

Resolution 'significantly restricts' fundraising activities: court document

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a judicial review hearing at the Milton courthouse. The hearing is set for Wednesday, May 9.

Harvey was hoping for a suspension of the February motion

until consultation concluded, but the board passed a motion instead, as a response to delegations.

It referred the matter to a future meeting to coincide with a senior staff report on the feed-

back and consultation process on HCDSB's school fundraising activities policy (V04).

Harvey is now seeking an order quashing resolution 61-18, passed by HCDSB on Feb. 20, or one that prohibits the HCDSB

from enforcing the substance or resolution until it has completed a "meaningful process of community consultation and adopted a revised fundraising policy," stated in the application.

HCDSB board chair Diane Ra-

benda acknowledged on April 24 it has received the notice of application for a judicial review on the motion and is working with legal counsel to determine the next steps, said a statement.

"Fundraising at the school level is an integral part of the educational experience for our students and we remain committed to seeking feedback from our parents, students, staff and rate-payers on this matter," said Ra-

benda. "All stakeholders have an opportunity to share their feedback on these amendments through the policy consultation process, currently underway."

She added, "In the interim, we continue to encourage our schools to participate in fundraising efforts that meet our current requirements."

The board's resolution prohibits financial donations to charities and nonprofits that support, directly or indirectly, abortion, contraception, sterilization, euthanasia or human embryonic stem cell research.

The list initially consisted of 100 groups, including Halton Women's Place, Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital and the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, but was shortened to 30 after the March 20 board meeting.

In the court document, Harvey claims resolution 61-18 "significantly restricts" which charities schools and councils, parents and students are permitted to raise funds for.

As well, he argued the views of school councils were not consulted by the board prior to passing the resolution, and because they weren't, neither were the parents.

In addition, he claims the motion was also passed in contravention of the procedures set out in HCDSB bylaws and procedures.

The Halton Catholic school board's consultation on the motion is open to stakeholders until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 1.

Comments can be submitted at www.hcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Pages/Policies-under-consultation-form1.aspx.

However, resolution 61-18 is still in effect during this time, so school fundraising efforts may only be directed to charities and/or nonprofit organizations that meet the requirements outlined in the February motion.

NEWS

Municipal election nominations now open

Calling all council hopefuls and incumbents.

Nominations for this fall's municipal elections opened Tuesday (May 1) at 8:30 a.m. for the Town of Milton, Halton Region and school board trustees.

Nominations close on July 27 at 2 p.m.

The election takes place on Monday, October 22, with advance voting from October 8 to 14.

The Town of Milton will elect one mayor, four regional councillors (one from each ward) and four town councillors (one from each ward). Halton Region will elect one regional chair. School boards trustees will be elected for English and French boards.

A person may be nominated for office if he or she meets all the requirements: candidates must be 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Town of Milton (or an owner or tenant of land in the Town of Milton or the spouse of such a person) and eligible to vote.

Candidates must file a nomination form, along with the filing fee, before incurring any expenses or collecting any money; two pieces of identification must be presented, showing name, qualifying address and signature. Forms are available at www.MiltonVotes.ca and Milton's Town Hall (Community Services counter). Filing fees are \$200 for Mayor or Regional Chair and \$100 for all other offices.

Candidates are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk's Office

to book an appointment to file their nomination paper. Appointments are available Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it will take approximately 30 minutes to complete the nomination filing process. The Town Clerk's Office has relocated; nominations will be accepted at the Community Services counter, in the main lobby of Town Hall.

There are specific requirements that must be followed by third party advertisers, which includes individuals, trade


unions or corporations that place an election-related advertisement to be seen by the public. Advertisements include a message in any media, such as newspapers, billboards, radio, etc., that are for or against a candidate running in the municipal election. Third party advertisers must register in each municipality where they plan to advertise.

The newly-launched elections website www.MiltonVotes.ca contains ward maps, nomination forms, election guidelines,

requirements and legislation, third party advertising regulations and other resources for candidates. For voters, the website holds voting information, including voters' lists and locations. For those seeking employment opportunities, job descriptions and applications for working during the election will be available in August.


For more election information, visit www.MiltonVotes.ca or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 905-878-7252 x2253 or townclerk@milton.ca.

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