

Board approves school bus costs

Haltom board of education gave a green light to its transport schedule Thursday for the almost one in five students bused to schools at a fare of 80 cents a day for an elementary pupil, 95 cents for high school students.

In the north education area, which encompasses Acton, Esqueping, Georgetown, Milton and Nassagaweya, only one change is indicated—the addition of a bus from Nassagaweya to General Brock high school in Oakville.

The routing and scheduling for the 1977-78 school year is "basically the same" as last year, Bruce Lindsay, board superintendent of business and finance, says in recommendation.

Daily rates for transporting children are 8.5 per cent higher than those in the 1976-77 school year, Mr. Lindsay says. For each one cent increase in the price of gasoline, the daily rate will increase two-tenths of a cent.

Mr. Lindsay estimates that buses for elementary schools will travel 4,392 miles per day over 162 routes. They'll carry 5,649 pupils at a daily cost of \$4,547.15.

For secondary schools, buses will travel 76 routes to

carry 3,677 students 3,849 miles per day. It will cost 3,480.35 per day.

The entire enrollment, 162 pupils at the trainable mentally retarded schools is bused a total of 555 miles daily at a cost of \$490.70, Mr. Lindsay says. The per pupil cost is \$3.03 per day.

Of the total \$8,518.20 per day transport package trustees will be asked to approve, \$2,318.35 is for the 72 routes in North Haltom.

As might be expected, Esqueping has the lion's share of the cost with 39 routes carrying 1,278 children a total of 1,200 miles daily. The board pays \$1,155.90 a day to keep the buses moving.

Nassagaweya is second with 14 routes over which 603 children travel 591 miles a day, costing \$552.50.

Georgetown is third costliest at \$229 per day with 336 children bused 95 miles daily over 9 routes.

Acton is fourth with \$169.50 per day to carry 135 children 168 miles on five routes and Milton fifth with \$118.25 for 200 children 172 miles on five routes. The board also transports 23 handicapped students by taxi at a cost of \$113.20 per day.



PASSING OUT PARADE

Lt. Taylor Train adjusts the collar on Pte. Clayton Bigelow of Acton prior to the passing out inspection for members of the Summer Student Employment and Activities Program enrolled with the Lorne Scots Regiment. The summer course taught leadership and general military training for students and included training at Niagara-on-the-Lake and Meaford.

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Will Open for the Fall Term

Wednesday, September 7, 1977

Any changes from last year's bus routing will be advertised in this newspaper.

Grade 9 students are to report to the Cafeteria for an introductory assembly at 9.00 a.m.

All students will then report to the rooms indicated on the various notice boards, at 9.30 a.m. At that time, registration procedures will commence. A full day's timetable will then be followed. Dismissal will take place at 3.15 p.m.

Most students will find their names on appropriate class lists, which will be posted in the foyer, or in the corridor near the cafeteria. Students whose names are not listed should report to the Student Services office.

Students having questions concerning registration or courses are invited to contact the school office any day (Monday to Friday) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

THE CAFETERIA WILL OPERATE ON OPENING DAY

30 residents oppose homes plan

Ratepayers strongly object to a new concept of cluster homes proposed by Merly Developments and planning board held a special meeting last Wednesday to record objections from about 30 residents.

Following the public meeting planning board went in camera and acting planning board chairman, Les Duby said that because there wasn't a quorum a decision regarding the meeting would be passed onto council Monday.

David Roebuck spokesman for the residents said the proposed 29 units of single family cluster homes, located on the south side of Edward Street between Delrex Blvd. said residents oppose the high density of units that will cover a minimum of 1,000 square feet per building, and 29 units built on 3.82 acres of land.

This will result in a devaluation of property, environmental change, traffic increase, parking problems, cause safety hazards for children and cause erosion problems, Mr. Roebuck summed up.

Dharam Malik, developer of Merly Developments, tried to soothe angry residents by answering questions for over two hours. He described cluster housing as the homes of the future.

"Young persons simply won't be able to afford single family dwellings," he said. However, planning chairman Roy Booth said an estimated price of between \$60,000 and \$65,000 had been discussed for the cluster homes.

Mr. Malik said the houses are not designed in detail and therefore to state a price is premature. Mr. Malik donated

Six week wait for rezoning

An amendment to the official plan and a rezoning to permit a commercial agricultural operation on Highway 25 north of Acton will take about six weeks, an Acton farmer learned last Wednesday.

Myron Martin told the planning board he plans to put about 28 acres of land back into production, possibly with blueberries, a pick-your-own orchard and fruits and vegetables as well. But because the land will take a lot of work until it is productive, Mr. Martin also wants to have a showroom where from he can sell European roto-tillers for farms from 10 to 25 acres.

4.25 acres of land for parkland to the town.

Residents were surprised that detailed plans of the homes are not drawn, but Coun. Pete Pomeroy reminded residents that Haltom Hills council, under section 35A of the planning act, has restrictions the developer must comply with.

Mr. Roebuck said council did not consider the "welfare of the community" when the by-law was passed. The residents would appreciate the matter being sent to the Ontario Municipal Board, he said.

Haltom Hills planner Mario Venditti, said that 24 individual objections to the project are on file and will be forwarded with the bylaw to the OMB.

Rodney Smith, a lawyer for Merly Development said he sent a copy of the bylaw, which council approved, to the OMB for approval of the project.

Mr. Smith said his client has been waiting for three years to get the project started, and is tired of waiting. Coun. Pete Pomeroy said this action has him baffled and OMB's decision on the matter is one of total speculation.

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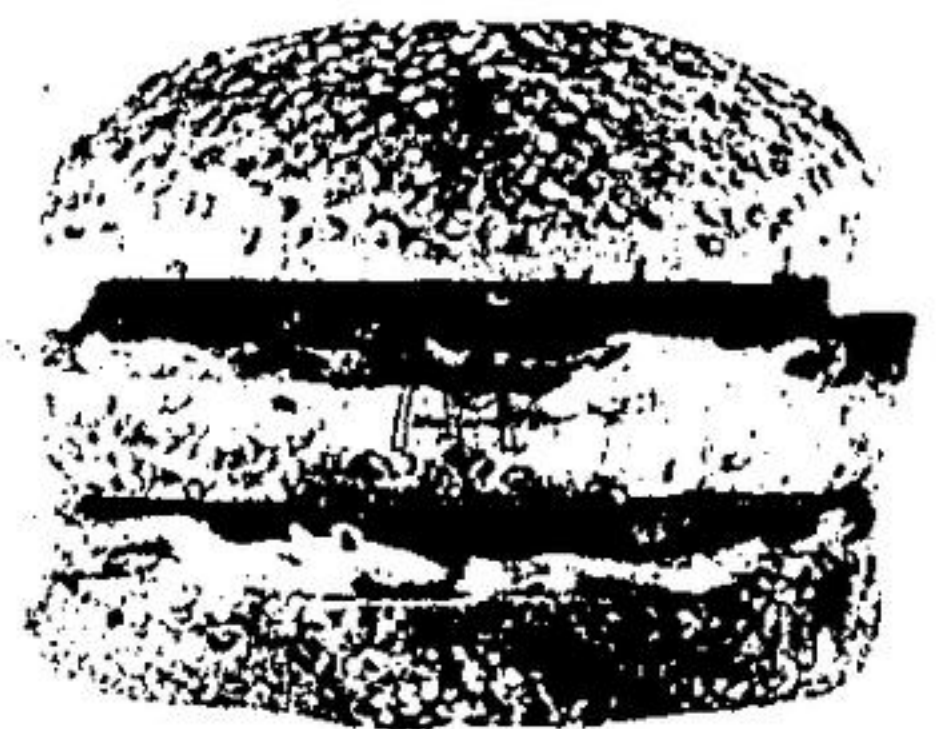
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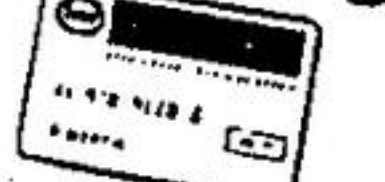
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