

## New administrators, standards concern Fisher

Halton Board of Education trustee Betty Fisher says she is very happy for the support she received from Georgetown that resulted in her acclamation as trustee for Wards 3 and 4. Mrs. Fisher was trustee for Wards 1 and 2 in Acton for the past two years, but this time decided to run in Wards 3 and 4. Incumbent trustee Barry Shepherd withdrew from the race because of business commitments.

"For the weeks preceding the closing of nominations, it was really an experience to watch all the seats looking as if they were going to be acclaimed," Mrs. Fisher said. "Many people think it's a result of public apathy, but I think it just reflects a job well done. I think it's a credit to the council."

Mrs. Fisher foresees some major problems which the incoming board of education will have to deal with. The director of education, Em

lavender, and the superintendent of finance, Bruce Lindley, will both be retiring next year, and their positions will have to be filled.

There is also some uncertainty around the future of Bill 82, which sets standards that must be met by boards of education in providing mandatory special education programs. This bill may or may not be brought to the legislature, Mrs. Fisher said.

Areas which concern Mrs. Fisher personally, and in which she hopes to become involved in the coming two year term, are the drug problem in the schools, and the necessity of making secondary school education relevant to the world in which the graduates will find themselves.



BETTY FISHER

## No campaign, so Walker's 'learning'

Being acclaimed in her first campaign for a seat on the Halton Board of Education is "kind of scary," Ward 2 trustee Betty Walker says, but not having a campaign to conduct is giving her more time to get to know her new responsibilities.

Mrs. Walker is a single parent with three children, the youngest of whom is attending Milton District High School. She will be working in Peel Region in January as a family counselor.

"My only regret (about being acclaimed) is that I can't meet as many members of the public as I would have, had I had to campaign," Mrs. Walker said. "I'm very pleased and I hope I'm not being acclaimed because nobody has any interest in education."

"It seems to me there must be a lot of satisfaction here

with the way the system works because otherwise people would be out running."

Mrs. Walker said she is particularly interested in the area of special education, not only for those children with specific learning problems but for those with special needs, such as children in multi-problem families.

"I would be interested in finding out how much family interaction there is with schools when children have special needs, such as those children with more than one problem," Mrs. Walker said. "The board says schools aren't a social service agency, and I agree with

that, but the school is a part of the community and it can't isolate itself."

The idea of a teacher visiting the family in the home before the child starts kindergarten is a good one despite the controversy surrounding it, Mrs. Walker said. She emphasized that the effectiveness of the program depends on the way the home visit is handled.

Mrs. Walker also believes everyone should have an "operating" knowledge of French, with immersion classes for those who wish to become effectively bilingual.

It is also important for students to be well taught in the basics of reading,



BETTY WALKER

arithmetic and expressing themselves clearly in writing, Mrs. Walker said.

"Getting back to basics and combining them with life skills at the elementary level is important," she said.

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## Grubbe resigns from job at centre

Ward 1 town Coun. Terry Grubbe has resigned her job as co-ordinator of the Acton Community Services Centre, effective the end of this month.

Mrs. Grubbe has been co-ordinator of the centre for almost four years.

"For me, it was time to move on," she said. "I want to be a full-time councillor. I want to devote my time to it. I've accomplished what I hoped to do at the centre."

Among the programs Mrs. Grubbe is particularly proud of having helped get started are the Meals on Wheels program, the Block Parent program, the seniors workshop where the problem of transportation for the disabled and senior citizens was identified, and the clinic of preventive medicine for senior citizens.

One program which Mrs. Grubbe hopes will resume in the future is the well-baby clinic, where mothers who have a question about their baby's health, or who want to have their baby weighed, can talk to a nurse-practitioner. Some of these questions might otherwise never be answered, Mrs. Grubbe said, and she hopes the new co-ordinator will start up the program again.

The centre also arranged to have the legal clinic in once a week, and to hold the council drop-in there Friday afternoons for ratepayers to talk with the mayor and their municipal representatives.

Mrs. Grubbe was elected to council in a by-election halfway through the last term, and was recently acclaimed for a second term.

"I have other interests in the community that I would like to be involved in, and I will now have the time to devote to those interests," Mrs. Grubbe said.

## Bruce excited and happy over acclamation to post



ARLENE BRUCE

Being acclaimed is a great way to start off a term of office, Ward 1 Halton Board of

Education trustee Arlene Bruce said.

"I guess I was all geared up for a fight, and it's something of a letdown, but it's a great way to start off," Mrs. Bruce said. "I'm going to have to work hard to justify people's faith in me. I'm very excited and very happy about working with the school board over the next two years."

Mrs. Bruce said she isn't looking for issues to tackle over the next two years.

"I'm not an issues person. I think the whole state of the school situation can be improved, and saying this issue is one I'm going to tackle, to me, shows a lack of understanding."

"I realize from having been a teacher myself that there is more than one side involved," Mrs. Bruce said. "I hope to make parents and teachers more aware of their responsibility to work together."

"I think there's a definite wall between parents and schools, and a lot of people are working to break that down. I see myself as a catalyst to encourage this."

"I see some positive things happening in our schools," Mrs. Bruce said. "I think we have a good school system."

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Applications are now being received for Grade 1 and Grade 7 French Immersion Programs starting in September 1981. Information and application forms can be obtained from any Halton elementary school. Applications must be returned to the school by January 26, 1981.

Information meetings to explain the program will be held:

November 12, 7:30 p.m.	Halton Board of Education 2050 Guelph Line Burlington
November 18, 7:30 p.m.	Centennial Middle School 233 Deltrex Boulevard Georgetown
November 25, 7:30 p.m.	Queen Elizabeth Park School 2301 Yolanda Drive Oakville
November 26, 7:30 p.m.	Martin Street P.S. 184 Martin Street Milton

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## CONSEIL D'ÉDUCATION DE HALTON

### AVIS AUX CONTRIBUABLES FRANCOPHONES DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ REGIONALE DE HALTON

Election des Membres du Comité Consultatif de Langue Française pour les Écoles Secondaires

Avis est par les présentes donné que des réunions de contribuables d'expression française du conseil d'éducation de Halton auront lieu le lundi 8 décembre 1980, dans le but d'élire six contribuables francophones à un comité consultatif du conseil scolaire. Ce comité comprendra aussi des membres du conseil scolaire de Halton.

Le comité consultatif est chargé de mettre au point des propositions visant à répondre aux besoins des étudiants francophones de la Municipalité Régionale de Halton.

Des six membres, un sera élu par les contribuables francophones qui habitent les villes de Halton Hills et Milton.

Quatre membres seront élus par les contribuables francophones qui habitent la ville de Burlington.

Un membre sera élu par les contribuables francophones qui habitent la ville d'Oakville.

Assemblée Electorales

Pour les contribuables qui habitent les villes de Halton Hills et Milton le lundi 8 décembre 1980 à 8 h du soir Ecole Sacre-Coeur 222 Maple Ave. E. Halton Hills, Ontario	Pour les contribuables qui habitent la ville de Burlington le lundi 8 décembre 1980 à 8 h du soir Ecole St-Philippe 901 Francis Rd. Burlington, Ontario	Pour les contribuables qui habitent la ville d'Oakville le lundi 8 décembre 1980 à 8 h du soir Ecole Ste-Marie 343 King Street Oakville, Ontario
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## NOTICE TO FRENCH-SPEAKING RATEPAYERS OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

### Election of Members of the French Language Advisory Committee for Secondary Schools

Notice is given that meetings of the French-speaking ratepayers will be held by The Halton Board of Education on Monday, December 8, 1980, to elect six French-speaking ratepayers to an Advisory Committee of The Halton Board of Education.

The Committee will also include representatives from the Board of Education. The Committee's purpose will be to make recommendations to The Halton Board of Education on ways of meeting the needs of French-speaking students in the Regional Municipality of Halton.

One of the members will be elected by the French-speaking ratepayers residing in Halton Hills and Milton.

Four of the members will be elected by the French-speaking ratepayers residing in Burlington. One of the members will be elected by the French-speaking ratepayers residing in Oakville.

ELECTION MEETINGS

Halton Hills and Milton Monday, December 8, 1980 8:00 p.m.	Oakville Monday, December 8, 1980 8:00 p.m.
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