

# \$3 million school budget cut



## MIDAS TOUCH

Mayor Russ Miller has the Midas touch. At least when he's wielding a flaming torch at Midas Muffler Centre. The Guelph Street shop opened their doors to the public with a variety of specials and giveaways. To commemorate the moment, a sign entitled 'Top Guns' was constructed for a unique ribbon-cutting. The pipe was bent from a special machine that can customize mufflers to fit

any car. Seen here (left to right) are owner Lorraine Martin, Mayor Miller, Manager Al Martin, Chamber of Commerce president Dave Kentner, Chamber member Marg Tanas, president of Midas Canada David Strolle, Herald ad manager Steve Foreman.

(Herald photo)

Asks town for less

## CVCA needs less money

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will be asking for \$83,146 from the Town of Halton Hills this year.

That sum is down from last year's \$138,421.

This reflects a slight increase in the 1985 general levy to \$35,829 and a substantial decrease in the 1985 special levy to \$47,317 for Halton Hills.

The special levy covers projects at Armstrong Avenue (\$41,850), Eden Place (\$2,700), North Halton Gold and Country Club (\$967), the

Smith property (\$450) and the paper mill dam (\$1,350).

Highlights of the 1985 budget were presented Thursday night at the CVCA's Meadowvale office.

Authority members approved the 1985 budget of \$4.5 million.

For the 11 member municipalities, the 1985 general levy increase was 5.8 per cent overall.

General Manager Glen Schnarr said the provincial government hadn't announced transfer payments to the Authority for 1985.

"We're presenting what we think we'll get funding for," Mr. Schnarr said. "It's our best guess."

The Authority is required to present its budget to its member municipalities by March 1. If the province agrees to the transfer payments expected in the CVCA budget, the 1985 Authority budget will be in good shape, Mr. Schnarr said.

The Authority has projected a cut-off point for funding of projects on a provincial priority list released last October. The Terra Cotta pool

resurfacing has been dropped, but \$3,000 has been included to repaint the pool in the maintenance budget.

Although the Authority is hoping for a new administrative office, the project is a highly political one at the provincial level. Despite repeated requests by Chairman H.H. Stewart the matter remains unresolved.

Because the provincial approval is uncertain, and land would have to be sold to generate revenue for this project, no funds were set aside for a new office in 1985.

## Double digit taxation 'not acceptable'

By ROBIN BAKEWELL  
Herald Staff

In a week, the Halton Board of Education has reduced the 1985 proposed budget by \$3 million.

Stating that double digit taxation is not acceptable in 1985, director of education Wally Beevor introduced 18 reduction proposals at Monday's finance committee meeting.

Mr. Beevor said he had achieved the reduction proposals after a great deal of difficulty and credited the senior administrative staff for their assistance and time.

The Halton Board of Education's 1985 budget proposals now total \$155,568,114 down from the \$158,576,454 figure of last week. It is an increase of 3.48 per cent over last year's budget.

Based on a one per cent increase in grant money from the provincial government, a 9.2 to 9.5 per cent increase in mill rate is expected.

The one per cent increase in provincial grant money is based on the eight-tenths of one per cent received last year, coupled with the addition of more developmental handicapped children in the system.

In reducing the proposed budget all expansion, supplies and services accounts, salary provisions and programs were reviewed.

No expansion of central or area office staff is planned for 1985 and positions presently in the budget have been eliminated. A speech pathologist, social worker, two computer services staff and nine auxiliary staff positions have been eliminated.

A freeze on hiring central and area office personnel will come into effect and the staff there will be reduced by 20 per cent over a two year period by attrition and reassignment.

Controllable supplies and services for all school accounts will be held at the 1984 expenditure level and will be less ten per cent over last year for the central and area offices.

The board went into private discussion on a reduction in salary recommendation which Mr. Beevor said details would become more evident during salary negotiations.

Other recommendations include the reduction in the number of special education teachers from ten to five, the elimination of telephone service expansion, a reduction in supply teacher accounts, and reductions in secretarial assistance budgets and board committee expenditures.

Burlington Separate School trustee Bill Priestner said although he was not opposed to the types of amounts of cuts, felt the committee would be short changing themselves if they were to rush on a decision.

Citing the fact that the board had recently



## MULTI-FUN FRIDAY

Grandmother Victoria Benito gathers together with younger members of her clan. Dionelle Benito, 8, and her sister Mylene, 11, will be part of the Y's Multicultural Night Friday March 1 starting at 7 p.m. There will be food, costumes, dancing and lots of opportunities to see and learn from people representing other lands. If you want to attend, or have some questions call the Y office at 877-6163.

passed a motion to spend \$20 million dollars over five years replacing school furniture he pointed out that one of the proposed reductions said equipment and furniture accounts for all functions will be reduced to a maximum of 25 per cent of the 1984 expenditure level.

## Corrigan contract

A Georgetown company has won two federal contracts worth \$133,350, the department of supply and services has announced.

Corrigan Instrumentation Services Ltd. will supply an x-ray machine and spares kits. The equipment will be used by the department of transport.

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