

Leadership questioned

OSSTF chief re-elected after severe criticism

Tom Ramautarsingh was re-elected as president of Halton Chapter of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation at the Group's annual meeting Wednesday. His victory came only after loud and severe criticism both from one of his opponents for the presidency and several spokesmen from the floor.

Ramautarsingh defeated a White Oaks teacher Dan McLean and a General Wolfe teacher Tom Patience to retain his seat. As a base for his campaign Patience

attacked the president as a poor leader.

Poor leader

He said he and others were tired and frustrated with present leadership. He claimed his only reason for running was to replace inept leadership with a unified force.

McLean made no reference to a lack of leadership but felt a pressing need for the federation to become more representative of the teachers and achieve greater liaison with the community. He urged greater involvement by

teachers in federation work.

Ramautarsingh reviewed his year in office and explained what he felt were priorities for the coming year. He felt the federation should be looking at use of para-professionals, class size, and other innovations taking place at the Halton County Board of Education.

"If you elect a poor leader you will have a sinking ship and have a smiling board of education," he warned.

Art Walker charged the

president spoke from a position of weakness rather than strength and criticized him for having treasurer Henry Rapcewicz speak for him as part of his speech. He said he was stacking the deck. "The more I hear you speak the more concerned I become."

Walker was the first of several who openly showed doubt about the president's capacity as a leader. Principal Ken Foster engaged in a verbal battle with the president.

Foster asked if the president felt the executive had operated as a unified body. Ramautarsingh said for the better part yes but added Foster couldn't be included in that year.



TOM RAMAUTARSINGH

Condominiums debated

Ratepayers still opposed

Three and a half hours of discussion didn't relieve Chaingate Developments Ltd. of opposition to their plans for 254 townhouse condominium units on Bronte St. Representatives of Chaingate, Fallingbrook Ratepayers Association and town council attended what appears to have been a futile attempt to come to an agreement the council chambers Tuesday evening of last week.

Chaingate representatives had hoped they might be able to reduce or eliminate the number of objections voiced by neighbors. Some 52 objections to the housing plan were filed at the OMB hearing that had been slated for March 17.

Association spokesmen made it apparent they would be happy with nothing less than single family dwelling units for the proposed development area—lands north and south of Heslop Rd. and Anne Blvd.

Lawyer George Ness representing Chaingate explained most recent modifications in the plan. He said the project had been moved 10 feet to allow landscaping between the condominiums and single family homes. He indicated trees would be used as a buffer and berming would be instituted to provide as much privacy as possible for the current residents.

Won't devalue

Ness suggested the townhouses would help to keep the price of the single family homes up, rather than devaluing the present homes. He said the townhouse residents would provide a supply of buyers for the single family units if and when they were up for sale.

"You feel all townhouses are bad. But we want to make our project as good as possible and we will listen to your suggestions," he told the group.

Loeprich claimed council had been remiss in their moral obligations to the people in the area for not informing them of the development right from the beginning.

called for March 17 but when the town and developer could not agree on staging for the construction of the storm sewer, the town withdrew its application for the hearing.

One of two things can happen now. Either a new hearing will be called and those who objected will be notified, or a hearing will begin from scratch and all those in the area will be notified.

Unanimous

Mr. Leoprich, who lives on Meadowbrook Dr., announced the executive of the association was unanimous in its opposition to the development. Only executive members attended the meeting.

A representative of Polymer Corporation attended the meeting as an observer, but did not speak. Mayor Brian Best told council last week that Polymer and the developer had undertaken preliminary negotiations concerning the building of the project. Polymer's concrete housing modules are a standard size and wider than the three-storey condominium units Chaingate proposed, meaning if Polymer builds the project the developer would end up with about 20 per cent fewer units, he said.

County-wide housing for seniors discussed

Municipal councils in Halton County will have the opportunity to discuss county-wide housing for senior citizens. Mayors of Milton, Georgetown, Acton and Burlington met with County Council and Ontario Housing Corporation officials Wednesday.

After two hours of discussion Oakville Reeve Allan Masson suggested the idea be referred to the municipal councils prior to any further investigation, in order to gauge interest.

The idea of providing county-wide housing for senior citizens

was initiated at Milton Council. Mayor Brian Best told those present there were a number of cases where senior citizens live in Oakville, Burlington or one of the two townships but associate closely with Milton.

Agreements

Under the current system all senior citizen housing in the county is arranged through an agreement with the town or township and OHC. As a result only Milton residents could use accommodation in Milton and similarly in the other six municipalities.

Under the agreement discussed Wednesday, residents of the county could live in the senior citizen housing of their choice, providing they have lived in the county for one year.

Warden Jim Swanborough stressed that while boundaries would be abolished, there would not be a central senior citizens project. They would continue to be scattered about the county.

Mayor Best suggested carrying such a project to fruition would show the province the county can co-operate among its municipalities and noted it would be a step in the right direction. He predicted a saving for the county because some people who could live in OHC housing are living at the Manor. Expense at the Manor is considerably higher than at senior citizen apartments.

Rent for the senior citizen apartments is geared to income and the federal, provincial and municipal governments pick up part of the operating loss.

Better rep

Asked by Foster what would be done to make the body more unified the president said he hoped the principals would send a better representative and noted Foster had missed seven of the 16 meetings.

Foster countered, "I've seen a unified executive and strong federation but not here. I've been involved in federation work for 11 years and know what federation is all about."

In a report circulated to the 300 teachers at the meeting Foster congratulated salary chairman Stan Hall for the professional manner in which salary negotiations were carried on.

Attack, innuendo

"On the other hand, we often found it difficult to support the posture assumed by the executive. Attack and innuendo were too often engaged in by persons who proved themselves ill-informed and unprepared for the position taken."

After a hot election session votes were counted showing 148 for the president, 82 for McLean and 22 for Patience. Both McLean and Patience were vice presidents last year. For Patience it was his second crack at the president's job.

Both McLean and Patience declined nominations for vice presidents and Harold Pippy of Burlington Central and Peter Bonfield and Neil Turnbull of Oakville Trafalgar High School won posts as VP's.

A move by McLean to have Ramautarsingh unanimously elected president failed. Alan Eastwood of Acton District High School was named secretary while Grame Barrett of M. M. Robinson will serve as treasurer.

Federation handbook studied by Institute

At the Nassagaweya Women's Institute May meeting, held at the home of Mrs. F. Andrew, the handbook of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was studied.

information for newcomers to Nassagaweya could be prepared, such as shopping areas, churches, mail service, garbage disposal, recreational facilities, etc.

Baking winners

Baked goods, consisting of loaves and squares made from recipes which included Ontario fruits, donated by members were judged by Mrs. Black and Mrs. Stanley. They agreed that all were very good and choice of the best was difficult; but decided that the cherry square of Mrs. Norrish and the apricot loaf of Mrs. Andrew were the winners. These two ladies will represent the Nassagaweya branch at the District Annual on May 24.

The members then judged the merits of the loaves and square for themselves—with tea or coffee. Mrs. C. McLaren thanked the hostess and the judges.

The meeting on June 21 will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Brookville Hall where members of the 4-H club will present a fashion show.

Plan annual

The District Annual meeting, to be held in Campbellville on May 24, was discussed during the business part of the meeting and plans for the larger meeting were finalized. Nassagaweya W. I. will host the annual meeting.

Mrs. L. Daigle, who represented Nassagaweya WI at the Federated W.I. of Ontario conference at Guelph on May 2, 3 and 4, reported that 820 members were present. She also brought back suggestions for making the local branch more vital in the community; "Tid Bits" of

Farm safety topic at Hornby W.I. meet

Hornby Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H. Reed on May 17 with 12 members present. All enjoyed a dessert luncheon before the opening of the meeting. Mrs. H. O'Connor, president, repeated a poem "Just build a better you". Roll call was answered with "A Safety hint for the home". The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. L. Sampson.

Workshop, held April 24. Mrs. P. W. Merry one on the citizenship and education workshop held on May 8. A program planning meeting will be held at Mrs. H. O'Connor's on May 30. Hornby W. I. will cater at a booth at M. Beauty's sale June 3rd.

Mrs. C. Patterson, safety convener was in charge of the program. She had attended a meeting held by the Safety Council. Members were told about a probe 10' long available to test hay or grain to see if it is heating — also gas masks are available, with which to go into silos. Small calendars for 1972 were given to each member, on the back of which driving offences were listed, with the number of demerit points for each offence.

Mrs. Patterson had been to the T.B. and Respiratory Disease Association dinner so gave a short report on it. Members were told there were 143 cases of T.B. on medication. There are 524 T.B. cases on register with one death.

Two true or false contests, one on T.B., the other on Respiratory Diseases were held.

Mrs. J. McCarron had presented the Hornby W. I. trophy at the Musical Festival. Three resolutions to be presented at District Annual were discussed. Delegates to District Annual are Mrs. William MacPherson, Mrs. H. Bradley and Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth. Miss L. Godward and Mrs. R. Wilson are alternates. A bulletin from Save The Children Fund was read. Old photos are asked for from the Halton area to be displayed at the museum on June 24 and 25 at open house. Mrs. William MacPherson will take baking for judging to District Annual.

Workshops

Mrs. M. J. Brown gave a report on Citizenship and World Affairs

O.P.P. report seven crashes

During the week of May 14 to May 20 there were seven passenger vehicle collisions in the North Halton Area patrolled by the Milton OPP, report police.

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