

# Trustees send rates back for review

Trustee Arlene Bruce's motion to send back rental rates on school facilities for re-evaluation was passed 11-3 at last Thursday's meeting of Halton Board of Education but not without some argument.

Bruce introduced the almost unprecedented motion to re-examine rental rates already approved last summer, at the Sept. 27 board meeting. The Community Schools Administration Committee has made great strides in putting the rent rates into some semblance of order but there are still some loose parts, she said.

It does not specify guidelines to determine special use by certain groups and it charges groups with the total operating costs rather than the costs they incur, Bruce said.

"If this policy remains in its present state, this board must be prepared for frustration and outrage from present users, a continuous parade of appeals and trustee motions which will pick away in a piecemeal fashion at its deficiencies and finally, but regrettably, a significant loss of trust by the community," Bruce said in her report to the trustees, urging them to take a second look.

But trustee Cam Jackson, chairman of the Community Schools Administration Committee, said it did not need a second look. The substantive issue is costs recovery and the committee has addressed that.

Jackson said the committee's objective outlined in Policy 3000-10 stated while the Halton Board of Education supported community use of its schools, the actual costs of renting are not being recovered. The committee was set up to establish a method of recovering costs that reflect actual plant operations and maintenance costs for each type of facility based on square footage, he said.

The school board is not in the business of making money with its rental rates, Jackson said, but it will be merely a goodwill or public relations gesture if trustees cut out recapturing all costs in the rates.

Trustee Dick Howitt, a member of the Jackson committee, said an important issue has been raised by Bruce. He asked just what is included in determining the basic cost such as heat, hydro, roof and washroom repairs, and fringe benefits of the janitor.

"How far do we go in recovering costs," Howitt said, adding as a member of the committee he is prepared to take a second look at the rates.

Howitt's committee colleague, trustee Ivan Armstrong disagreed saying the committee had gone to some effort to establish region-wide equitable rates based on a basic recovery cost to recapture all or part of the operating costs. If part A of

Bruce's motion which refers to this issue is carried, it will throw out everything that trustees set out to achieve a year and a half ago, Armstrong said.

"I'm not asking for a great deal of retooling, simply expanding categories and taking a second look at the real basic cost," Bruce said. "That's all I'm asking, not a detailed new report."

While the rates are being re-examined they will still be in effect for all renters. At the end of the meeting trustee Bill Harrison, however, entered a notice of motion for next week's meeting to suspend the implementation of the rates until the committee's re-evaluation report has been voted on.

# Volunteers needed by heart foundation

The new Halton Hills Chapter of the Heart And Stroke Foundation of Ontario (formerly The Ontario Heart Foundation), needs volunteers interested in furthering the work of the Foundation in this community. A variety of positions need to be filled, board members, committee members, members-at-large, and health professionals.

The main aim of the chapter is to represent the Foundation to the community as an organization committed to the reduction of death and disability due to heart attack and stroke.

Immediate aims of this new chapter are to provide public education programmes in Halton Hills, including "Jump Rope For Heart" in the schools, to supply information through the media, pamphlets and films, and to extend the February Georgetown

fund-raising campaign to include a door to door canvass in Halton Hills.

The Foundation has been active in Halton Hills for the last 15 years, particularly in February, "Heart Month", but also in providing information to groups and individuals regarding CPR Clinic locations, post cardiac care programmes, In Memoriam donations and Stroke Recovery Associations.

There will be an organizational meeting in mid-November. Call now for more information, or to indicate your interest in attending the first meeting to Pat Harris 877-1319. (evenings), Laurette Macdonald 877-7854 or Marilyn Micklethwaite 877-9972.

# Out doors



to land the big rainbow and Chinook salmon that are taken on this bridge by using a three-foot wide hoop net with 30 feet of rope.

This apparatus is lowered down to the river and then the fish is led over to be hoisted up to the bridge.

Most fish taken here were caught with huge roe bags in crystal clear water that is about 12 feet deep. It was an eerie feeling that made the trip well worthwhile.

General fishing on the north shore of Superior as well as Georgian Bay has been slow this week.

At Owen Sound there were hundreds of boats out in the water with fishermen competing in the local derby without much success.

Reports of good fishing in the Notawasaga River are out with limit catches of small rainbow being recorded. Plenty of big Chinook salmon are on the take in the lower Credit River and while these fish are okay for sport, they're sadly lacking in the eating department.

Have a good day.

by Lorne Fletcher

Ending up an extended hunting and fishing holiday to the North Lake Superior Watershed, yours truly has returned with some memorable moments.

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