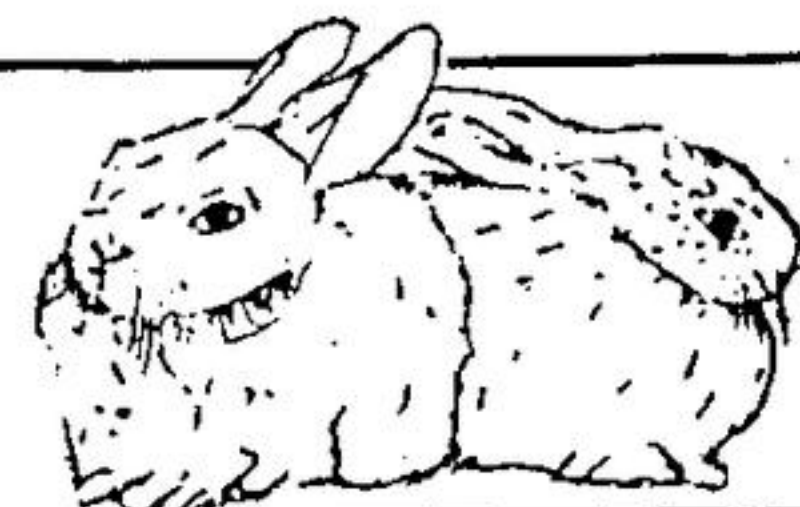


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Educators rap fed spending

Halt board of education has rapped the knuckles of the federal government for a 9.8 per cent increase in spending in a time of restraint.

"Leadership must be shown at senior levels of government if the lower levels are to have an example to follow," said Oakville trustee William Priestner who proposed the resolution.

The board will also petition the federal government to reassess its need to increase spending to \$48.8 billion in a time of restraint.

Provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough has tried to limit public spending and the board has to go to its staff and say "restraint is the name of the game," trustee Priestner said.

An amendment proposed by

trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton that the board make restraint its purpose as an example to the federal government failed to pass.

The board has kept its spending for the next school year to an increase of 5.4 per cent or \$95,147,702.

Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong said he was in support of the motion because the federal government has failed to promote secondary industry. As well, trustee Armstrong added the federal government is secretive about the money that they do spend. He said he has approached the MP twice but never received a return call on his questions.

As is usual when the board passes such a motion, it will be circulated to school boards

Master parks plan shelved for year

Phase two of a master parks plan for Halton Hills was postponed Monday for at least a year.

Finance-administration committee upheld a decision of Halton Hills council on the estimated \$27,000 but recommended the directors of recreation and planning provide a policy statement which could be included in the town's official plan before it goes to the ministry of housing for final approval.

Phase one of the plan was completed last summer with

\$10,000

fire damage

A fire which swept through the Glen Williams home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Slater, Monday afternoon has resulted in damage of \$10,000 say Halton Hills firefighters.

Floyd Ward, a neighbour, saw smoke and called the fire department.

The Slater home was vacant at the time of the fire which began in the crawl space under the floor. Cause of the fire has been attributed to an electrical malfunction

an \$8,000 grant from the federal government.

Mario Venditti, director of planning, told committee Monday that he and Glen Gray, director of recreation, could come up with a policy statement that would satisfy the ministry but that it would not be in great detail.

Mr. Gray said the ministry will require documentation which won't be available in an "in-house study". "That's the cruncher."

The committee's decision came after hearing a delegation from the recreation advisory committee for Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown).

Clare Riepma, chairman of the advisory committee, was in favour of the town hiring a consultant to prepare phase two of the study. A policy was needed to guide the day-to-day decisions of the advisory committee, he said.

"Sometimes we didn't know how a particular program would affect the whole town," Mr. Riepma said.

The advisory committee also discussed their terms of reference, maintenance and construction of facilities and how the committee could better serve the town.

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