

# O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

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As one delves deeper into the inner workings of the exercise of power in Ottawa politics, one comes to the conclusion that very few people know how the system really works. Certainly the general public, and even some of those interest groups such as large companies, industry associations and unions seem not to realize how to go about the business of being effectively heard.

Perhaps one of the least understood or used tools available in the system is the Opposition — both individual Members and Parties.

What is often not realized is that a parliamentary democracy is fundamentally an adversary system, like a trial in a courtroom. Two or more views are presented in the courtroom of the House of Commons. The ensuing debate is not waged to convince opposing Members of one's position, but to gain the approval of the ultimate judge, the public, present through the eyes and ears of the press.

For example when the Government announces a program and implementing legislation, it has, of course, made the prior decision to do so behind the closed doors of the Cabinet room, totally convinced of the correctness of the move and the appropriateness of the program. It hopes for as little public airing as possible in the interests of obtaining a smooth passage through the House. A majority government can ensure if it wishes, at least a quick, if not a smooth passage by the use of closure. But in a minority situation, as exists now, the Government is much more sensitive to the wishes and representations of opposing interests both in the public and in the Opposition benches.

Thus those of the public opposed to the philosophy or perhaps the proposed

method of implementation of a program are often wise to ally themselves with the Opposition who may well be preparing to take a similar stand. Surprisingly this almost self-evident suggestion is little followed. Most representations will be made to Cabinet Ministers or senior civil servants who will promise "to take the representations under consideration." Copies of the brief or remarks will then perhaps be sent to the other Parties. Obviously the battle is an uphill one, with the forces of the pleader pitted against those of a Government which has made up its mind, and in the interests of saving face, is usually little inclined to back down.

The most effective, and convincing, to which government, and Oppositions for that matter, will always listen if they have any sense is overwhelming public opinion. Oppositions have available many avenues, including the press, public meetings and the after-dinner speech as well as the House of Commons, to effectively mobilize public opinion. And of course it is their function and responsibility to constructively criticize government programs and propose viable alternatives.

Having spent two years as an Executive Assistant at Queen's Park, and seeing things from the Government point of view, my experience in Opposition since last October is providing some interesting new insights into the process of government, as you may glean from these remarks.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville — 844-0222.

# High School Teachers' Pay Will Increase 8 Per Cent

Halton teachers' salaries for the 1973-74 school year were passed by Halton Board of Education without a hitch, last Thursday.

Elementary teachers received an eight percent raise, three percent increment and five percent increase. Secondary teachers received eight percent also, 2.9 percent increment and 5.1 increase.

Tom Ramautarsingh, president of District Nine, O.S.T.F., later told the press that he was "exceedingly happy to see that for the second year negotiations have been conducted under an amiable plan."

Mr. Ramautarsingh, a Georgetown high school teacher, said "Halton has almost caught up to Peel. Our teachers should be commended for the past and my hope is that Halton should become a leader in future negotiations."

Mr. Ramautarsingh stated, "We have set up post negotiations on certain items, long term disability plan and consideration asked over the construction of grid patterns. This continuing dialogue paves the way to teacher, board negotiations."

"A heavy burden has been taken off my shoulders. In the past we have had problems", Mr. Ramautarsingh said following the board's approval of teacher salaries.

**PRINCIPALS' RATES**

In the area of Responsibility Allowances, elementary principals will receive a minimum of \$17,500 for 6-15 rooms and the same for 16 rooms and over. The maximum will be \$20,250 for 6-15 rooms and \$22,250 for 16 rooms and over. The principals' increment will be \$500. Principal assistants will receive according to the salary schedule plus \$100.

Salaries of elementary principals of schools of less than six rooms will be determined by schedule placement plus \$600 per room.

Principals of secondary schools up to 44 teachers will receive a minimum of \$21,750 and a maximum of \$24,500. For principals with more than 44 teachers the minimum of \$22,500 and the maximum \$25,500.

**SAMPLE SALARIES**

A sample of the approved salaries for 1973-74 in Halton is as follows for a teacher having taught three years. Elementary: Level 1 \$7300, Level 2 \$7900, Level 3 \$8300, Level 4 \$9400, Level 5 \$9700, Level 6 \$10,700, and Level 7 \$11,200.

Secondary: Group 2 \$9700, Group 3 \$10,700, and Group 4 \$11,200.

An allowance of \$500 is given for a recognized post-graduate degree on both the secondary and elementary level. Both levels also receive the same fringe benefits. O.H.I.P.-75 percent of present basic rate will be paid by the board.

Extended Health Care-75 percent of the present rate of existing plan will be paid by the board. Group Insurance-75 percent of the present rate of existing plan will be paid by the board to a maximum of \$25,000 of insurance.

**VICE-PRINCIPALS**

Elementary vice-principals shall have placement on the salary schedule plus \$2,400, or \$14,500 whichever is the greater. The maximum they will receive is \$17,000. Secondary vice-principals will receive a minimum of \$19,250 and a maximum of \$21,500. Allowances for post graduate degrees will be paid to principals and vice-principals within the maximum.

Elementary co-ordinators will receive a minimum of \$19,500 up to a maximum of \$22,000. Assistant co-ordinators will receive a minimum of \$18,500 to a maximum of \$20,000. Secondary positions of this nature have the same pay rates.

Department heads, which will be phased out following a motion passed in April, will be as follows: \$2,000 extra for a major headship, \$1,150 for a minor one and \$1,000 for an assistant. The phasing out of headships will be done on a gradual basis.

**CONSULTANTS**

Elementary consultants' basic salary shall be according to the effective salary schedule for teachers. Allowance for responsibility shall be \$2,000. This is the same for secondary school positions.

Special staff will include teachers of opportunity classes, teachers of trainable retarded, teachers of hard of hearing and special learning disability classes, and home instruction teachers.

The allowance for teachers now on staff who are receiving an allowance will be for school year 1973 - \$4,300.

It is the intention of the board to delete the allowance for special staff commencing the 1974-75 school year.

# Board Approves Appointment Resignations

The following appointments were passed at the Halton Board of Education meeting last Thursday. James Ridley to Stewarttown Public School, James Whitney to Park Public School, Donald Warren to Centennial Public School and Mrs. Elaine Langley to Park Public School. Two teachers are appointed to Georgetown and District High School, Mrs. Penelope Ridley, and Morton Ritts.

Elementary resignations effective August 31, were approved from Mrs. Linda Coe of Robert Little Public School, Mrs. Anne Rudy of Park Public School, and Mrs. Nora Lipp of Norval Public School. Mrs. Susan Haynes' resignation from Georgetown and District High School is also approved. Mrs. Valerie Woodworth will transfer from Howard Wrigglesworth to W. I. Dick, September 1.

Mrs. Karen Cosgrove will be on maternity leave June 11 to September 1 from Georgetown and District High School. Mrs. Margaret Bently will have an extended maternity leave April 28 to June 29 from Georgetown and District High School.

Leave of absence is also approved for Mrs. Kathy Sanford, September 1 to August 31 from Robert Little P.S.

**PERMANENT CONTRACT**

Twenty-three permanent contracts for teachers were approved by the board for this area. They are Mrs. Nancy Archipow, Mrs. Mavis O'Neil, Ted Maslach, Miss Kathleen Mulrooney, William O'Reilly and Albert Vella at Georgetown and District High School. Elementary teachers Leon

Bradshaw at Glen Williams, Miss Joan Cooper at Howard Wrigglesworth, Brian Cosgrove at Stewarttown, Mrs. Nancy Furness at Robert Little, Mrs. Dianna Fisher at George Kennedy, David Gregory and James Hall at Centennial, Mrs. Linda Howatt at George Kennedy, David Jefferson at Centennial, Mrs. Anne Kachmar at Robert Little, Mrs. Margaret Kalil at Stewarttown, Richard Lario at Centennial, Mrs. Harriet Mitchell at Limehouse, Mrs. Marilyn Peavoy at Park, Mrs. Norma Silcock at Robert Little, Mrs. Connie Tyer at Pineview, and Miss Sandra Nuttal was recommended for Permanent Contract January 1973. It was approved for Harrison Public School.

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## READER'S FORUM

### Says Overflow Omitted

Editor, The Herald

"Everything you Always Wanted to Know about The Sewage Plant" (Herald, May 17, 1973) could have been a significant educational article if it weren't for the fact that one pertinent item was omitted.

The reporter who drafted that article must have been led down the garden path.

What about the newest addition to our Sewage Treatment Plant — our month and half old bypass?

During a heavy rainfall, for instance, this bypass may be put into use to help alleviate an already too heavy load on the sewage treatment plant. This precaution is taken to

prevent a "washout" which, as you may remember, occurred in 1971. When the bypass is functioning, raw sewage is treated with chlorine only and then released into Silver Creek. This includes solids, liquids and plenty of foam as witnessed by two residents of Hegan Cres.

I think the article "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about The Sewage Plant" was misleading. Moreover, it appeared to be written at such an opportune time as to falsify the concern about the recent overflow of raw sewage into Silver Creek. To me, that article showed a lack of moral responsibility on someone's part.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Serjeantson  
Georgetown.

**Editors' Note:**

"Everything" was written specifically to explain the function and operations of the sewage disposal plant and appeared on inside page. The "overflow" story and pictures appeared on the front page two weeks earlier. A lack of responsibility?

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The Commission solicits your co-operation and understanding during these interruptions in service.

Thank you.

**GEORGETOWN WATER COMMISSION**  
9 James Street  
877-5111

5-31 (589)

# NOTICE To Property Owners IN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TO Destroy Weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with The Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1970, Sec. 4, 11, 13, 14 and 20, that unless weed seeds, and noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Town of Georgetown are destroyed by date of Saturday, June 16, 1973, and throughout the season, the Town may enter upon said lands, and have weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes, as set out in the Act.

The cooperation of all property owners is earnestly solicited.

Complaints may be made by telephone, or in writing to the undersigned.

For the information of all property owners, the following are designated as noxious weeds generally in the Province of Ontario:

1 Bull thistle	14 Dock
2 Canada thistle	15 Field bindweed
3 Dodder	16 Goat's beard
4 Milkweed	17 Knapweed
5 Nodding thistle	18 Night-flowering catch-fly
6 Scotch thistle	19 Poison ivy
7 Sow-thistle perennial and annual	20 Ragweed
8 Spurge, leafy	21 Russian thistle
9 Bladder-campion	22 Spurge, cypress
10 Chicory	23 Stinkweed
11 Common barberry	24 White cockle
12 Common or European buckthorn	25 Wild carrot
13 Common St. John's wort	26 Wild mustard
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