

More internal co-operation is new board chairman's goal

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The new chairman of the Halton board of education wants trustees to be more supportive of one another.

Len Auger, elected to the position by fellow trustees Thursday night, said he wants to foster cohesiveness and mutual trust among the group.

"I look at it as a management problem that has to be addressed," he said, following his victory in the ballots.

An Oakville trustee for separate schools since 1973, Mr. Auger replaces trustee Bill Lawson in the one-year chairmanship term.

To get the board members working together, Mr. Auger said he will promote interaction among the trustees and put his work background to good use. He deals with management problems daily at McMaster University in Hamilton, where he is an administrator in the management planning group.

"What is right is more important than who is right," Mr. Auger said. "We must bring out the best in each other. As a team we should act in concert to make it right."

Mr. Auger was remarking on a problem that several other trustees running for the positions of chairman and vice-chairman had acknowledged in their campaign speeches.

In his bid for the chairmanship, Burlington trustee Bill Priestner said there is a lack of unity and trust among trustees and administrators. He said it is important for trustees to work together.

"I think it's imperative that the executive, board and trustees strengthen the Halton board profile and foster better communication between and among our trustees. Then, and only then, can we communicate with our public," Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher, a candidate for vice-chairman, said.

Mr. Auger said he also feels



Halton Hills trustees (left to right) Arlene Bruce, Betty Walker and Betty Fisher are looking forward to working with the new director of education, Wally Beavor. Mr. Beavor replaced the retiring Em Lavender, director for six years. (Herald photo)

the board's profile needs a boost.

"I decided to run because I thought pride in the system had eroded in the past few years and I hoped to reinstate it," he said.

The time it has taken the board to reach agreement with its staff indicates a loss of pride, Mr. Auger said. Although contract negotiations with teachers were settled by the end of September, Mr. Auger said he thought agreement between the two sides should have been reached earlier.

Mr. Auger, 54, defeated Burlington's Bill Priestner and Noel Cooper in two rounds of balloting. A board bylaw requires that the chairman be

elected by a majority of votes cast.

Candidates for the position of vice-chairman were Florence Meares, Betty Fisher and Helen Howard-Lock. Miss Meares was the winner of that contest, replacing Burlington trustee Elaine Riehm.

Principal for 14 years at Killebribe Public School in Killebribe and Burlington's Lakeshore Public School and Elizabeth Gardens Unit, Miss Meares was elected trustee after her retirement.

"We're starting a new phase in education with our new director (Wally Beavor) and I think there'll be a lot of different decisions to make and I'll have the opportunity to

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Licence stickers go on sale

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Red 1982 motor vehicle licence stickers went on sale Dec. 1 at 310 licence issuing offices throughout the province, Minister of Transportation and Communications James Snow has announced.

And there will be no increases in fees — \$30 for a four-cylinder car, \$45 for a six, and \$60 for an eight with an engine replacement of less than 6.5 litres.

Owners of eight-cylinder cars with an engine displacement of more than 6.5 litres, registered after Dec. 1, 1977, pay \$80.

Trailer registration, now valid for the life of the vehicle, remains at the one-time fee of \$15.

Motorcycle and moped registration stickers remain at \$20 and \$5, respectively.

Sticker fees for privately-owned passenger cars and motorcycles in the northern part of the province remain at \$10.

For vehicle registration purposes, vehicle owners must have an address in the territorial districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitowish, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Timiskaming and that portion of Nipissing lying north and west of Algonquin Park.

Fees for snowmobiles and historic vehicles are \$10, anywhere in Ontario.

To obtain a sticker, motorists are asked to fill out a licence renewal form available at all licence-issuing outlets, MTC offices and Ontario LCBO stores.

Information relating to the owner and vehicle, and providing for a declaration of proof of insurance is required for all non-commercial vehicles must have a valid licence by midnight, Feb. 28, 1982 if they are to be driven in Ontario.



WALK IN THEIR SHOES

If you think footwear styles are outlandish now, drop into the Georgetown library branch to look at the latest exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum, called "High Stepping: Elevations in Footwear". As the pamphlet from the exhibit reads, the 34 shoes and boots displayed "reflect both modern and extreme expressions" of high-heeled fashion. David Ald (centre) of the ROM's extension office was on hand Friday afternoon to explain some of the oddities to Centennial School students (left to right) Janice Norris, Jennifer Henwood and Linda Wenham. The shoes will be on display in the downtown library until Dec. 18. (Herald photo)

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