

Halton board spending practices being audited

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
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Halton Board of Education spending practices are being audited by members of the Halton Taxpayers Coalition

which has undertaken the task because the group believes taxpayers aren't getting value for their money.
With the co-operation of the Board, HTC members Roger

Love of Oakville and Art Fairrie of Burlington began auditing the Board's budget this week.
"Educators seem to believe that high cost equals high quality," said HTC president Frank Gue. "We want to see people get value for their money. People might think this is a hatchet job but we (the Coalition) are every bit as interested in quality as in cost."
The audit committee plans to audit one section of the budget as a time and issue progressive reports at HTC meetings on each

section. It hopes to have the audit completed by fall, in time to make the results of the audit visible so HTC members and the public can question municipal election candidates about the audit results.
Once the audit is completed and the progressive reports compiled in a final report, the HTC will present it to the Halton Board of Education and make recommendations on their findings.
"The Board has been very cooperative with us," said Mr. Gue, even though the board refused to

provide the group with a room and part-time secretary for the audit. "I think they realize that having an outside view is always good."
"Our research should also be beneficial to both the taxpayer and school children."
School board spending is a major target of the Halton Taxpayer's Coalition, a branch of the province-wide organization which was formed by citizens who feel they are oppressed by high taxes and want to alleviate Ontario's tax burden.

Teacher faces more charges

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Halton Regional Police have charged a London man with 12 criminal offences including rape, sexual intercourse with a female between the ages of 14 and 16 and gross indecency in relation to allegations of sexual abuse at E.C. Drury School for the deaf in Milton.

Eacrett of Halton Regional Police said the charges arise from assaults on three different girls while they were students at E.C. Drury School for the deaf in Milton between January 1970 and June 1973. The girls were aged 15 and 17 at the time of the assaults, he said. All were hearing impaired.

Gerald Hall, 44, of London, had already been charged with seven offences by London City Police two weeks ago in connection with their investigation of similar allegations at the two Roberts Schools for the deaf in London, when he surrendered to Halton Regional Police at 11 Division in Georgetown last Thursday.
Detective Sergeant Michael

Police are still interviewing possible suspects and victims of the alleged sexual assaults.
Mr. Hall, who was suspended with pay from his job at Roberts School for the deaf in London, where the investigation started just over a month ago, appeared for a bail hearing in Milton last Thursday and was remanded out of custody until July 8, 1991 when a trial date will be set.

Teenager dies in traffic accident

One Milton teenager is dead and two others are in hospital with head injuries when the car they were riding in smashed into a hydro pole on 5 Sideroad east of Guelph Line in the Town of Milton last Thursday.
Halton Regional Police investigators say six teenagers between the ages of 15 and 17 from Milton and Georgetown were eastbound on 5 Sideroad in a 1984 Honda Accord when they crossed the westbound lane, left the road-

way and struck a hydro pole. The vehicle came to rest on its roof. Five passengers in the vehicle were transported to Milton Hospital and one was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.
Deceased is Caroline MacNeil, 16, of Coulson Avenue in Milton. Loree Gourley, 17, of Childs Drive in Milton and 16-year-old Sian Marie Bowness of Anderson Avenue in Milton were admitted to Milton Hospital for observation with head injuries.
Treated and released from Milton Hospital were 15-year-old Christopher Neely of R.R.5, Georgetown, and Elizabeth Merry, 17, of R.R.5, Milton.


The driver of the vehicle, who was not injured, is Deanna Mascimben, 16-years-old, of Syres Drive in Milton. She has a learner's drivers permit only.
Police say a preliminary investigation of the accident revealed the driver and passenger were sharing the controls of the vehicle with the driver operating the steering wheel and clutch and the passenger operating the gear shift, break and gas.
No alcohol was involved in the collision, police report.

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