

## Sacre-Coeur school to move into Wrigglesworth facilities

Students at Sacre-Coeur school in Georgetown will be moving into the vacant Howard Wrigglesworth School this fall.

Sacre-Coeur Principal Clarice Steers said yesterday that the Separate School Board reached an agreement with the Halton Board of Education last week to lease the school, which has been vacant since 1986, for a five-year period.

Details of the lease were not available at presstime.

Sacre-Coeur has about 135 students and the French language school have been sharing facilities with about 400 Holy Cross students

at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Delrex Boulevard.

Sacre-Coeur students will be using nine of the 12 classrooms in Wrigglesworth School and the two schools will no longer have to share library and gymnasium facilities.

The move also frees up room in Holy Cross school which has been getting more crowded in recent years, said Ms. Steers.

Sacre-Coeur officials were happily surprised at the move because they thought the YMCA would be renting Wrigglesworth, said Ms. Steers.

The town negotiated with the board for months to rent the school on behalf of the Y, but negotiations

fell through earlier this year.

The town was going to rent the school from the board then sublet the facility to the YMCA. The Y would then sublet the school to various community organizations. The proposal was to include a centre for seniors.

The catholic school board turned down a chance to move into Wrigglesworth two years ago, said Ms. Steers. But expansion in Georgetown South means many more students will be entering both schools in the coming years so the Board jumped at the chance this time, she said.



The student body of Centennial Middle School in Georgetown raised \$15,000 through their Rock-a-thon. The money will provide a wish for three-year-old cancer patient Robyn Cathcart. Robyn and her family were

chosen by the Make-a-Wish foundation of Halton Hills. Seated are parents Cecilia and John Cathcart with their daughters Gillian and Robyn.

### Centennial students raise \$15,000

## Youngster's dream comes true

A Georgetown school raised \$15,000 to send a cancer patient to Disney World.

Centennial Middle School's student body held a Rock-a-thon in December, 1987, to raise funds for the Make-a-Wish foundation of Halton Hills. Bryan Lewis of the foundation chose three-year-old cancer patient Robyn Cathcart whose wish was to go to Disney World in Florida.

Robyn, her sister Gillian and her parents John and Cecilia will leave for Orlando July 7. Centennial

teacher and fundraising organizer Chris Logan said the students have done a "wonderful job. They've worked hard," he said.

Robyn is looking forward to riding on a plane and to seeing Mickey Mouse with her sister Gillian. The two girls presented the Centennial student body with a hand-made card expressing their thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart also thanked the students and teachers.

Fundraising is not new to Centennial school. Three years ago, they raised money to purchase phone systems for the hearing impaired.

Every three years they make an effort to contribute to some worthy cause, said Mr. Logan.

Robyn and her family will be driven to the airport by Limousine, courtesy of Churchill Limousine Services. They will fly aboard a Canadian Airlines' non-stop plane to Orlando, and will stay in a hotel near Disney World.

Through the money contributed by the Centennial students, the Cathcarts will also receive a rental car when they arrive in Florida, and will have full travel insurance.

## MOE disputes claim by proponents

A senior officer at the Ministry of the Environment stunned the audience at the Acton quarry dump hearings June 23, when he said the proponents will have to examine alternative sites.

John Budz, a senior environment officer with the Halton-Peel district of the MOE said Environment Minister James Bradley will designate the application for a landfill site in the quarry under the Environment Assessment Act and "under the Environment Assessment Act, you should be looking at alternative sites."

The stringent rules of the act have cost Halton taxpayers at least \$10 million so far, because of the extensive search for a regional dump.

Private proponents, such as Reclamation Systems, Inc., who want to put a dump on their own lands on Sideroad 22 between the Fourth Line and Highway 25 have argued they are limited in their search because they do not have the power of expropriation like municipalities have. The argument virtually eliminates one of the major provisions of the EA Act — that alternative sites be sought.

While no formal application has yet been made to the ministry regarding the proposed dump, the minister plans to make a formal decision on the designation of the application under the EA act before the next dump meeting Aug. 4, said Mr. Budz.

"If (the proposal) comes under the EA act then a search for alternative sites is required of them," he said.

### Frightening scenario

All life in Black Creek near the proposed landfill site in the Acton quarry could be wiped out if a "pulse" of leachate escaped into the stream, Eco Logic's Douglas Hallett told Acton quarry dump study group members June 23.

Calling such a pulse of leachate a "disaster scenario", Dr. Hallett said parts of the creek would essentially be sterilized, if leachate collection systems at the dump failed or some escaped into

Regional councillor Pam Sheldon has been pushing for the private application to be treated the same as a public application would include a search for alternative sites.

"It's one step forward for us," he said.

However RSI will be able to use the study conducted by Halton Region four years ago in its search for a landfill. The Walker, Wright, Young report recommended a site in

Burlington and one in Milton as the two best sites for a regional landfill.

Because RSI can use that information, it's likely the search for alternative sites might now slow RSI down significantly, said Mr. Budz.

However, that report ranked the Acton quarry very low in comparison to other possible dumpsites in Halton for hydrology reasons. RSI doesn't appear to be worried about Mr. Budz's comment.

"I don't think anyone's suggesting that we have to go through the same program (as Halton Region) for alternative sites," said Julian Daffern, a spokesman for Eco Logic Laboratories, the consulting firm hired by RSI.

RSI has examined one other site but the owner rejected the proposal, she said.

The firm will look at other possible locations but "we won't look at sites that will require expropriation," she said.

Eco Logic wants to "see where this fellow (Mr. Budz) is coming from," said Ms. Daffern.

## Alternative sites may have to be considered

The Ministry of Environment is disputing Eco Logic Laboratories' contention that the quality of water in Black Creek will actually improve with the proposed landfill in the Acton quarry.

Eco Logic President Douglas Hallett told an audience of about 30 people June 23 that the water quality in Black Creek will improve with the proposed sewage treatment plant.

Black Creek is actually contaminated upstream, nearer Acton, because pollutants from the Beardmore tannery, the Acton sewage plant and other old landfill sites are still filtering into the creek, said Dr. Hallett.

Because the stream is so narrow and the water flow is not fast upstream the water cannot assimilate the contaminants going into the stream, he said.

Eco Logic wants to build another municipal sewage treatment plant on quarry property, to divert some of the sewage from the old plant and discharge it down stream nearer Limehouse where the water flow is faster and the creek is bigger.

Dr. Hallett argued that channeling

some of the current discharge from the Acton sewage plant downstream will improve the overall quality of the creek.

But, a Feb. 8 document compiled by the Ministry of Environment critiquing the dump proposal disputes that.

"The contention that the quality of Black Creek will be improved at the confluence of the quarry water discharge has not been substantiated by facts," the MOE document says.

"Black Creek is presently a highly stressed stream and no further degradation of the creek can be permitted without endangering the ecosystem of the creek."

When Georgetown's sewage treatment plant was given permission to expand, Halton was told not to put any more chlorides, the most abundant contaminant in Black Creek, into the stream. So Halton is using ultra violet light to clean the effluent before it enters the creek.

MOE representative George Nelson, who wrote the remarks about Black Creek, said RSI's proposal for a municipal sewage treat-

ment plant downstream from Acton is the worst of the three alternatives to deal with the leachate produced at the landfill site.

Trucking the poisonous liquid to a plant in Oakville or simply treating the leachate, without a sewage treatment plant, are the other two alternatives.

"We think it would degrade the stream," said Mr. Nelson of the second sewage treatment plant.

"We'd be very skeptical that it wouldn't further degrade the stream."

The current sewage plant in Acton is actually improving the water quality because it is diluting pollutants from the major source — the Beardmore lands, said Mr. Nelson.

Also, in order to discharge sewage downstream RSI would need an agreement with Halton Region and no such agreement exists, he said.

## Busy day for firefighters

Saturday was a busy day for Halton Hills firefighters but the rest of the week was relatively quiet.

The first call of the week came June 24 at 12:05 a.m. when firefighters doused flames at Cedarvale Park. The bleachers caught fire but the cause of the fire is not known.

The day started early Saturday when firemen were called to wash down the road at Guelph Street and Mill Street at 5 a.m. after a pall of driveway sealer fell off a truck and split open.

Shortly after noon firemen were called to a false alarm at 12 Armstrong Avenue.

A rubbish fire went out of control at 10:05 p.m. that night and the fire department was called to extinguish the flames at Highway 7 and Trafalgar Road.

Just 45 minutes later someone attempted to set the wheels of an oil tanker on fire at 74 Mountainview Road South. However, no damage was caused to the tanker.

At 11:15 p.m. firefighters were called to a fire set by party-goers at 119 Mountainview Road North. The fire department allowed the flames to burn out.

Twenty minutes after that, firemen responded to a car fire at 40 Greystone Crescent. A white Corvette caught fire and the fire department put out the flames.

At 2:25 p.m. Monday firemen used the Jaws of Life to rescue a man trapped in his car following a two-car accident in Norval.

Shortly before midnight Monday the fire department extinguished a brush fire at Trafalgar Road and Sideroad 10 in Ashgrove.

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