

Halton Catholic board looks to the future

By Rosaleen Garneau

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board has approved a multi-year strategic plan, giving a vision to the board which will carry it into the next century.

Strategic Plan 1993-2000 sets out eight objectives with specific strategies and costs to enhance Catholic values in education; to improve communications within the board and in the community; to develop technology use in the classroom and to promote the English and French sections of the board in an effort to attract and retain students.

Don Shrenk, Chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and Oakville trustee, said this is the first time the board has developed such a plan and defined strategic planning as "a means by which an organization evaluates and recreates itself to achieve a common goal."

Director of Education, Cliff Byrnes, said, "This strategic management approach will allow for a better allocation of human, financial and educational resources and for a proper evaluation of the effectiveness of the system".

The Strategic Plan 1993-2000 was two years in the making and involved consultation with approximately 140 individuals: trustees, teachers, parents, students, clergy, non-academic staff, administrators, bargaining unit representatives, community and business representatives.

It was based on the mission of the board, who "in partnership with home and church is dedicated to providing excellence in education by developing faith-centered individuals able to contribute to society", according to the study.

For the 93-94 school year, the board will focus on Catholicity, marketing and technology, with a start-up cost of \$304,000.

"About \$135,000 will be used this year to hire staff", it was stated in the report, to ensure the system is properly prepared to implement and support technological initiatives". Another \$75,000 will be spent on equipment and supplies.

Shrenk emphasized the importance of technology in the workplace, the sophistication of present-day machinery and the necessity for students to be "conversant" in this area.

The marketing strategy will be aimed at the general public to promote community awareness of the excellence of staff, to keep them informed of what the schools have

to offer and to encourage people to stay, or become part of the Catholic school system.

According to Shrenk, the Catholic board is a unique, distinct system which offers "schools with a difference". The board will try to attract Catholics who have chosen to send their children to public schools, businesses and people without school age children.

To this end, it will be creating videos and brochures about the system and individual schools. These will be made "in-house" and with the help of outside professionals.

The HRCSB will also "promote the merits of our Catholic English and French Language Sections within the Halton Catholic system". This is in response to the loss of approximately 15% of students graduating from Grade 8, choosing to attend public high schools.

Bob Soroko, principal at Holy Cross in Georgetown, suggested some students choose to attend Georgetown District High School because of its proximity to Holy Cross and "because they don't want to take the bus" to Bishop Reding High School in Milton. Some children don't like the idea of wearing a uniform and that

"more and more it's the children making these decisions", not parents. He also said, by virtue of their population the public schools are able to offer more course variety.

The HRCSB will target students with promotional material to convince them to stay in the Catholic system, and it hopes to increase the retention level by 10% by September, 1994.

The board also wants to make homeowners and tenants aware they must indicate that their property taxes go to the separate school board or they will automatically be paid to the public board.

Only Catholics can allot their taxes to the separate system and often, when they move within a municipality, their taxes are transferred to the public board. HRCSB wants to let people know that a specific request to the assessment office should be made to ensure their taxes continue to support the Catholic system.

Depending on the area, about 25% of residents in new subdivisions are Catholic school supporters and the recently-approved Education Development Charges by-law will broaden the tax base, easing the cost of new schools for ratepayers.

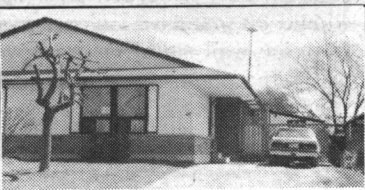


Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller pulled out the winning tickets in a draw held at McDonalds Restaurant in Georgetown Wednesday for prizes in conjunction with the First North American Native Children's Pow Wow being staged Saturday and Sunday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. All proceeds will go to Georgetown Memorial Hospital. Draw winners were Joan Asbee of RR#1 Georgetown, Mrs. L. Hollywell of Acton, and Irma Terkilosen of RR#2 Georgetown. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

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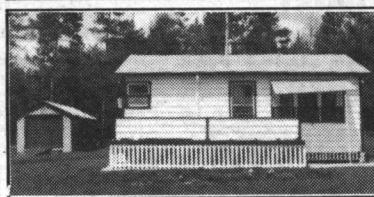


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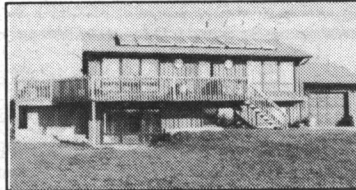
*** WOW 2 ACRES *** 3 bedroom, brick bungalow offering spacious kitchen with dining area, large living room with airtight stove, full partially completed basement plus fireplace!! Attached garage as well! \$159,500. **LYNN GLAPSKI 843-2020 or 843-4776.**

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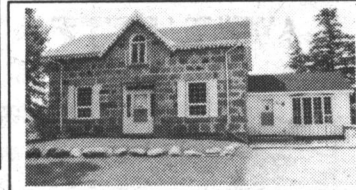
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