

# Job cuts loom for teachers

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Job losses appear inevitable as the Halton Board of Education tries to come to grips with the Province's plans to cut \$290 million from school funding across Ontario.

Education director Bob Williams said it is "rather likely there will be significant staff reductions" following a recent board

meeting.

In light of the Province's proposed social charter, Williams also cancelled a controversial job saving scheme that asked staff to voluntarily contribute one day's pay.

The Province's proposal asks 900,000 Ontario public sector employees to take either a five per cent pay cut or 12 unpaid

days off.

Board vice-chair, Acton trustee Dave Whiting, said the biggest problem the board has is dealing with Queen's Park because "they have no idea what the hell they are doing."

"It appears evident that all these proposed cuts and changes, especially in health and education, are not coming from the ministries," Whiting said in an interview last Wednesday.

"It's not coming from the bureaucrats, the people that know, but from the Ministers.

"For example, who in their right mind comes out and changes the definition of a full-time student, after students have chosen their classes for next year?" Whiting asked.

The Province now says a full-time student must take three classes (instead of two) per semester, and that may mean the Halton board won't have enough staff to cover the classes.

"That effectively eliminates 1,000 kids from our system. Those students are not considered full-time students and that affects student grants and staff positions.

"More importantly, that will leave programs that we won't have covered now. Meanwhile, we have students who have selected those programs for next year. Worst case scenario — everyone will have to redo their courses," Whiting said.



**MUSICAL MERMAID:** M.Z. Bennett presented a school-wide production of "A Novel Idea" last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Here, Grade 5 student Cara Reynolds is featured in a scene from "The Little Mermaid" performed by Mrs. Graham's and Miss Lawson's classes, who worked hard on some interesting songs and dances. (Doug Harrison photo)

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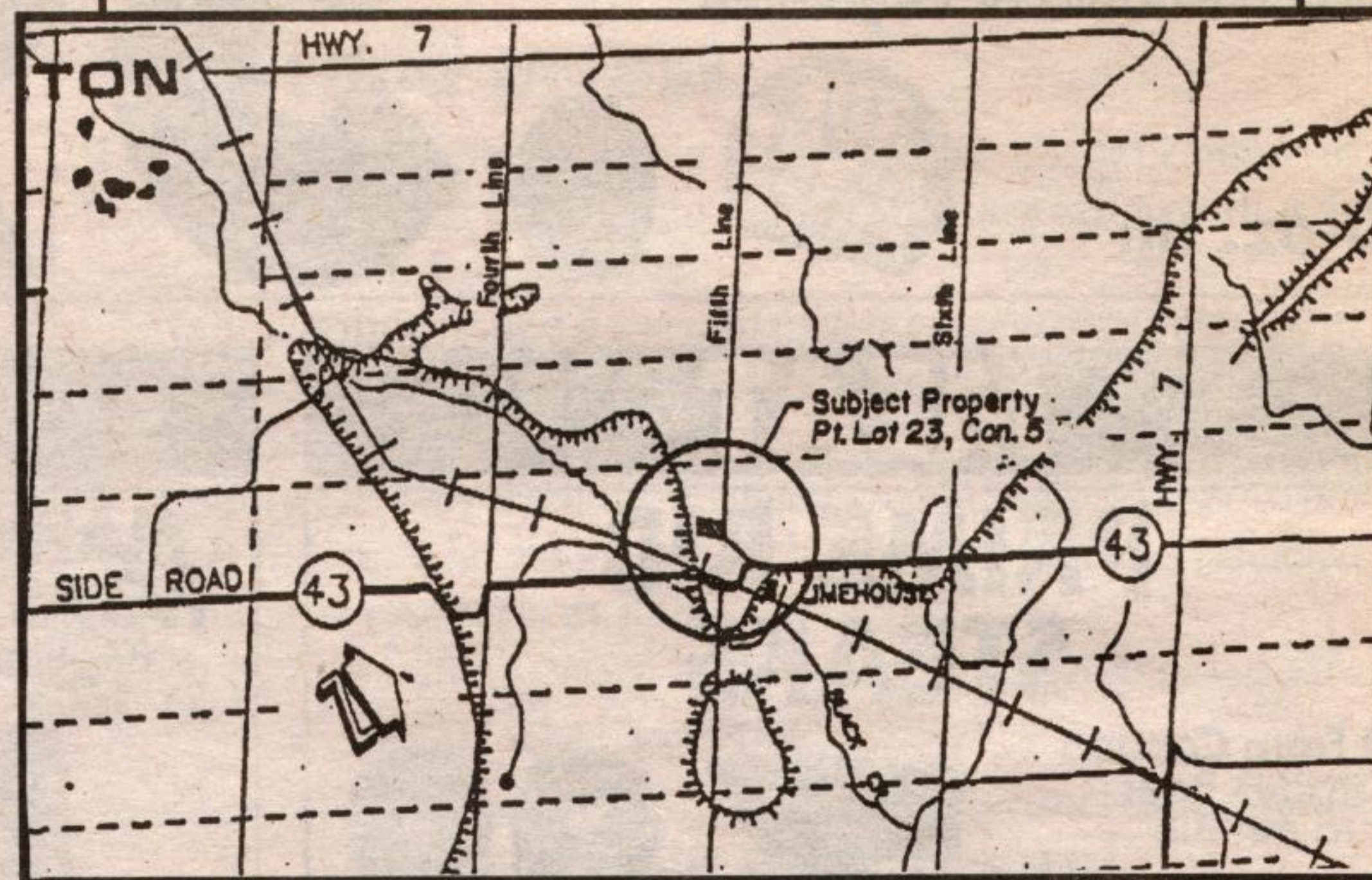
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The subject property is located west of the Fifth Line, north of No. 22 Sideroad in the Rural Cluster of Limehouse, with the property being described as Part of Lot 23, Concession 5, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueusing).

Further information is available in the Planning Department. The file number is D09/HILLS.

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