Community

Transportation motion passed by Board

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT The Herald

After three delegations of concerned Halton parents urged the passing of the revised Transportation Policy and two hours of debate, Halton Board of Education trustees passed the motion at their regular meeting Thursday night.

However, trustees only voted to pass the motion, leaving the implementation of recommendations in the policy subject to budget approval.

This means the onus of deciding whether or not to increase bus transportation service will be left to the new school board.

Georgetown school trustee, Dick Howitt, voted in favor of the motion but now-retired Acton trustee Arlene Bruce voted against it.

At Thursday nights' meeting she told the board "if we deal with this tonight, the new trustees will only deal with the cost-issue of bus transportation. The new trustees won't be forced to deal with this issue indepth before they make a budget decision."

She told trustees it would serve the public better if the new board had a full understanding of the

Other trustees agreed with Ms. Bruce. Oakville trustee Janis Millman put forth a motion to postpone dealing with the transportation policy until Jan. 23. It did not pass.

The boardroom was packed with Halton taxpayers awaiting the board's decision on the issue. Speakers from three delegations urged the board to pass the motion

The delegations, representing Glen Abbey Parents Concerned About Busing, the Oakwood Parent-Teacher Association and Munn's School Concerned Parents, all want reductions made in the transportation distance eligibility to reduce the distance children have

Saying goodbye

As Wednesday was the last Regional Council meeting before the new Regional Council is inaugurated into office for a threeyear term commencing Dec. 4, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy took some time to recognize outgoing councillors.

Chairman Pomeroy presented all outgoing Regional councillors, including Halton Hills Regional Councillor Joe Hewitt, with a Halton Region Coat of Arms engraved ring.

Chairman Pomeroy thanked Mr. Hewitt on behalf of himself and Regional staff for the service he has given to Halton, and he wished Mr. Hewitt every success in the future.

He also added, "I know there is a political career in the future for Mr. Hewitt."

Other outgoing Regional Councillors included, Oakville Regional Councillors John Graham and Janet Mitchell, and Burlington Regional Councillors, Mayor Roly Bird, Rob Forbes, and Pat

McLaughlin. Campaign endorsed

Halton Regional Council voted Wednesday to endorse a national campaign calling on men to speak out in oppositon to men's violence against women.

The campaign, entitled the White Ribbon Campaign, is being spearheaded by Toronto-based

group, Men's Network for Change. Speaking in support of the campaign, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said he plans to focus his volunteer work in 1992 on promoting

this issue. As part of the campaign, men across the country are being requested to hang a white ribbon from their house, car or at their workplace and to wear a white ribbon or armband from Dec. 1-6, marking the anniversary week of the Montreal Massacre.

According to a press release, the white ribbon symbolizes a call for men to "lay down their arms in the war against women."

to walk to school.

The new board of trustees will have to decide if reducing the distance eligibility is worth the cost to taxpayers.

In the passed motion, there are five recommendations for changing bus transportation eligibility.

The one relecting the biggest change-reducing distance eligibility for Kindergarten to Gr. 13 students- would cost the board \$795,000 while the alternative of keeping distance eligibilities the same would cost the board nothing.

Besides passing the transportation motion, trustees also passed a recommendation to review opening and closing times of schools to complement school busing services.

A recommendation approving the annual appointment of four trustees, one each from Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville, to a Transportation Appeals Committee, was also passed.

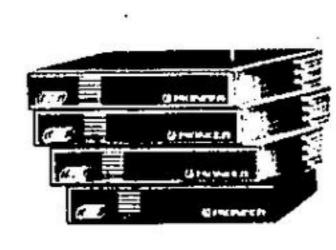


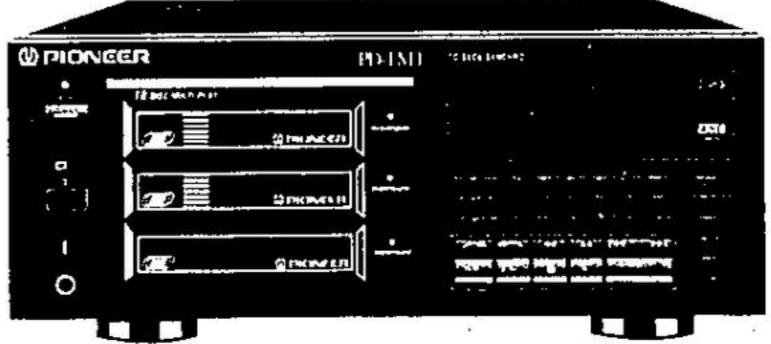
Coat cleaning project

St. Albans Anglican Church and Barragers Cleaners of Georgetown participated in a coat giveaway for the needy Saturday at the church. The coats were collected by volunteers of the church and cleaned at Barragers Cleaners at no charge. Over

100 coats were collected and cleaned. pictured above (left to right) St. Albans Church members VI Haines and Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, and Barragers Cleaners owner Mani Mitera. (Herald Photo)

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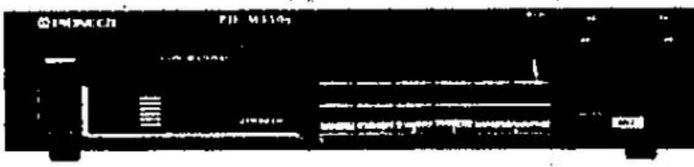
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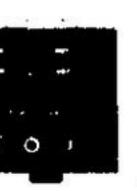


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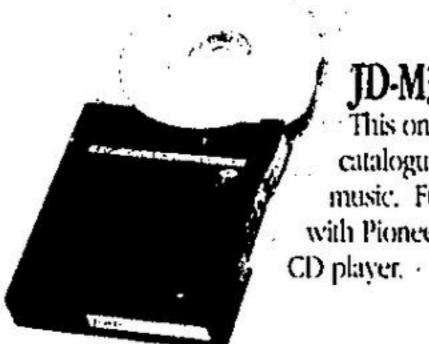
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