

Board adopts policy on school closings-eases anguish

Halton board of education has adopted a procedure to ease the anguish trustees feel when a small school must be closed.

In fact, the board considered two recommendations for closing schools, Thursday one from director of education, Emerson Lavender, and the other from trustee Dr. Helen

Howard-Lock. The board passed Mr. Lavender's recommendations but not until full discussion on the issue, split votes and motions to table both items.

The procedure passed by the board provides for a study group comprised of the area superintendent, the school principal, three parents from

the school, a trustee and a teacher to examine how the school could continue without demanding more than normal resources when the enrollment approaches a level which warrants closing.

The study group will be formed each fall as the enrollment projections identify

schools in danger of closing and should make its recommendations by December of that year. If there is no participation in the group by parents the other members of the group may make the recommendations.

When compensation is made with additional staff from the Education Area allotment, larger schools have fewer teachers as a result and thus are denied the services of a teacher-librarian, he said. As well, learning resource centres or general purpose rooms in small schools often tend to be less than optimum and in some cases, non-existent.

Mr. Lavender said that when enrollment declines, a school should not receive more than its proportional share of the available resources. When the point is reached in declining enrollment that the restriction of resources is likely to affect provision for the educational needs of students, the study group will be formed.

Alternates to this possibility may include increased use of parent volunteers, reduced standard of regular and special education or the closing of the schools.

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Then Dr. Howard-Lock agreed with her seconder to withdraw the motion which prompted four trustees to cry "point of order". According to the board's rules of procedure there must be unanimous consent for a motion to be withdrawn. There was unanimous consent.

Trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton then moved that Mr. Lavender's recommendations be tabled. His motion was seconded by trustee Ivan Armstrong but according to board procedure, there can be no discussion on a motion to table and board chairman Morton allowed two trustees to speak to it, which caused Mr. Armstrong to withdraw his seconding. Trustee Don Long then seconded Mr. Hinton's motion, which nevertheless failed to get passed.

No Milton objections, industrial park OK'd

When Milton area residents failed to voice any opinion at the public meeting held in Halton Hills municipal buildings last week regarding a proposed industrial development site on Highway 25 and 5 Sideroad planning board recommended that the zoning amendment required to permit the development be forwarded to council for approval.

The 283 acre industrial park just north of Milton will be designed to accommodate only dry industry, town planner Mario Venditti, told the board.

Since very light manufacturing and light warehousing operations would not require great quantities of water or employ large numbers of people, the complex could be put on septic tanks and wells with no need to worry about future links with municipal services, he said.

Mr. Venditti assured the board that individual buildings would be controlled under section 35a of the Planning Act as they appeared before the board for approval.

A hydrologist has already done a preliminary study of the area and was ready to offer assurances that the wells required to service the complex would not damage wells of residents already in the area.

Some board members were concerned about the future of such a development if the planned industrial park in Milton fails to get approval.

Mayor Hill reminded the board that Halton Hills' development should not be held back by what happens in the town of Milton.

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THE HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
THE HALTON HILLS RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WARDS 3 AND 4, GEORGETOWN AREA)

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