

# Denied: Catholic superintendent pay raises

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It's official. Suggested raises for five superintendents with Halton's Roman Catholic School Board have been shelved until at least April 1996.

On Monday, the board rescinded a controversial Nov. 1 motion suggesting increases of between \$4,200 and \$8,200 for the superintendents. They currently earn between \$82,641 and \$99,788 per year.

Ten trustees voted to rescind the motion, while six abstained. No one voted to support the proposal.

"Perhaps the timing was wrong," Director of Education Fred Sweeney

said following the special meeting. "That's what the general public told us."

The board opted to reconsider the proposed pay hikes after lawyers said granting superintendents raises now would contravene local Social Contract provisions.

"They suggested we do nothing until after March 31," said board chair Alice Anne LeMay.

All board salaries are supposed to be frozen — except in cases of promotions — for the duration of the Social Contract. It expires next April.

Milton trustee Joe Deoni, who opposes both the timing and the increases, went public with the in-camera motion by taking out a

newspaper advertisement. He reported receiving 63 calls of support in the three days following the ad.

Monday night, he brushed aside the suggestion the Nov. 1 motion didn't finalize the increases. "It was clearly understood that those salaries would be put in place," Deoni argued.

In an earlier interview, LeMay said the superintendents have worked nearly five years without a raise and are below some high school principals in salary.

Sweeney said the proposed raises are merit increases, which work like grids laid out for teachers. They would not up existing salary ranges for the superintendents, he said.

# Residents upset by subdivision development

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Two Georgetown South residents made it clear to councillors Monday night they are not impressed with the 32-lot subdivision proposed to be built behind their homes.

The Harley Ave. residents expressed their concerns at a public meeting dealing with the proposed subdivision prior to the regular committee meeting at the Civic Centre.

The residents said when they bought their homes on Harley Ave., which back onto the proposed subdivision, they were told by sales personnel in the Tribute Homes sales office they would be backing onto a school property.

Richard Labuik said they were told if a school was not built on the

site, there would not be enough room for houses to be built on the entire property.

Labuik said the property was released by the Halton School board in February back to the developer but Tribute continued to sell homes with the proposed school still charted on their lot plans in the sales office until May.

He asked council to consider forcing Tribute to stand behind their sales force and only build around the perimeter of the property, forcing school boards to make a decision on property prior to any sales of homes within new subdivisions and in the future sales offices should include alternate property uses on subdivision plans.

Andrew Bartle, also of Harley Ave., said he was told by sales staff there would not be enough room for

a road on the school board property.

"There were a lot of people misled," said Bartle. He suggested there should be guidelines for builders to follow.

Davis Cr. resident Derek Coty questioned whether Halton Hills had enough water and sewage capacity to support any new development. Town planner Glenn Wellings said there was no water available now, but the water allocation comes at a later step in the process.

Coty, formerly of Toronto stressed, "you don't want to have to pipe water from Lake Ontario."

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said council assumed as late as last year a school would be built there.

Councillors didn't debate the housing development and are expected to do that at a meeting after the staff report is complete.

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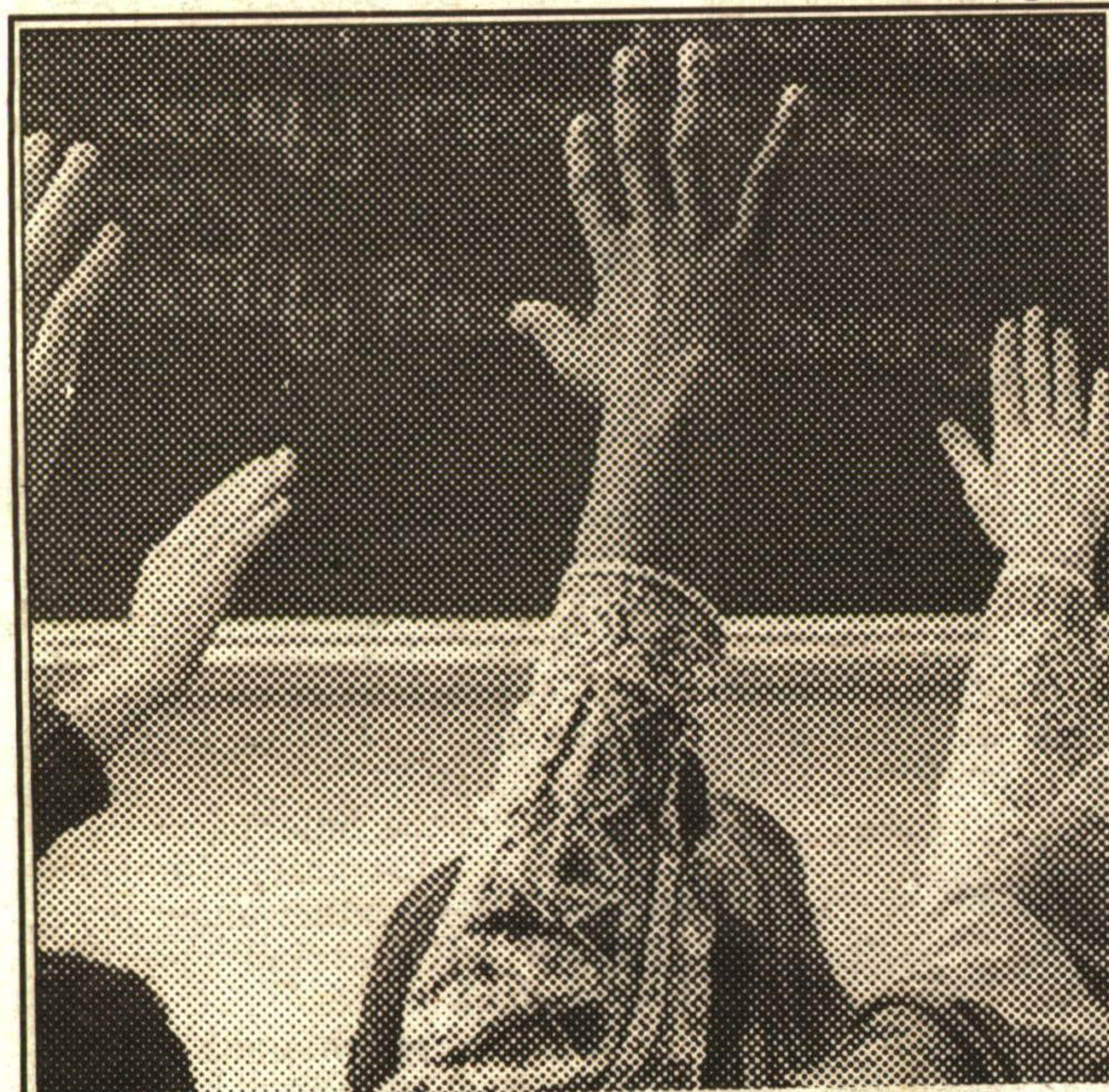
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If you want to know how this new assessment will affect your property tax bill, you can calculate your estimated new tax amount with the following three steps:

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**0.3463280 (urban areas)**  
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