

Halton Board of Education eyes anti-racism policy

A new anti-racism policy will be ready by early fall for consideration by Halton Board of Education trustees.

Graeme Barrett, superintendent of instructional services for Halton, said the policy will be a public demonstration of what the board stands for and will act as a guideline in the future.

"The real implications are in the implementation over time," he said.

The Ontario government recently announced that the province's 169 school boards must introduce plans to combat racial and ethnic discrimi-

nation. This applies to every aspect of education, from curriculum to hiring practices.

Barrett said Halton is already well on its way to complying with the provincial

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directive because it has had a racial and ethnocultural equity policy in place since January, 1991. Halton also has a human resources equity board.

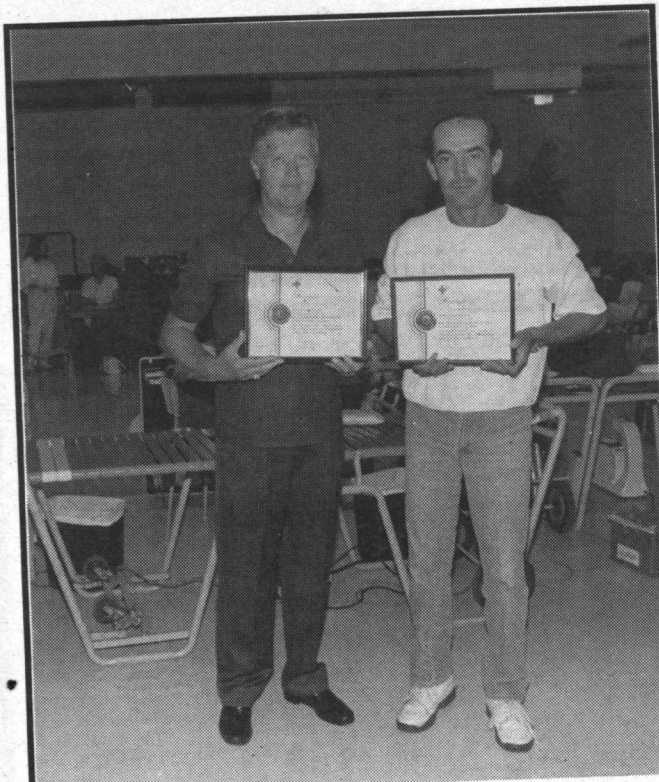
"Many boards do not have these policies to begin with," Barrett said.

When Halton's racial and ethnocultural equity policy was approved, for instance, it was one of only three or four

in the province.

Barrett said most of the board's resource material would already comply with the anti-racism directives, since suppliers have been providing appropriate materials for at least five years.

"They can't market products which are not sensitive to gender and equity issues," he said.



Blood donors honored

Robert Balch (left) along with Dean Hancock and Hermine Hammer (absent when photo taken) were honored with certificates in recognition of their 75th time donating blood at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held at Holy Cross Church hall in Georgetown Monday, co-sponsored by Arthur F. Johnson & Associates Ltd., Realtor and Halton Hills This Week.

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Barber Mill fire problem solved

Town of Halton Hills Ward 1 Councillor Norm Elliott appears to have discovered why the Barber Mill property on River Dr. in Georgetown is susceptible to vandalism. In a letter to Town of Halton Hills councillors, solicitors for the property owners described new preventive measures to dissuade youths from starting fires.

The property has been refenced and secured, and the owners have employed a sentry with a "guide" dog, so the letter stated.

"No wonder they (the solicitors) are worried firefighters will get lost on the property," Elliott chuckled.



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Year to date as of July

YEAR	ALARMS	DOLLAR LOSS	INJURIES	FATALITIES
1993	288	\$547,720	6	0
1992	298	\$892,550	4	0
1991	252	\$672,200	2	0

The Halton Hills Fire Department is making a great effort to reach the adult population of our community with an "Educate to Prevent" program. Each month, statistics will be printed in this newspaper to keep fire safety constantly on the minds of our citizens and thereby reduce the number of fires, the amount of fire loss and the number of injuries or fatalities. The above statistics are cumulative totals to the end of July.

HELP PREVENT FIRES



Local artists James Collis and Shirley Brambley are hosting the "Shirley and Jim's Watercolors Art Show", an exhibition of their watercolors at the Art Gallery in the Cultural Centre in Georgetown until Aug. 21, during regular library hours.

photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

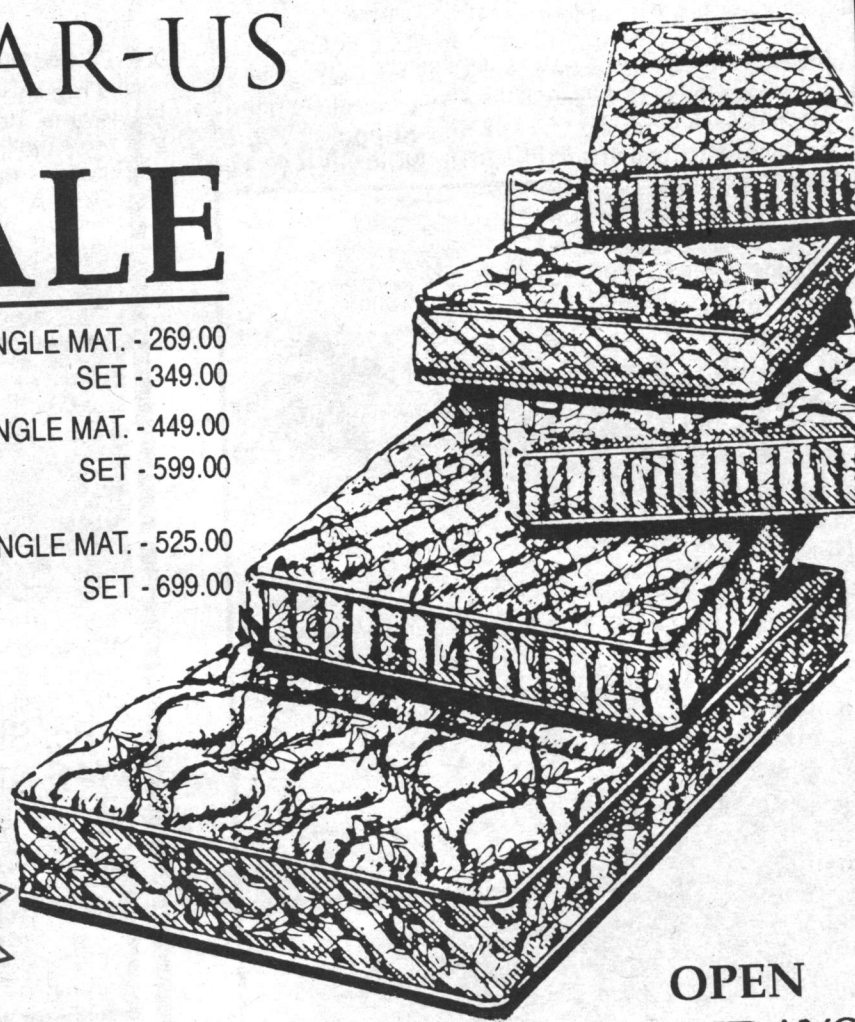
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