

Despite changes in law

Emergency shelter needed

An emergency shelter for women and children is needed in Halton in the view of all participants of a panel discussing the issue Saturday. A Burlington workshop on abused wives was sponsored by the Stopover Committee, a group of women examining the need for a women's hostel in the region.

Despite changes in family law, a hostel is needed to provide at least emergency accommodation for women and children, Burlington lawyer Robert Martin said. The problem for abused wives, and for those who have sought to help them, has been finding affordable accommodation in Halton.

The dramatic change in the new act is the provision it makes for one spouse to obtain exclusive interim possession of the matrimonial home, Mr. Martin said. Such possession is granted by a judge on the basis of need.

All the spouse seeking interim possession requires is an affidavit from a lawyer, which is then taken to a judge. The transaction can take place in the judge's office. It's not necessary to go to court. If granted, the order is usually given for a period of seven days.

However, this service is not available during the night or on weekends. Furthermore, the woman has to find a lawyer who has the time to prepare affidavit material.

So the need for an emergency shelter persists, Mr. Martin said.

Currently, in an emergency, the abused wife is taken to a motel, hotel or to Inasmuch House, a Hamilton hostel for women.

But placement in a motel or hotel is unsatisfactory. The woman and her children, if any, are left alone in a motel room at a time when they are especially in need of support. There is the added worry the husband will find them. On the other hand, Inasmuch House is too far away for many women in the region, said John Rabeau, social worker with Halton Regional Police.

Statistics about wife abuse that would help to determine the need for a hostel don't exist, panel members said. "We need a workable method of keeping statistics to lend credence to the need for a hostel," said Margaret Weightman, supervisor for Oakville and North Halton areas in the regional social and family services department.

But a member of the audience said use of the hostel when it's opened will prove the need. "Something should be provided now. Women will be dead before the paperwork gets done."

Mr. Rabeau said police answered 1,000 domestic complaints in the region last year, half of them in Burlington. Although police attempt

to "cool out" the fighting couples, in 10 to 20 per cent of cases, they are unable to restore order and one spouse has to leave. Who leaves depends on ownership of the home.

The social and family services department was aware of 300 deserted wives in the region last year, but not all of these women were abused.

Mr. Martin reported since new family legislation was introduced, he has noted an increase in the number of women inquiring where they stand, though they're not taking any action at the moment.

Several panelists noted alcoholism is a contributing factor in many cases of abuse. "The family comes in battered and bruised as a result of a husband in an alcoholic rage," said Winnie Capriotti, co-director of Hope Haven Homes, a Hamilton shelter for families of alcoholics.

Since its opening March 1, Hope Haven has had 30 residents, she reported.

The effects of wife abuse on the children is difficult to pinpoint because problems in children may not come to light for several years, said Joan Marshall, clinical psychologist with the Children's Assessment and Treatment Centre in Burlington. Very little research has been done on the effect on children because only recently has attention been paid to wife abuse, she commented.

The traditional theoretical view — that the little boy will identify with the father and become an abusive husband, and the little girl identify with

the mother and see her role in life is to be abused — is too simplistic, Dr. Marshall said. "I'm sure it happens to some extent, but what we see in the office is more complex."

As an example of the effect wife abuse has on children, she cited the case of a young boy who came to the attention of teachers because he insisted he knew everything, even in the face of contrary evidence. The boy had seen his mother beaten on the average of once a week and was the one to get police when his father threatened his mother with a knife at her throat.

"Clearly the child had had to take control and had chosen to pretend he knew everything."

Yet a younger child in this family has apparently escaped unscathed. Many factors determine the effect of wife abuse on children, including the frequency of the occurrence, how the incident was handled with the child, whether the child saw the incident or only heard it and fantasized what happened, what relationship the child has with each parent and with other people after whom he can "model" his behavior, Dr. Marshall said.

In response to audience questions about a hostel for men, the panel indicated several hostels for men are already in existence. Alternately, most men, being breadwinners, have the financial means with which to find accommodation.

"In all of Ontario there are only 20 hostels for women," said panel chairman Gloria Hincks. "It's impossible to start with the whole world."

Library board wants cases of rudeness documented

Library board member Betty Fisher took issue with statements in a draft reply to correspondence Halton Hills Library Board has received on the controversial Georgetown library question.

"I don't agree that some customers expect favored treatment. Take it out, Frankly, I think it's rude," Mrs. Fisher said at a meeting last Wednesday.

The draft reply was prepared by Librarian Betsy Cornwell who suggested the board reply individually to any correspondence they receive, rather than resort to form letters.

Mrs. Fisher said she had recently moved to a new part of Georgetown and she was getting the same kind of complaints about the courtesy of library staff as she received

at her old home. Board member Norm Elliott said he felt left out because he had never yet been approached by a person with a genuine case of civility. "We're dealing with a will of the wisp. You seem to have a pipeline to every dissatisfied person in Georgetown," he told Mrs. Fisher.

He cast doubt on the authenticity of some of the charges and said the board wanted documented incidents which the board could deal with objectively. "We don't have anything concrete to handle now," he said.

"I feel the same way as Norm," said member Doug Magwood. "Since I've been a board member I've received calls from three people in a year and four months and I suggested they write the

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bear the staff's side of the story," chairman Dick Howitt said.

"What happens when the staff denies it?" asked Mrs. Fisher.

"Treat them the same as Mr. Breckenridge's letter," replied Elliott.

PROCLAMATION

By resolution of the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, I hereby proclaim the week of June 18th to 24th as "SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK."

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Students collect data on hostel

Students hired by grants from the Secretary of State and Young Canada Works have begun the task of surveying the region to determine the need for a shelter for women and to gauge the support of the community for one. Where they're available, relevant statistics are collected.

The students are also gathering information from other hostels in Ontario that will be useful to the Stopover Committee, their sponsoring organization.

A report should be completed by the end of August,

said Carol Joynes, of Terra Cotta, one of the students on the project. Ms. Joynes is a psychology student at the University of Western Ontario.

Other students working on the team are Maria McNulty of Norval, who is majoring in psychology at Wilfrid Laurier, and Hedi Cameron of Oakville, who is studying research methods at Sheridan College. Co-ordinator is Margaret Shaw, of Burlington, also a student in the Sheridan program.

The students have been given office space by Sacre Coeur Church in Georgetown.

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THE HALTON ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

1977 Financial Statements & Auditors' Report

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977
(with comparative figures for 1976)

	1977	1976	
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash	\$ 46,198	\$ 183,143	
Investments at cost	1,200,000	700,000	
Accounts receivable:			
Under-requisitions - (elementary)	5,849	6,452	
Other	578,763	519,528	
Prepaid expenses	1,802	459	
Other current assets	300	0	
	1,832,902	1,409,582	
CAPITAL OUTLAY TO BE RECOVERED IN FUTURE YEARS	6,241,447	6,184,780	
OTHER ASSETS	0	0	
	48,074,349	47,604,362	
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Bank and other short-term borrowing	\$ 252,000	\$ 0	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:			
Over-requisition - (elementary)	127,067	131,194	
Other	1,356,616	963,675	
Debt charges due and unpaid	9,965	10,278	
Reserve for 1978 tax reductions - (elementary)	0	0	
Other current liabilities	29,800	29,800	
	1,774,647	1,134,947	
NET LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	5,986,068	6,184,780	
RESERVE FOR WORKING FUNDS	300,000	300,000	
EQUITY IN RESERVE FUNDS	4,637	4,636	
UNEXPENDED CAPITAL FUNDS	0	0	
	48,074,349	47,604,362	
REVENUE FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977 (with comparative figures for 1976)			
EXPENDITURE:			
Business administration	\$ 288,163	\$ 247,308	
Computer services	6,573	6,543	
Instruction	7,519,287	6,331,224	
Educational services	87,656	78,920	
Attendance, health and food services	13,558	12,250	
Plant operation and maintenance	1,133,754	1,042,977	
Transportation	635,131	485,704	
Tuition fees	287,715	122,983	
Capital expenditure (non-allocable)	92,785	54,782	
Other operating expenditure	50,827	48,584	
Debt charges and capital loan interest	902,425	907,537	
Non-operating expenditure excluding transfers to reserves	6,627	4,622	
Total Expenditure	11,004,371	9,341,632	
RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURE:			
Other school boards - tuition fees and miscellaneous	11,338	4,293	
Government of Ontario, tuition fees and miscellaneous	10,408	5,333	
Government of Canada	2,804	4,781	
Individuals - tuition fees	7,258	4,356	
Other revenue, excluding transfers from reserves	81,471	57,291	
Total Recovery of Expenditure	113,279	76,094	
NET EXPENDITURE	\$10,891,092	\$9,265,538	
FINANCING OF NET EXPENDITURE:			
Government of Ontario			
General legislative grants	\$ 8,918,635	\$7,617,318	
Local taxation:			
Previous year's over (under) requisition	124,742	171,322	
Local taxation raised in the current year	1,969,333	1,701,639	
Decrease (increase) in reserve other than reserve for refund of taxes	0	(100,000)	
To be applied to the following year's taxation:			
Net under requisition	(121,518)	(124,742)	
TOTAL	\$10,891,092	\$9,265,538	
CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977 (with comparative figures for 1976)			
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:			
Fixed assets and work in progress:			
Buildings, furniture and equipment	\$444,551	\$334,835	
School sites and improvements to sites	287,336	1,825	
Pupil transportation vehicles	0	0	
Other	876	0	
	732,762	336,660	
Less federal sales tax refund	(14,988)	(14,573)	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$727,774	\$322,087	
CAPITAL FINANCING:			
Unexpended funds at beginning of year, or (Balance at beginning of year not permanently financed):			
Elementary	28,271	\$191,306	
Long-term liabilities issued and sold	295,000	0	
Capital expenditure from the revenue fund	217,805	104,510	
Balance at end of year not permanently financed, or (Unexpended funds at end of year):			
Elementary	241,242	\$26,271	
TOTAL	\$727,774	\$322,087	
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS			
DECEMBER 31, 1977			
NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES:			
(a) Accrual Accounting:			
The accrual method for reporting revenue and expenditure has been used with the exception of reporting of charges for net long-term liabilities. Principal and interest charges are not accrued from the due date of payment to the end of the fiscal year.			
(b) Fixed Assets:			
Fixed assets are charged to current expenditure unless financed by long-term debt. Principal and interest charges on net long-term liabilities are included in expenditure on the period due. Fixed assets are included in the Balance Sheet only to the extent of the related net long-term liabilities balances outstanding.			
For 1974 and prior years, fixed assets were reported at cost.			
(c) Net Long-Term Liabilities:			
Debentures are recorded as unmatured debenture debt in the year of sale.			
NOTE 2:			
The expenditure for debt charges and capital loan interest reported in the Revenue Fund Statement of Operations includes principal and interest payments as follows:			
Principal payments on long-term liabilities	\$464,715		
Interest payments on long-term liabilities	416,903		
Interest payments on temporary financing of capital projects	20,807		
	\$902,425		
NOTE 3: NET LONG-TERM LIABILITY REPAYMENTS:			
Of the net long-term liabilities outstanding of \$5,995,065, principal amounting to \$2,484,863 plus interest amounting to \$1,745,409 is payable over the next five years as follows:			
	Principal	Interest	Total
1978	\$ 483,447	\$ 413,927	\$ 897,374
1979	489,234	381,563	870,817
1980	503,434	349,379	852,813
1981	490,952	318,350	809,302
1982	487,796	284,170	771,966
	\$2,484,863	\$1,745,409	\$4,230,272
Approved: R.J. O'Brien, Chairman of the Board		C.G. Byrnes, Director of Education	
A 'DITORS' REPORT			
To the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board			
We have examined the balance sheet of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School as at December 31, 1977, the revenue fund statement of operations and the capital fund statement of operations for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.			
In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Board as at December 31, 1977 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.			
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CLIVE JAGO, father of one of the Acton Beavers, took part in games at the first district Beaveree on the weekend.

Van, auto in crash

A van escaped damage when it and another auto were involved in a rear-end collision on Main Street South Sunday afternoon.

According to Halton Regional Police the van driven by Willis Teed, of Toronto, sustained nil damage.

Damage to the other auto, driven by Janice Nussler, 24 Ransom St., is about \$300, state police.

The Nussler auto, which had been southbound, stopped south of Ransom Street, prior to the collision, police report.

Judge quits

Judge William K. Warrender, first chairman of the Halton Regional Police Commission, resigned from the commission last week.

Judge Warrender stated in his letter of resignation that he was leaving his post for personal reasons.

The current commission chairman William Hourigan said he was saddened to see the letter.

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