Winnifred Procyshen moves over to Stewarttown from George Kennedy in Georgetown. Replacing Mrs. Procyshen at Kennedy will be John Kavanagh, Fairview school vice-principal. Fairview is in north Burlington. Robert Little school in Acton, vice-principal Larry Ciglen takes over as vice-principal of the twinned Little-Speyside school.

Jean Mitchell has been named as the principal's assistant at Sunshine school, Hornby, which is attached to Pineview school. Marion Standon is the new principal's assistant for the trainable mentally handicapped unit at Park School, Georgetown. Retaining their principal-

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## Unity prayer is approved

Halton Board of Education has approved use of a special prayer for Canadian unity in its schools. It will be left to individual principals to decide if students will say the prayer as part of daily opening exercises.

The prayer was suggested by Acton-Esqueing Trustee Bert Hinton, the second time this year he has suggested pupils pray for Canada's preservation. The first time he brought up his plan trustees rejected it.

This time Hinton produced a copy of the prayer he thought should be used.

The prayer reads:

"Our Father, as Canadians you have blessed us with a country rich in its people, its beauty and its material wealth."

"We pray that our country will ever be a truly human community and a country of peace, that we will respect each other's differences and become greater for having shared life with people different than ourselves."

"Make us as Canadians not hard and unrelenting to one another, but help us to be peaceful and accepting. And from our differences make us a people reflecting to the world not discord and division but the gracefulness and goodness of a people who know their God."

It's hard to speak against prayer, Trustee Elaine Rhiem said, but she felt there were many things pupils could do to promote unity which would be more useful.

Trustee Ivan Armstrong noted he is disturbed when he sees people leave during the singing of O Canada and was worried about pupils refusing to recite the prayer. He wondered how principals could make pupils say the prayer.

Chairman Garry Morton pointed out Hinton's motion only said approve the use of the prayer in schools and didn't tell principals to use it.

Director of Education Em Lavender said if the prayer was approved it would be included in an anthology of items principals can pick

from in setting up opening exercises.

Georgetown Trustee Barry Shepherd said he was all in favor of schools and students promoting national unity but wondered if young children would understand the meaning of the prayer, particularly the final stanza.

Morton informed the board that the prayer Hinton proposed was written by prominent Catholic priest, Father Denis Murphy.

Hinton said he hoped trustees would consider the merits of the prayer, adding parents and teachers could explain the meaning of it to children.

Only Trustees Rhiem, Dr. Helen Howard-Lock and Shepherd opposed the prayer.

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