

Local public schools may benefit from Infrastructure funding

The Halton Board of Education is applying to the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Works Program for approval for more than \$4 million in repairs to its schools.

In January the school board received word that it was the beneficiary of a \$4,433,059 allocation from the works program — approxi-

mately \$2 million of that would be the board's share. The federal and provincial governments would split the rest at a 33 and 22 percentage share respectively.

The board has already included approximately \$1 million in the 1994 budget to pay for this year's projects. Another million dollars would

be included in the board's 1995 budget.

Local schools benefitting from the 1994 works program include: Georgetown High School, replace library skylights, \$95,000; Limehouse School, replace section A1 of the roof, \$29,600 and miscellaneous roof maintenance at a cost of

\$5,000; Joseph Gibbons School, replace section D of the roof, \$46,875 and a P/A upgrade at \$8,500. McKenzie-Smith would get repairs to its gym floor at a cost of \$15,000 and Pinview would see window replacements in its west wing costing \$56,000.

Total cost of the program for 1994 would be \$2,424,175.

For 1995, local schools benefitting include: the linking of McKenzie-Smith and M.Z. Bennett Schools at a cost of \$500,000; drainage system installation in sodded play area at Centennial School at a cost of \$10,000; a P/A upgrade at Pineview school, \$8,000; roofing replacement at Stewarttown School,

\$36,000; roof flashing replacement at McKenzie-Smith, \$5,000; repairs to corridor ceilings at Centennial, \$30,000 and boiler replacement at Glen Williams, \$100,000.

Total cost for the 1995 program would be \$2,729,000.

Trustees will vote whether to approve the application at the next school board meeting.

Acton OMB hearing

Town/developers attempt agreement

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Lawyers, planners and Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing officers waited while a hearing into commercial development in Acton was put on hold last week.

The two developers are Freure Management in Trust, which has a site on Hwy. 7, beside the former GO station and Coscan Development Corporation, with a site further east beside the Churchill Rd. fire station.

The town has already approved a plaza and food store

on the Coscan property and a strip mall on the Freure site. The debate is over uses which will go into each one and a decision will be made by the OMB.

"There's only room for a certain amount of commercial development of various types. We don't want to over store Acton," explained Roger Beaman, lawyer for the town. "There's also the downtown people to consider, because these commercial developments will have a potential impact on them."

Three weeks had been scheduled for the OMB hearing, which began last Tuesday. The meeting

lasted about an hour before board officers, J. R. Mills and G. A. Harron, decided to adjourn. They wanted to see if the developers and town could come to an agreement on their own, without having to go through a costly and lengthy OMB hearing.

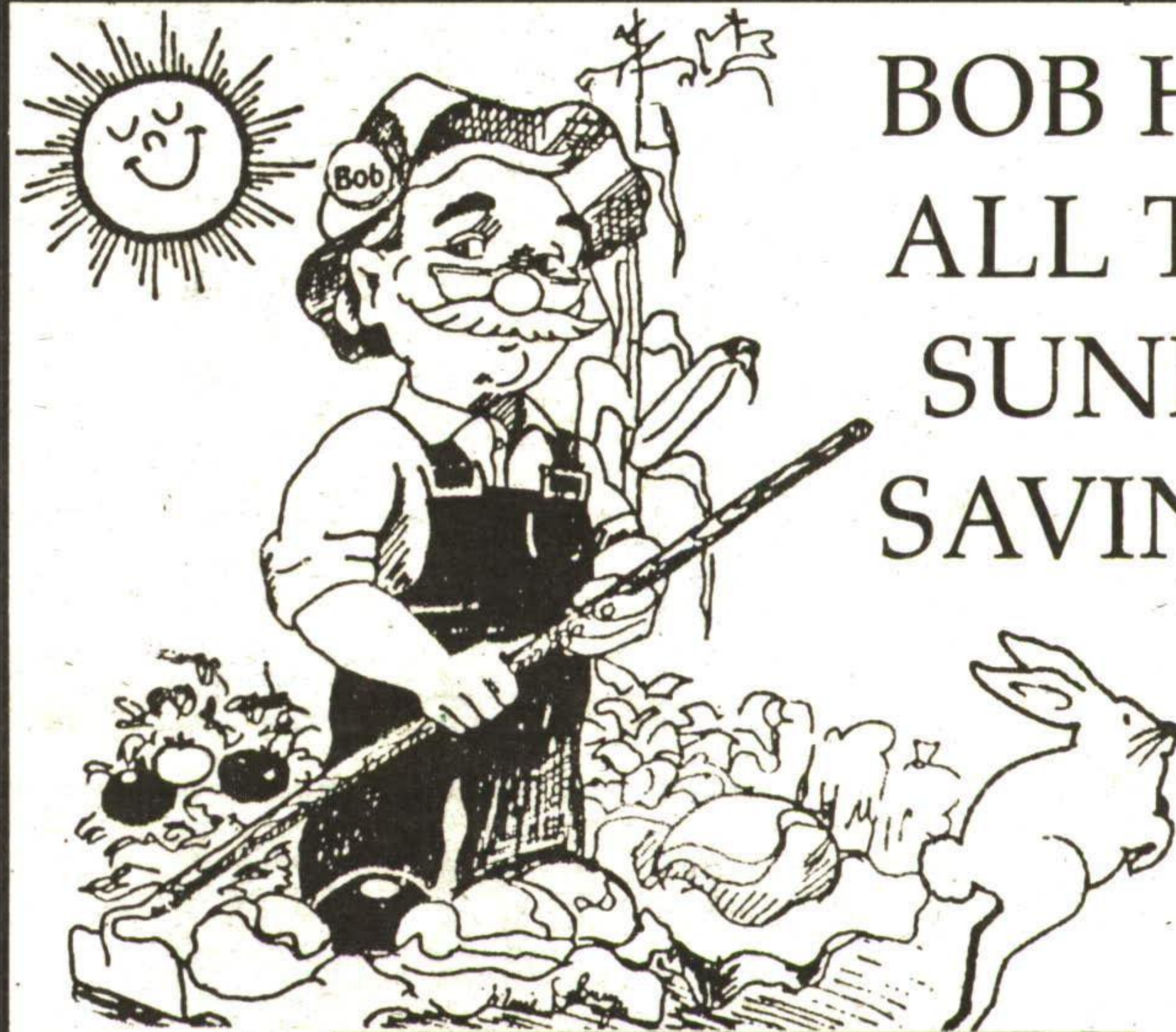
If a settlement is reached among the three parties, the OMB hearing will resume briefly Tuesday morning.

If no agreement is reached, the hearing will resume Monday and carry on all week.

A meeting over water testing for residential development will be held Friday morning.

Blood clinic

A Red Cross Blood Clinic will be held at Holy Cross Church Auditorium on Monday, May 9, 1:30-8:30 p.m. Donors ages 17 to 71 are urgently needed to give blood.



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