

Teacher views on board's LTP

Halton teachers forsee some benefits from the recent adoption of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) by Halton's Board of Education. On some issues, they are adopting a wait and see stance.

Halton Elementary Teachers Association (HEAT) President Gerry Dunn and Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation (OSTF) President Ron Ness indicated the expanded French core program, especially, means improvements.

For example, OSSTF president Ness said, Grade 9 teachers will be able to assume that children coming into high school will know more French than before.

Most of the implications of the new program are in elementary schools where HETA president Dunn said that regular teachers, who have their classes taken over for a French period, will be free to plan, prepare other lessons and also help fellow teachers.

If the board chooses to implement the new program starting with

Grades 6, 7 and 8 some of those teachers could help counsel students.

Counselling, however, is a skill and some training will be needed, cautioned Dunn.

In the lower grades, planning time is "very rare" according to the HETA chief and if the board plans to start the French program there, some of those teachers may be able to better prepare for their lessons.

OSSTF president Ness

said he hopes the board will be consulting teachers on aspects of the LTP such as the aim to provide balanced staffs through Halton.

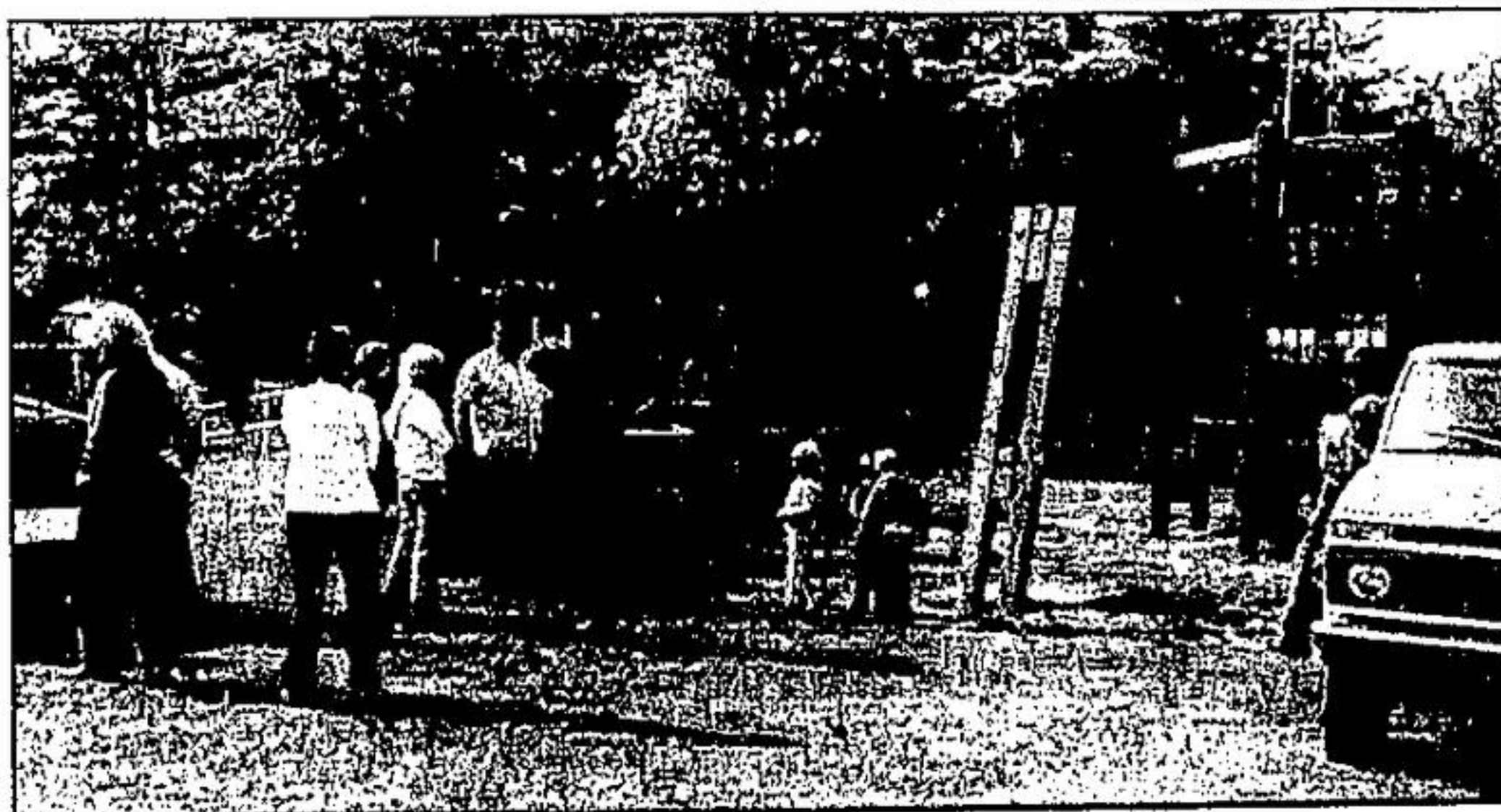
The federation also wants to consult with the board on the matter.

The federation also wants to contribute its views concerning the board's plan to systematically develop the skills and capabilities of teachers. Ness said OSSTF endorses the idea but needs some dollars if it is to be translated into retraining.

OSSTF, said Ness, will continue to push for the preparation of specific courses for Halton's general level students which is also part of the board's plan. For some time general students have been taught, what one trustee described as, "watered down level five" programs.

"Better programs and curriculum, will mean keeping students in school longer," said Ness.

The board's advance into the area of special education is just catching up with where it is needed.



Angry mothers argue with department of parks' workers about a newly constructed children's playground in Bovis park yesterday. Neighbourhood mothers were complaining the structure was ugly and too dangerous for the smaller children who live in the area. One of the workers said he also lived in the area but felt neighbourhood children were old enough for the plaything.

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Tyler runs propane bus

Tyler Transport Ltd. is taking two steps to reduce its oil consumption.

The transport company, which also runs a large fleet of school buses, has converted one of them so it uses synthetic oil as a lubricant

and Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) propane as a fuel.

In addition to saving the company about \$70 per year on conventional fuel, there is no sales tax on a new bus which is converted to propane.

As long as the conversion takes place before the bus is licensed, the tax is not applied, according to owner of the line Ted Tyler.

The sales tax is as much or sometimes more costly than the conversion.

An average school bus costs \$25,000 on top of which there is \$1,750 in sales tax. That is if it is to use conventional fuel.

A new bus can be converted to use LPG for

\$1,495 according to Tyler's calculations.

LPG is a clean burning fuel and so does not leave deposits in the engine. Spark plug and engine lives are stretched.

Also by using synthetic oil, which feels slipperier than real oil, Tyler looks forward to extending the life of the lubricant by five times. He is looking for 25,000 miles without an oil change.

"Right now everything looks positive," said Tyler. The company and Halton Board of Education are keeping records of the vehicle's performance.

Bus driver Jo-Anne Miller said she noticed no differences between the LPG bus and the conventional bus.

LPG has been used for years, however, it is becoming more popular. One of the problems has been with cold weather starts, but that was because drivers did not know how to handle them, according to Tyler.

Tyler has a small refuel tank on the grounds. He looks forward to installing a larger reservoir, a bulk station, which will be available to other buses

and transports.

The converted bus has a unit which heats the fuel until it becomes a gas, then the engine burns it. A slightly larger than normal tank is also required on the vehicle.

The bus will be on display at the fall fair.

The LPG bus was promoted during the school bus convention in July. Tyler saw a demonstration.

L'Arche report

The October meeting of the L'Arche Auxiliary was held at the home of Gail Ferguson, on Knox Avenue, with a good attendance.

A report was given on the booth the Auxiliary had at the Acton Fall Fair. Ceramics from ARC Industries, Christmas gift tags, and Cash for Life tickets were sold, also lucky draw tickets. The first prize a cheque for \$100 was won by Mrs. Stella Brunelle and the second prize, a ceramic Christmas tree, was won by Mr. Petric. Congratulations to Mrs. Brunelle and Mr. Petric, both from Acton.

Plans were also made for the annual fall dance to be held at the Band Hall on October 18.

Auxiliary members were pleased to learn that in July, four local girls raised money that they donated to Tinkerbell Nursery to buy toys. Tina and Lisa Krzyzik, Leah Marks and Shelley Lindsay showed movies at the Krzyzik home to neighbourhood children and friends.

These enterprising young ladies also sold drinks, cookies and popcorn raising \$26 which they used to buy toys for the Tinkerbell Nursery. Thank you Tina, Lisa, Leah and Shelley for your thoughtfulness.

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SPECIAL REPORT

MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON



SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUND OPERATIONS

Capital Assets Acquired	1979	1978
General Government		
- Regional Administration		
Building and Equipment	\$443,798	\$1,838,600
Protection to Persons and Property		
- Police Vehicles and Facilities and Conservation	462,611	431,884
Transportation Services		
- Roads, Bridges and Traffic Signalization	3,084,973	1,529,186
Sanitary Sewer System	3,195,604	14,431,607
Waterworks System	6,389,167	6,637,281
Garbage Disposal		
- Landfill Sites	472,345	309,379
Health Services	181,536	1,906,316
Social and Family Services		
- Day Care	118,250	
- Centennial Manor	18,719	8,350
Other	2,220	
Total Capital Expenditure During the year	\$14,369,223	\$27,092,603
Sources of Capital Financing		
Transfers from the Revenue Fund	\$2,314,707	\$2,573,823
Transfers from the Reserve Fund and Reserves	5,926,456	4,197,918
Long-term Debt Issued During the Year	7,726,969	6,457,802
Grants to Offset the Cost of Capital Expenditure		
Ontario	4,790,334	1,498,568
Canada	411,472	4,420,082
Other Financing	744,652	573,344
Total Capital Financing During the Year	\$21,914,590	\$19,721,537
Capital Expenditures Unfinanced		
- beginning of year	\$14,938,657	\$7,567,591
- end of year	\$7,393,290	\$14,938,657

SELECTED YEAR-END BALANCES

	1979	1978
Cash	\$179,767	\$237,561
Accounts Receivable	3,209,988	2,142,263
Other Current Assets	600,755	409,824
Temporary Loans	3,390,329	6,585,460
Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities	5,524,004	5,424,163
Outstanding Long Term Debt	60,681,521	56,608,170
Reserves and Reserve Funds	2,846,370	5,305,609
Unapplied Capital Receipts	3,536,612	1,612,022
Revenue Fund Surplus (Deficit)	(376,902)	413,073

OTHER INFORMATION

- These summaries include the operations and assets and liabilities of the Region, the Halton Police Board, the Halton Health Unit, the Halton Centennial Manor and the waterworks system. The information presented has been taken from the audited Financial Report of the Region with additional detail from the municipal records. The auditor's opinion has been qualified with respect to the outstanding matter described in Item 2 following. A copy of the audited Financial Report is available from the Region's municipal offices.
- Included in other current assets are deferred subdivision inspection costs, net of inspection fees charged, aggregating \$103,191. An analysis must be completed by the Regional Treasurer to determine how much, if any, is recoverable from subdividers and transfers from the subdivider contributions reserve fund. No provision has been made in the "Statement of Revenue and Expenditure" for the nonrecoverable portion of these costs.
- Trust Funds administered by the Region amounting to \$3,705,070 are not reflected in this financial summary.
- Revenue Fund Surplus (Deficit)
 The balance in the Revenue Fund at the year-end is available to reduce (to be added to) the levies or user service charges of the following classes of ratepayers:

	1979	1978
General Ratepayers		
- General Purpose	(\$235,197)	(\$357,535)
- Sanitary Sewer Service	438,451	273,140
- Waterworks Service	405,000	497,488
- Total General	(\$268,648)	\$413,073
Designated Ratepayers		
- Over Applied Density Grant City of Burlington	(108,254)	
	(\$376,902)	\$413,073

In line with the situation in previous years, the 1979 Budget anticipated the receipt of a density grant in the amount of \$1.00 per person in respect to the City of Burlington. However, the number of households in Burlington reached the point at the end of 1978 where a density grant is no longer available. The amount which was credited to the Burlington levy in 1979 is treated as part of the Revenue Fund Surplus (Deficit) at the end of the year to be charged back to Burlington in 1980.

- The municipality has a liability of approximately \$1,842,000 under the terms of the vested sick leave plan. An amount of \$65,248 has been provided and is reported within the balance sheet. No further provision has been made for this liability.
- The municipality is the defendant named in several writs relating to a warehouse fire in the Town of Oakville on April 25, 1978. The claims currently total \$7,359,872. The municipality's insurance coverage is \$5,000,000 and the matter has been referred to the solicitors for the insurers. The Regional Solicitor believes that there currently appears to be very little likelihood of the Region of Halton being required to make any payment with respect to the excess over the insurance coverage.
- Unapplied capital receipts, representing unexpended capital project financing from the revenue fund and reserves and reserve funds, have been segregated in 1979. In prior years, these amounts, if any, have been netted against capital outlay to be recovered in future years. Welfare collections, shown as other income in prior years, has been netted with social and family services expenditures in 1979. The 1978 comparative figures have been restated to conform to the 1979 presentation.

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 Regional Municipality of Halton

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SUMMARY OF RESERVE AND RESERVE FUND OPERATIONS

	1979	1978
Opening Balance	\$5,305,609	\$4,266,885
Revenue	3,602,248	5,679,232
Expenditures	6,061,487	4,640,508
Closing Balance	\$2,846,370	\$5,305,609

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