

Bishop Reding opens

Sinks, gas lines, chapel, showers -- now it's ready

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After close to \$100,000 in renovations and the placement of seven portables, Bishop Reding Secondary School opened its doors today to children of north Halton.

Those 210 students will be the first to enter the latest high school of the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board. About 100 of Bishop Reding's students are from Milton. The remainder are from Halton Hills, said vice-principal Gene Moher.

All students are in Grade 9. Many of them are eager to attend Bishop Reding, their first high school, Mr. Moher said. Support of the school from the Catholic community has been very strong, he said.

Bishop Reding Secondary School is temporarily in Halton Hills. The separate school board is leasing the school facility which used to be Speyside Public School.

The public school was for students from kindergarten through Grade 8. Renovations were done mainly to make the elementary school into a high school. Those renovations were the top priority of the separate school board, Mr. Moher said.

The biggest renovations were building a science lab and a family studies area, Mr. Moher said. For the family studies area sinks, stoves and other appliances were installed. The family studies area will double as cafeteria space.

For the science lab, gas lines, lab tables with sinks, and a demonstration desk had to be installed. Other renovations to Bishop Reding include: painting the interior, installing showers in change rooms, converting a classroom to a chapel, converting classroom space to a

guidance and student services area, and installing 120 lockers.

Students have donated their time to prepare their new school. As many as 30 were working last week moving furniture, Mr. Moher said.

Ten students came in for three days to paint the outside doors and athletic equipment. All volunteered their time, Mr. Moher said.

Bishop Reding was a popular choice for the name of the school, Mr. Moher said. The former bishop of Hamilton was present at the confirmations of many of the students who will be attending the school which bears his name, he said.

Bishop Paul Francis Reding died of cancer two years ago. Bishop Reding Secondary School has only Grade 9 students this year. Next year and every year after another grade will be added until it has all high school grades.

The high school will be in Speyside for three years at the most, Mr. Moher said. Eventually it will be at a newly-built building in Milton.

Despite restrictions on the student population of the high school, students will be competing in high school sports. Midget teams will be fielded.

The gymnasium at the school is too small for high school sports, so it will only be used as a practice gym, Mr. Moher said. Bishop Reding will play all its games away, even its home games. No one gymnasium will be used for home games.

This fall Bishop Reding will have girls field hockey, girls basketball, boys volleyball and girls and boys cross-country teams. In the winter the school will have girls volleyball, boys basketball, boys hockey and a ski team.



Grand Opening-Halton Hills' newest school, Bishop Reding Secondary School, opened its doors for the first time today (Wednesday). Vice-principal Gene Moher is seen here with student Beth Cameron. Beth was the first student to register at Bishop Reding. (Herald photo)

'87 Region budget to be 'challenging'

Landfill impact, rising insurance

When a treasurer's report says 1987 will be a "challenging" year for council, look out.

Halton Regional Treasurer Joe Rinaldo's report says just that, and adds that 1987 will prove to be an "interesting year" for budget deliberations.

The cache Halton draws from is growing only modestly, while the demand to expand or add services is growing faster. So is the cost of continuing existing programs, next year.

Mr. Rinaldo anticipates a 30 per cent premium increase in Halton's liability insurance plus a 10 per cent increase for other types of insurance coverage for 1987.

Contract settlements and arbitration awards beyond the rate of inflation to regional police aren't going to be kind to the region's budget either.

Mr. Rinaldo isn't expecting any relief from the province. The unconditional grants which the province gives annually are expected to increase by only one per cent. Whereas the unconditional grants used to make up 42 per cent of Halton's tax levy in 1982, next year, it will only make up 33 per cent.

What kind of new or expanded services does Mr. Rinaldo see in Halton's budget books?

He sees about \$230,000 going toward Ministry of the Environment labs; a one per cent "systems" growth in the \$340,000 utility budget; a one-per cent increase in general

welfare allowance; a 7 per cent rate allowance for private day care operators and centres, plus another two per cent to fund extra day care spaces.

These are all being considered as part of Halton's "base" budget. On top of them, there are programs and studies that regional councillors may want to implement, such as: the transportation study for disabled and frail elderly; homesharing for seniors; children's mental health; additional nursing staff for Halton Centennial Manor; day care study; watermain flushing; tourism study; and expansion of police services.

On top of all this, there's the financial impact of the new landfill for Halton.

"It is conceivable that council may be faced with the question of financing major components of the program from property taxation. The alternative may be prohibitively high tipping fees," Mr. Rinaldo's report states.

The region will also have to look at a five-year capital budget which may require some financing in 1987. Projects like the new landfill, repairs to the regional day care centres, renovations to Halton Centennial Manor, a new Regional headquarters, Regional Police quarters, centralized storage facilities for Halton Museum and master servicing and financing schemes in Burlington and Halton Hills are among them.

Liquor ban on centre

Town councillors are back to more problems with the Canadian Yugoslav Recreation Centre.

Aug. 18, they heard a neighbor's complaint about excessive noise from the Centre earlier this summer when the Centre was granted special occasion liquor licences, and said no to a third liquor licence.

"Obviously we can't say they can have another liquor licence if they haven't lived up to their agreement," Coun. Joe Hewitt said. "A liquor licence is the only way we can deal with a problem like this. Liquor is a big aspect of major social functions."

Neighbor Jim Johnson had given the okay for the June 29 liquor licence, on the basis of previous good behavior.

"We've tried to co-operate with them, give them one shot, and here we are again," Mr. Johnson said.

Although Mr. Johnson was away on these occasions, his fellow neighbor W. McArthur of RRA Acton wasn't, and complained about the noise to Mr. Johnson.

A report from town staff indicates Halton Regional Police didn't receive any complaints June 29 when the Centre celebrated Canadian Yugoslav Day.

Coun. Pam Johnston said she was at the Centre for three hours with her family and didn't find the music too loud.

"If you walked to one end of the property, you couldn't even hear it," she said. "I thought the crowd was well controlled and the off-duty police were doing a good job."

Her motion to approve another liquor licence for the Centre lost.

CURLEY MOP'S GONE

Left behind are 842 student job placements

The curly mop of red hair won't be there anymore. The Canada Employment Centre for Students closed its Georgetown office last week.

Red-headed Greg Robinson's summer job as Centre supervisor is over. He and his two summer students have packed up the files into boxes which are waiting to be taken to the Employment Centre's head office in Brampton.

Just before closing the last file, Greg shared the results of his summer's work.

There were 842 jobs for students this summer including casual

placements. That's 38 less than last year, or 4.3 per cent less.

Those figures don't represent a large drop, says Greg.

"However, where we didn't do all

that well this year were in the casual vacancies, that is, jobs of less than one week," he said. "Those jobs really benefit younger kids, like 13-year-olds."

Casual jobs for students were down by 29 per cent over last year.

"Which is quite a huge decrease," Greg observed.

He said the same pattern was repeated at student employment

centres across the Toronto market, through to Scarborough, Newmarket, Orangeville, Oakville and Milton.

"Casual job vacancies were down, generally speaking. We just don't know why," Greg said.

"Twice as many homes were visited by Centre staff this summer compared to 1985. These visits generate much of the casual jobs for students. Yet, they didn't this year. There were 3,344 homes where students dropped off flyers in Halton Hills.

As for visits to employers, Centre staff made 470 of those in 1986. They explain the services available at the Centre and leave behind literature.

How well did the Centre do in placing young people in jobs? According to Greg, the Centre was able to fill 609 positions. Last year, they filled 773 positions. Statistics show that's a drop of 21 per cent in success rate over last year.

"This is due entirely to the casual placements," Greg said, pointing

out 410 regular placements were filled this summer, just one job less than in 1985. However, in terms of casual job placements, the Centre filled 197 this year out of 229 casual job vacancies. In 1985, they placed 363 out of 377 casual job vacancies.

"It was a 45 per cent decrease this year, which hurt our overall placement figure," Greg said.

Where did the jobs that the Centre pinned on its job board come from? According to the Centre Supervisor, 50 per cent of them were generated by previous employers of summer students, or by employers who came back again to hire students in the same summer.

Seniors should check house rebate: ASSIC

There may be seniors out in the community who are not getting enough money back from the government.

The Acton Social Services and Information Centre is urging seniors to make sure they have received a Provincial Property Tax Rebate form.

If you are already 65 years old and have not received this form or if you did not claim in 1985 or if you are having difficulty in understanding the form, call 853-3310. Or, if you

prefer, drop into the ASSIC office at 19 Willow Street North in Acton.

Every person 65 and over is entitled to a yearly rebate for property taxes or rent paid during the year.

Most seniors will, by now, have received the application forms for the Provincial Property Tax rebate.

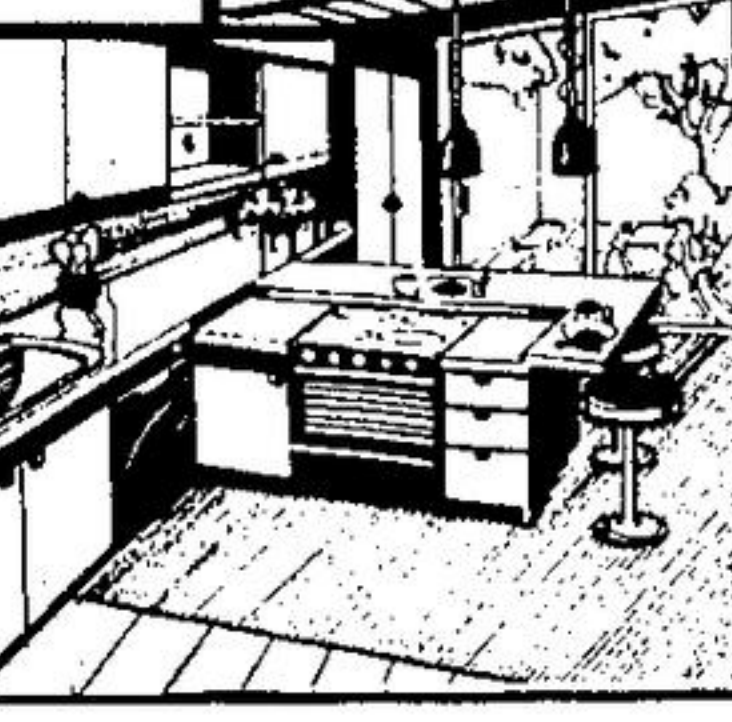
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The amendment and rezoning will address the establishment of the enterprise and will constitute the removal of the lands from Niagara Escarpment Commission development control. Further information is available at the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, September 8, 1986
Place: Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
Trafalgar Road
Ian S. Keith, M.C.I.P.
Director of Planning
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