

Rozanski Report helps Halton Schools

BY DONNA DANIELLI

Quality education is the expectation of every Ontario parent. Last year the provincial government set up the Education Equality Task Force, led by Dr. Mordechai Rozanski, to review Ontario's funding formula. Special education was one of the key areas examined. The outcome of the Rozanski report is that all special education programs in the province will receive \$250 million of which the Halton District School Board will receive \$1.3 million.

"I thought the Rozanski report was accurate and needed," says Milton School Trustee Erica Andrew.

Last year the Halton District School Board showed a deficit of \$3.2 million in the special education budget.

"Most boards spend more than they receive for special education," says Carla Kisko, Superintendent of Business for the Halton District School Board. "We pick up money from other departments, such as maintenance and supply. We trim back from every other budget because these kids absolutely need these services."

Consequently, the additional \$1.3 million that Halton will be receiving as a result of the Rozanski report will not necessarily mean an increase in special education programs. Mrs. Kisko explains, "All this helps us to do is supplement areas that have been denied because we've had to support the special education needs. We can't afford to increase our spending because we're still over budget. We totally annihilated the maintenance budget to find the dollars we needed for special education, and now we're realigning our budget so that it looks more reasonable in terms of the other budgets." The \$1.3 million will go into the budgets that were left lacking last year.

The Halton District School Board is currently waiting to receive even more funding from the provincial government. The ISA grant could contribute another \$120 million to the provincial boards.

"We invest back into special education all of the dollars we are given and more," states Mrs. Kisko. "We have been denied for many years and we are hoping that they'll top up the funding so that the other budgets can balance out."

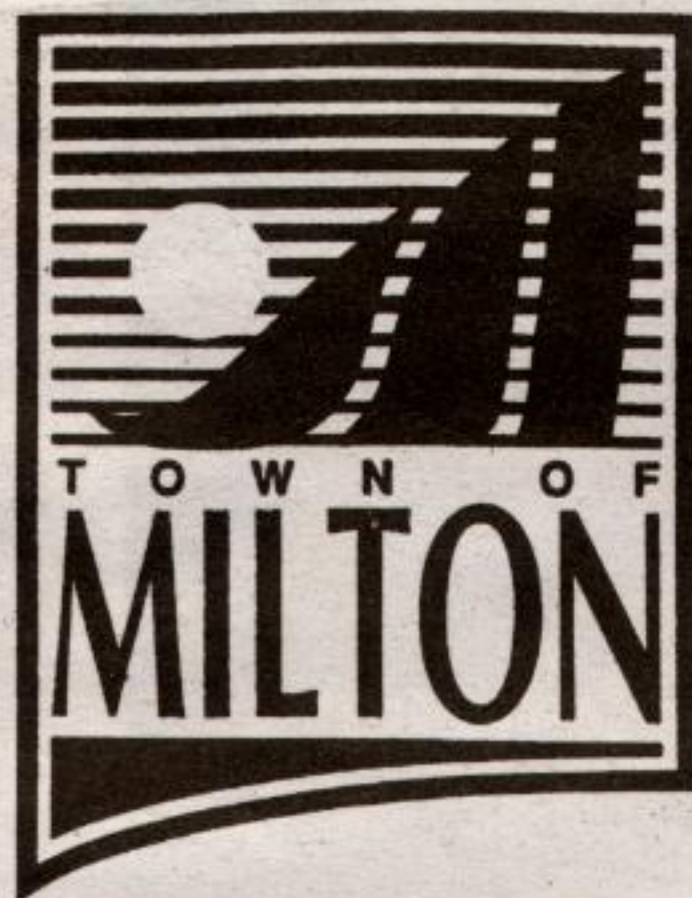
"The Eves government will continue to work with school boards and other partners to help carry out the recommendations of the Education Equality Task Force," says Education Minister Elizabeth Witmer. "It will build on the strengths of student-focused funding to improve fairness, certainty and stability for Ontario's students."



Photo by DONNA DANIELLI

Breaking Ground

Shovels went into the ground in November for the new Milton arena. Shown here at the groundbreaking ceremony for the twin-pad arena which will be built on Derry Road between Bronte Road and Ontario Street are Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Milton Springer April Chappell, age 9, and Nassagaweya Councillor Ken Keates.



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2003 MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

NOTICE TO ELECTORS • NOMINATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that every person who proposes to be a candidate for the 2003 -2006 term of office must file a nomination paper with the Town Clerk before incurring any expenses or collecting any money. The Clerks Office will be accepting nominations beginning January 2nd, 2003. The final day for filing a nomination paper is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 2003 at 5:00 p.m.** Unless otherwise specified, nomination papers can be filed with the Town Clerk, Town of Milton.

Nominations, on the prescribed form, may be filed for the following Offices:

THE TOWN OF MILTON

For the Office of Mayor (one to be elected) To be elected at large and serve as a member of Regional Council and Town Council.

Local and Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 3; (one to be elected) To serve as a member of both the Regional Council and Town Council.

Local and Regional Councillor, Wards 2 & 4 (two to be elected) To Serve as a member of both the Regional Council and Town Council.

Local Councillors (eight to be elected) To serve as members of Town Council.
- Two (2) Councillors to be elected from
Ward 1 (Trafalgar)
Ward 2 (Urban Milton - west of Highway 25)
Ward 3 (Nassagaweya)
Ward 4 (Urban Milton - east of Highway 25)

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (English)

Trustee (one to be elected) One (1) to be elected at large by public school electors within the Town of Milton to serve as a member of the Board of School Trustees for the Halton District School Board.

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (French) DISTRICT #58

Trustee (one to be elected) One (1) to be elected by public school (French) electors within the Region to for serve as a member of the Board of School Trustees for the Halton District School Board (French) District #58.
(Please contact the Clerks Office to ascertain where nomination papers for this position are to be filed).

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (English)

Trustee (one to be elected) One (1) to be elected at large by Catholic school english electors within the Town of Milton to serve as a member of the Board of School Trustees for the Halton Catholic District School Board.

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (French) DISTRICT #64

Trustee (one to be elected for District) One (1) to be elected by Catholic school electors within the Region of Halton to serve as a member of the Board of School Trustees for the Halton Catholic District School Board (French) District #64.
(Please contact the Clerks Office to ascertain when nomination papers for this position are to be filed)

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

Regional Chair (one to be elected for the Regional Municipality of Halton) The Office of the Clerk of the Regional Municipality of Halton is responsible for accepting nominations for Halton Regional Chair. Please contact the Regional Clerk at 905-825-6000, Ext. 7237 or toll free 1-866-442-5866.

All of the above offices are for a three (3) year term. Candidates are required to submit Nominations on the prescribed form only and include the prescribed filing fee of \$200.00 for the Office of the Mayor or Regional Chair and \$100.00 for all other nominations. Fees are payable only in cash, certified cheque or money order. Such forms may be obtained from Town Clerk, Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street, during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or call (905) 878-7252 ext. 2133 for further details.

NOTICE is hereby given that the onus is on the person being nominated to file a bona fide nomination paper.

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