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Tom Herstad outside his home in Norval, Ont.

# Halton Hills author lands movie deal

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"A director's calling me?"

This was the exhilarating thought running through Tom Herstad's mind as he answered a phone call to find that two-time Emmy Award-winning director Paul Saltzman wanted to discuss his book, *Love, Care and Share*.

Herstad's biographical work chronicles the life of his late mother Mary Margaret (Margie) Herstad, seen through his eyes, his family's experiences and the perspectives of friends who knew her.

It is centred on three principles that Herstad says his mother lived by her entire life: love, care and share, which Herstad defines in the book.

"The world has to be a kinder place. There's darkness. There's corruption. There's this ego that's feeding on itself. We've got to take better care of each other. We've got to be present with one another," he said. "It's all laid out in the book."

It was through a series of seemingly coincidental encounters that Herstad was first able to meet the woman who would help publish his book and then the individuals who would give him his first movie deal.

But Herstad says he doesn't necessarily believe in coincidences. By his mother's definition, these encounters were "Godincidences" - a word she used to describe the things that couldn't be explained - such as how the first step in Herstad landing his movie deal was by being mistaken for someone else.

While reading a proof of *Love, Care and Share* in his trailer by the lake in Oakville one day, Herstad said he heard a knock at the door. When he opened it, a man was standing there whom he had never met. He soon

found out that the man had mistaken his trailer for someone else's. Herstad said the two of them got to talking and this then-stranger soon became his connection to Saltzman, who resides in Oakville.

For Saltzman, the opportunity to direct a film that has the power to transform lives is what drew him to the project.

"I thought it was a remarkable story about an amazing woman. I thought it was yet again, the kind of amazing story where love really does change people and does change the world," he said. "I thought it was a heroic story - meaning a story of heroism, not just of Margie, but of the whole family."

Saltzman, who has directed hundreds of films and documentaries, says though each one of his films are unique, he aims to back projects that have the ability to deeply move an audience.

"Film and books and television, all of those things are tools - yes for entertainment - but also for making life better," he added. "This is the kind of story that can improve lives if it's done well."

In November 2017, *Love, Care and Share* was converted into a screenplay by Herstad's sister Julieanne. The script is now in refinement and slated to be finalized by May 2018. The project is then expected to move into its next stages, with Herstad and Julieanne as its executive producers.

Herstad says in terms of plot structure, audiences can expect the movie to be nearly identical to the book, and like the book, he hopes the future film's message will resonate with viewers everywhere.

"After finishing the movie or reading the book, whoever comes to mind in your life, go and spend more time with them," he said.

Herstad will be holding a book signing at Indigospirit in the Georgetown Market Place on April 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Notice of Public Meetings

## PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR EDC BY-LAW

All meetings held at the Catholic Education Centre, 802 Drury Lane, Burlington

### First Meeting

#### POLICY REVIEW PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.

**TAKE NOTICE** that on April 17, 2018, the Halton Catholic District School Board will hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 257.60 of the Education Act. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the current education development charge policies of the Board and to solicit public input. Any person who attends the meeting may make a representation to the Board in respect of the policies. The Board will also consider any written submissions. A Policy Review Document setting out the Board's policies for the current education development charge by-law will be available on or before April 3, 2018, at the Board's administration offices during regular office hours and on the Board's website at [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org).

### Immediately Followed By Second Meeting

#### SUCCESSOR BY-LAW PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m.

**TAKE NOTICE** that on April 17, 2018, the Halton Catholic District School Board will hold a second public meeting pursuant to Section 257.63 of the Education Act. The purpose of the second public meeting is to consider the continued imposition of education development charges and a successor by-law and to inform the public generally about the Board's education development charge proposal. Any person who attends the meeting may make a representation to the Board in respect of the proposal. The Board will also consider any written submissions. All submissions received in writing and those expressed at the public meeting will be considered prior to the enactment of an education development charge by-law. On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the Board will consider the adoption of a by-law that will impose education development charges in the Region of Halton. The education development charge background study required under Section 257.61 of the Education Act (including the proposed EDC by-law) setting out the Board's education development charge proposal will be available on or before April 3, 2018, at the Board's administrative offices during regular office hours and on the Board's website at [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org).

### Third Public Meeting

#### IN CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAW ADOPTION

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.

**TAKE NOTICE** that on May 15, 2018, the Halton Catholic District School Board will hold a third public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the enactment of a successor education development charges by-law that will apply in the Region of Halton. Any person who attends the meeting may make representations to the Board in respect of this matter. Written submissions, filed in advance of the meeting, will also be considered. All interested parties are invited to attend the public meeting.

The Board would appreciate receiving written submissions one week prior to the Public Meetings, so that they may be distributed to Trustees prior to the meetings. Submissions and requests to address the Board as a delegation should be submitted to the Office of the Director of Education by email at [director@hcdsb.org](mailto:director@hcdsb.org).

Any comments or requests for further information regarding this matter may be directed to Frederick Thibeault, Senior Administrator of Planning Services, Halton Catholic District School Board, at (905) 632-6314, ext. 107, or at [ThibeaultF@hcdsb.org](mailto:ThibeaultF@hcdsb.org).

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