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Featuring Canada's best selection of quality leather, suede and shearling fashion and leather accessories including gloves, handbags, wallets, sheepskin slippers, belts, briefcases and fine leather furniture, the Hide House continues to make it "worth the drive to Acton".

"Our customers choose our store for superior leather products, for the huge selection of men's and women's apparel and

for the outstanding customer service and the beautiful century old building and architecture," says store manager Violet Kolasa.

The eclectic collection of luxury custom leather couches, love seats and chairs are designed to suit any taste and style from traditional to modern. The wide range of leather and design options make this Canadian made furniture a fit for any home.

Variety, quality and craftsmanship are also hallmarks of Hide House fashions, from jackets to handbags, gloves, hats and slippers. The Hide House promises premium quality brand products at the best price. The landmark

store opened 41 years ago in November 1980 in a historic building that originated in 1899 as a warehouse for Beardmore & Co. It was the largest tannery in the British Empire at the turn of the century.

Raw hides arrived in "Leather Town" via the Grand Trunk Railway to be transported by horse-drawn wagon to the tannery. Processed leather was stored there

awaiting shipment to the firm's customers all over the world. The building was sold in 1933 when a rail spur line direct to the tannery made it obsolete.

From 1969 to 1980 Frank Heller and Co., a leather producer operated in the building before moving to larger premises. At that point, The (Olde) Hide House was founded by Don Dawkins, Ron Heller and Fred Dawkins as Canada's Largest Leather Store.

The Hide House has an ongoing tradition of providing a unique atmosphere, employing dedicated staff, and satisfying customers.

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## NEWS

# CATHOLIC TRUSTEES MEETING RIDDLED WITH FRICTION

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It wasn't long before trustees of the Halton Catholic District School Board found a contentious issue as their Nov. 2 meeting got underway.

The agenda item, 'Approval of minutes from the Oct. 19 board meeting' brought a brief halt to proceedings when Burlington trustee Tim O'Brien expressed frustration with trustees who continuously vote in opposition to this matter.

"Unless you were not at the meeting, I can't see a good reason not to approve the minutes. All the minutes are saying is that this happened; doesn't mean you agreed or disagreed

with what happened," said O'Brien.

Burlington trustee Vincent Iantomasi defended his right to vote in opposition.

Iantomasi and Oakville trustee Peter DeRosa also voted against approval of the agenda, as they did at the meeting of Oct. 19, along with Oakville trustee Helena Karabela.

The remainder of the lengthy meeting produced some misguided, at times baffling, occasionally antagonistic comments/questions by some trustees.

Iantomasi took exception to a facility renewal projects report, calling it "generic," and directing his first comments to the presenting superintendent's boss, Director of Educa-

tion, Pat Daly.

"I take it you've examined it (the report) and you find the scope of work in keeping with what's needed in the schools that it speaks to?" asked Iantomasi.

"Yes I do," replied Daly.

"In the spirit of bringing reports that are readable and can be consumed, and are appropriate for governance of the school board, we don't contain all the detailed engineering specs throughout this report," responded Superintendent of Facility Management, Ryan Merrick. "If you want more detail on that I can provide it, but I think this is sufficient and what we've done in the past."

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