

United Way donations down slightly

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The 1994-95 United Way campaign pledges were down slightly from the previous year.

Those figures were released at the United Way of Halton Hills's 10th annual general meeting at

Acton's McKenzie-Smith School, Wednesday night.

United Way president John Oliver said the local group received pledges totalling \$197,828 for the year ending March 31, 1995. The previous year's campaign netted \$204,313.

However, Oliver explained that

the totals for this year and last have not been finalized because pledges assigned to the 1993-94 and 1994-95 campaigns will continue to come in for the next year or two.

The Auditor's Report showed that the amount of money the United Way allocated to various agencies and charities this past year increased by \$50,000 to more than \$183,000.

"We've had nine years of very successful campaigns," said Oliver, pointing to the fact that the United Way of Halton Hills has raised more \$1.5 million since its first campaign in 1986.

Oliver added, "There are some challenges as we move into our second 10 years of life."

Primary among those challenges is to meet a target of \$210,000 in pledges by 1997.

"If we aren't able to achieve that target, then we will have to review our allocation decisions and roll back," said Oliver, who concluded his term as president at the meeting.

Later, a new slate of officers was elected. Jim Lindsay takes over as president, John Gibson as vice-president, Monique Porlier as treasurer and Kathleen Hayward as secretary. New board of director members are Bob Boughton, Arnold Burwell and Amanda Leeming.

The United Way also handed out certificates to all of its volunteers. Robin Elliott, who, along with John Duncan, co-chaired this year's campaign, was given a special plaque for her efforts over the years and Oliver received a framed certificate for his contributions as president.



John Oliver, outgoing president of the United Way of Halton Hills, presents Robin Elliott, co-chair of this year's fundraising campaign, with a special plaque at the United Way's annual meeting recently.

Byelection approved

The Halton Board of Education unanimously agreed that a byelection will be held to replace Dave Whiting, trustee for Wards 1 and 2 in Halton Hills.

Trustee Dick Howitt said

discussion of the issue at Thursday's school board meeting was brief, with trustees leaning towards a byelection rather than an appointment.

The byelection will be held in the fall, Howitt said.

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