

Full Text of Halton Education Boards 1971 Budget Closes Store, Business Combined at Lumber Mart

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This is the full text of the report on school spending in Halton County for 1971 which was submitted to the Halton County Board of Education by the chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Finance, J. F. Noble last week.

PER PUPIL ALLOWANCES

In accordance with the planned procedure the board considered various sections of the 1971 budget in meetings held on February 11, February 25 and March 4 of 1971. The budget as drafted is in accordance with the discussions and presentations made at these meetings.

The budget provides for the continuation of all programs that were operated in 1970. Per pupil allowances are identical with those of 1970 with the exception that the per pupil allocation for library books has been reduced to \$5. from \$6. at both the public and secondary school level.

All of the existing ratios approved by the board have been maintained.

The budget provides for a total expenditure of \$39,806,241 which amounts to an increase of \$3,638,642 over the amount actually spent in 1970 representing an increase of 10.08 per cent. Of this increase \$1,347,035, representing 3.72 per cent is because of the increase in the average daily enrolment of 1,399 pupils. The balance of \$2,291,607, representing 6.34 per cent, can be attributed to increased costs.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The total expenditure for the public schools is \$21,065,109, an increase of \$1,358,054 over 1970, resulting in the cost per pupil per year of \$377.53 on an average daily enrolment of 31,090. This is an increase in the cost per pupil per year of \$35.08 equivalent to 5.46 per cent.

The total expenditure for

the secondary schools, including the trainable retarded, is \$18,741,132, an increase of \$2,280,588 over 1970, resulting in a cost per pupil per year of \$1,179.13 on an average daily enrolment of 15,894. This is an increase in the cost per pupil per year of \$75.22 equivalent to 6.18 per cent.

On the revenue side the 1971 general legislative grant regulations have produced a very significant increase in revenue over 1970.

The method of calculating the grants is the same as that used in 1969 and 1970 but the factors have been changed to increase assistance to all Boards. The 1971 regulations are designed to produce a grant of 80 per cent of the per pupil cost for Boards that operate within the provincial guidelines and have an equalized assessment per pupil equivalent to the provincial average.

Locally, for the public schools, the percentage rate of grant has increased from 48.90 per cent to 53.94 per cent for the recognized ordinary expenditures and from 71.65 per cent to 73.35 per cent for the recognized extraordinary expenditures. For the secondary schools the grant for the recognized ordinary expenditures has increased from 56.52 per cent to 60.52 per cent and for recognized extraordinary expenditures from 68.57 per cent to 73.55 per cent.

SET GUIDES

The fact that the Board established policies in 1969 to control the cost per pupil has resulted, in 1971, in a cost per pupil which is, at both levels within the limits established by the Department of Education. At the public school level the recognized ordinary expenditure amounts to \$36.53

per pupil per year — the government ceiling is \$45. At the secondary school level the recognized ordinary expenditure amounts to \$74.33 per pupil per year — the government ceiling is \$106. As a consequence, the Board receives full advantage of the increased grants and is able to reduce the requisition to the municipalities accordingly.

For the public schools, the grants are estimated to be \$11,443,702 which is an increase of \$1,740,407 over 1970, and represents 54.33 per cent of the costs. In 1970 the grants amounted to 49.24 per cent of the cost.

The secondary school grants are estimated to be \$10,401,180, an increase of \$1,534,947 over 1970 representing 55.50 per cent of the total costs. In 1970 the grants represented 52.04 per cent of the cost. This significant increase in

assistance from the provincial government has resulted in a corresponding reduction in the amount required to be raised by taxes at the local level.

The amount to be apportioned between the municipalities for public school purposes amounts to \$9,551,307. This represents 45.34 per cent of the cost compared to 50.11 per cent in 1970.

The apportionment for the secondary schools amounts to \$8,032,152 representing 42.86 per cent of the cost compared to 45.26 per cent of the cost in 1970.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the 1971 Budget in the following amounts:

Public Schools	\$21,065,109
Secondary Schools (including schools for trainable retarded)	\$18,741,132
Total	\$39,806,241

A hardware store for close to a century on Georgetown's Main Street, Thompson's Hardware made its last sale in its old locale on Saturday.

The store, purchased in October, 1969 by Howard Tarxwell, is being combined with his Lumber Mart business at 17 Sideroad and the 10th Line.

Mr. Tarxwell is following the trend to one-stop shopping, and is combining his hardware and building supplies at the large Lumber Mart site which he established there a few years ago.

Lumber Mart features electric fixtures and plumbing supplies, hardware, floor covering, power tools, paints and wallpaper, garden equipment, building supplies and lumber.

Earliest record of the Main Street store goes back to ownership by W. P. Moore before the turn of the century. In 1903 Walter Anthony, and his brother-in-law Fred Howes took over the business, operating as a partnership until Mr. Howes moved to Listowel. At one time, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony had their living quarters over the store. Ray Thompson, who was employed there for several years, later became the owner and bought the property in 1946. Following his death, Mrs. Thompson sold the business to Mr. Tarxwell.

Besides the hardware business, for many years the store employed a large staff engaged in tinsmithing, eavestrouthing, and plumbing work and in furnace installing.



MONTE'S COOK OF THE NOOK

Monte Jackson, left, owner of the Donut Nook, 136 Guelph Street, looks over the fast emptying racks of donuts with Cy Gauld, bakery service technician with Donut Corp. of America, on opening day last week. Monte's wife also helps run the store. They live at 36 Grey-stone Crescent.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Injustice to Teachers, And Taxpayers Also

12 Chelvin Drive,

Dear Sir:
Attached please find a copy of letters sent to Mr. Rud Whiting, M.P. for Halton and The Hon. James Snow, M.P. for Halton East. Would you kindly print it in your Mailbag column.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,
L. B. Ciglen, B.A.
Norval Public School

Dear Mr. Whiting:
As you are aware, the Federal government proposes legislation that will include teachers in the Unemployment Insurance scheme. This is a gross injustice to the society as a whole for the following reasons of which I am sure you are aware, and if not, should be:

1. We, in this profession, cannot collect this insurance because there is no such a person as an unemployed teacher.
2. There is no scheme available to retrain teachers who have not teaching positions.
3. The tax burden to the ratepayers in each community will increase largely because school boards will be required to match dollar for dollar, each teacher's contribution to the scheme.
4. If legislation of this nature does pass in parliament then it should include all professional persons, including doctors and lawyers and not single out teachers.
5. It is not an 'insurance' scheme but a method of collecting a social tax under an assumed label.
6. Due to this increase in expenditure by school boards, the children will suffer as programmes, facilities, and educational materials will be reduced to keep within the Department of Education's expenditure ceiling guidelines.

If legislation of this does become law, members of this party will certainly not receive my support nor vote in the next Federal election and I'm sure that many irate ratepayers will undoubtedly feel the same way.

Yours very truly,

Larry B. Ciglen, B.A.
Norval Public School

Will Seek \$1900 for Arthritis Research

The annual meeting of the board of directors of Georgetown branch, Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society was held at the home of Peter Heslin.

The new 1971 board comprises Mr. Heslin as campaign chairman; Patrick McCauley, deputy campaign chairman; Bill Kent, industrial campaign chairman; Doug Hauser, commercial campaign chairman; and Dana Primerano, publicity chairman.

A campaign goal of \$1900 was set for this year.

A door to door canvass will take place September 13th and the industrial and commercial campaign will begin the week of September 7th.

Fired at Policemen Ruled Mentally Ill

An 18 year old Georgetown youth was mentally ill when he fired four shotgun blasts at police on the Georgetown District High School grounds February 3.

Dr. Robert Coulthard, a psychiatrist at the Clark Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, testified in county court in Milton, Wednesday, that the youth was criminally insane at the time of the incident.

MAXIMUM SECURITY

Judge William Sharpe found the youth not guilty by reason of insanity of three charges of attempting to wound.

ARRESTED AT GUNPOINT

The youth was originally charged with attempting to murder Sergeant Frank Arthurs when the sergeant and three constables arrived at the high school.

Constable Charles Harrison arrested the youth at gunpoint near Water Street as he attempted to flee through the wooded valley behind the high school.

Spring IS THE TIME

WHEN A YOUNG MAN'S HEART TURNS TO LOVE



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HORNBY

Spencer Wilson Heads Ball Club Executive

The annual Hornby ball club meeting was held on Sunday night, March 14, at the North Trafalgar community centre with 20 people attending. The election of officers was held and are as follows — past president, Bertram Stewart, president, Spencer Wilson, vice president, Leonard St. John; treasurer, Mrs. Bertram Stewart, and secretary, Mrs. Jim Reid. The directors are Donald Chisholm, Earl McDowell, Bill Schreiber, Donald Chase, Andy Trencs and John Wallace.

The third meeting of the Hornby Dairy Mates was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Bousfield on Monday evening, March 15. The roll call 'Some thing you have made using dairy products since the last meeting' was answered by all 15 present. Janet Schreiber and Laurie Currie made quick cheese pizza and Lorraine Cooper and Christine Kreutz made sour cream chip-dip. The girls sampled cheese cake which was made at the last meeting and honey nut flap and pineapple yogurt.

The North Trafalgar Euchre club held their weekly euchre party on Saturday night, March 20 at the North Trafalgar Community Centre. There were six tables of euchre in play with the prizes being awarded to — ladies, Mrs. Joe Ellis, Mrs. Clare Wilson and Buck Burton (playing on a plank card); gents, Bud Letty, Lorne Lang and Clare Wilson. The lucky draws were won by Tom Bousfield and Mrs. Jim Hamilton.

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Break who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Thursday, March 25.

Birthday greetings are extended to the following who are celebrating their birthdays: Pierre-Andre Dufour on March 21, Bruce Wilson on March 23, Bobby Robson on March 27, Cam Eves and Harold Rutherford on March 28, Laurie Fries on March 30 and to Mrs. Ron Plant and Jack Sanford on March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Walter of Clarkson, held a birthday party on Sunday evening, March 21 at Georgetown, Ont.

SNOW MOLD CAN KILL THE GRASS

Snow mold is very common at this time of year. As the snow melts the lawn will be covered with a thick, webby mold which if left untouched will result in dead patches in turf.

Snow mold is caused by a fungus and is best controlled by spraying the lawn with a fungicide in the fall. However, if you did not take this precaution last fall, the mold can easily be controlled in the spring by brushing the webs off the lawn with an old broom.

As soon as the snow melts, get your old corn broom or rake out and brush it off the grass. It will only take a few moments to do and will reduce the damage to a minimum.

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