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HDSB Director of Education resigns

BY BERNADETTE WARD

It may not be the only reason, but the shift in direction taken by Halton District School Board trustees, is certainly one of the reasons behind Director of Education Dusty Papke's abrupt decision to leave.

"I think for the last eight years we've been moving in a direction that has been very positive for our board. The majority of the board is now looking to go in a new direction and it may be a good time to look at a new CAO," said Papke.

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The 54 year-old director's retirement announcement came hot on the heels of what has been called a fractious meeting of board trustees held on May 18 during which trustees voted 6-5 in favour of moving away from policy governance, a model of managing school boards that Halton adapted four years ago.

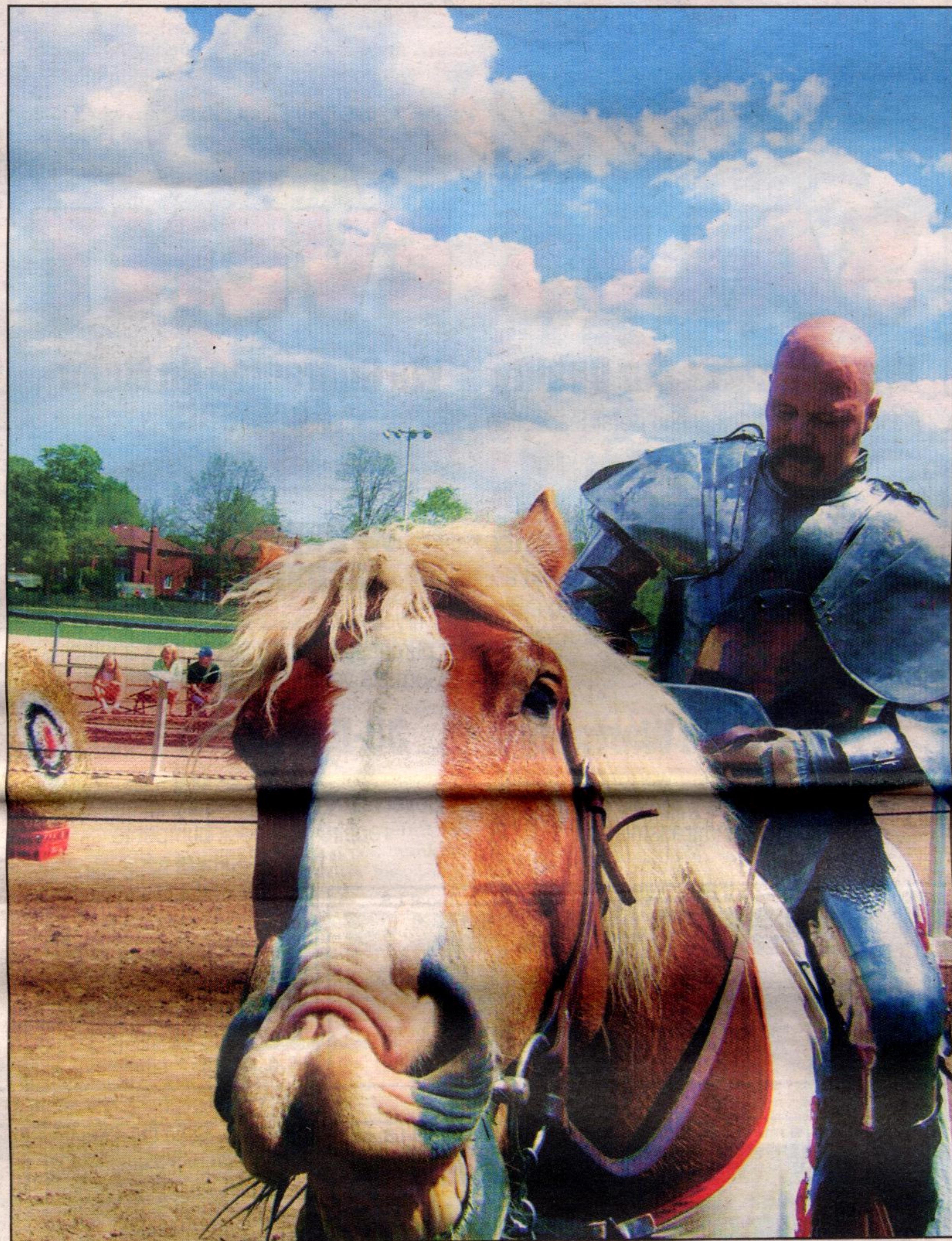
Chair and Milton trustee, Paul Tate, who was unavailable for comment, has publicly admitted the changes stem from trustees' inability to respond to parent concerns regarding boundaries and school closures. The motion, tabled by Tate was designed to limit the power of the director, a move that will supposedly allow for more trustee input.

This is not the perspective of Oakville trustee and past-chair, Mary Chapin, who did not vote in favour of the changes and was, upset enough by the tempest to consider leaving herself.

"I know it's been portrayed as the board having more power, but in fact I think it's the opposite. Trustees will be very busy getting involved in things that they're ill qualified for," said Chapin.

Chapin, who has worked for boards other than Halton, points out that trustees do not need any special background or education

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Horsing About

Jake, a six year old Belgian seems to be enjoying a joke at Georgetown's Bang-O-Rama Festival last weekend. Resplendent in hand made armour is local knight, "Sir" Robert Combe. More pictures on page 7

PHOTO BY ANN KORNUKA.

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The devil is in the details

Secondary Plan Amendment unveiled for Oakville

BY STEPHEN BAKER

At a special Oakville Town Council meeting on Tuesday night, May 24, a presentation was made by North Oakville Management Inc. (NOMI) to outline details of its Secondary Plan Amendment to Oakville's Official Plan. Lynda Townsend Renaud, the president of NOMI, and her team presented a planning concept that at first glance seemed to be similar in many respects to the Town's own plan. Both plans emphasise the need to preserve the existing greenlands and forest, but as Councillor Stoate put it, the Town plan goes further in wanting to ensure that the Natural Heritage System and attendant linkages are sustainable for the future. Lynda Townsend Renaud asked when NOMI might expect a response from the Town, but was reminded that the issue was before the OMB.


While the whole issue is before the Ontario Municipal Board there was little opportunity for the Town or NOMI to do more than exchange information that is already public. Mayor Mulvale observed that the costs of the OMB hearing could run to as much as \$4 million in total and expressed the wish that rather than waste that money on lawyers it would be in the better interests of the taxpayers to use those funds for something more useful, like parkland acquisition.

The NOMI plan differed significantly from The Town plan in its treatment of Burnhamthorpe Road. NOMI sees the road diverted to the north at Nayegawa so that it follows the path of the existing Highway 407 in crossing 16 Mile Creek.


The Town Plan follows the Regional suggestion of turning Burnhamthorpe Road into major artery that crosses 16 Mile Creek midway between Dundas St and the 407. This would change the character of the neighbourhood

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