

# Criticism of education spending unfair: trustees

According to two Milton trustees on the Halton Board of Education, recent attacks on the high cost of education are unfair.

Trustee Bill Lawson says "the total cost of local government is just coming home to roost and some elected people are just beginning to feel the pinch and are making undue or inaccurate statements about spending elsewhere in other levels of government."

Trustee Ivan Armstrong said that in spite of growing criticism about the cost of education, the trustees and the board are faced with "endless demands for new and improved programs and service."

The trustees acknowledged that at \$81,000,000, education in Halton doesn't come cheap. But the board continues to be the only board in Ontario of a comparable size that has consistently operated under the ceilings imposed by the Ministry of Education.

Some of the criticism levelled recently comes from town and regional councillors who claim that education is taking far too large a portion of the local tax dollar.

But a report produced by Superintendent of Business and Finance for the Board, Bruce Lindley, indicates that education takes a smaller percentage of the tax dollar than it did in 1969 when the board was first formed on a county wide basis.

In urban Milton in 1969, 53.3 per cent of municipal taxes were spent on education compared to 48.5 per cent in 1977. In Acton it was 57.1 in 1969 and 49.7 per cent in 1977 and in Georgetown it was 56.3 in 1969 compared to 52.8 in 1977. In 1969, 69.9 per cent of the municipal budget for Nassagaweya was spent on education and that dropped to 60.7 per cent in 1977.

While education does take less of the total municipal tax dollar in Halton than it did in

1969, the percentage of expenditure for education has been on the upswing since 1972 in most parts of the region. The upswing began in Oakville in 1973 and in Esquimes and Nassagaweya the upswing started in 1974.

According to Trustees Armstrong and Lawson, the upswing in the last four or five years has partly been due to declining provincial grants. In 1973 the province picked up 62 per cent of the education bill for Halton but in 1977 it pays 53.1 per cent, leaving the municipalities to pay a greater share.

Lawson points out the board employs 3,500 people and many of them are highly skilled professional people.

"It's not like industry where they can pare down. You can't mechanize education, you need a certified teacher," Armstrong says.

Teacher salaries account for 73.1 per cent of the board budget, the trustees say.

The trustees claim that administration costs are one of the most frequent targets for criticism, but account for only 3.6 per cent of the budget.

"Those who need special services are grateful that they exist, but for those who don't need them they are considered a burden," Armstrong noted.

A survey of home and schools across the country shows cost of education seventh in the list of concerns about education. Basic literacy tops the list followed by discipline, special programs and increase and improvement in the use of community schools.

But that survey includes only parents of children, not single taxpayers or couples without children in the system.

The Halton Board's budget jumped significantly in 1975 and 1976 because of 33 per cent and 19 per cent salary increases for teachers.

Dawson points out much of the criticism these days is because of the tight money situation and the overriding concern about restraint in spending.

"Education should just

about have peaked now and there are no great expansions predicted in the region. I'd be very surprised if the increase in the next budget didn't decline. We shouldn't have the high percentage increases

that we've had the past few years," Lawson said.

The increased use of schools by the community has brought a burden on the budget as well, the trustees noted.



TRUSTEES BILL LAWSON and Ivan Armstrong say recent criticism of the Halton Board of Education's spending is unfair. Both say that while the budget is up over \$81,000,000 they are unable to find any evidence of fat.

# Commissioner takes new view of industry here

It will take \$12,000,000 new investment in commerce and industry each year over the next three years if the town is to achieve a 70-30 per cent balance of assessment, William Marshall, regional industrial commissioner, told Milton councillors in committee Monday.

"I can see why you are aggressive about industrial development," he said.

The significance of this target, he said is that the industrial portion would be equivalent to one new 100,000 square foot plant, employing 150 people each year.

He suggested the success would depend on the ability to

merchandise Milton as a market centre on the Highway 401 corridor.

Reflecting on the servicing aspect, the commissioner said he had been prompted by an editorial in The Champion to take another look at his earlier conclusion this would be a warehouse centre.

"Warehousing may have been too quick an answer," he said he had talked to companies in a Burlington industrial mall and a whole series of those firms could just as easily have located on land at Milton.

"In addition to the distribution and warehousing we are now looking at a whole series of other types of com-

panies that could settle in Milton."

"I take issue with the editorial suggestion that Milton would have to take on the responsibility for promotion. I feel that Milton, with my office, should take on the task. I hope to develop a means of co-ordinating activities," he told councillors.

Councillor Jim Watson noted the town had convinced the region of the need for the industrial acreage north of the urban centre but now some Oakville councillors had had the proposal which has been in the works for three years, referred for more study. "Is there any way you can assist the town in getting the proposal moved along?"

The new commissioner agreed to look at the proposal.

Councillor Rick Day reviewed the very detailed development agreement on

the industrial lands under the proposal and suggested it might be a model for other Halton municipalities.

Councillor Russ Powadiuk emphasized the approval of the industrial acreage was the town's most important priority. "And I'm glad you've amended your warehouse view of Milton." The councillor also cautioned that Halton Hills was also proposing an industrial area adjacent to the one in Milton but without the restrictions on development and servicing. "It could seriously jeopardize the Milton proposal."

# Grits to study regional gov't.

Regional and local government problems will be the topic of a task force set up by Opposition Leader Stuart Smith.

Mr. Smith announced the eight-member committee will hold public hearings in selected areas of the province to determine difficulties encountered in urban government, including regional government.

"We're concerned about the problems that have developed with regional government," said Herb Epp, MPP for Waterloo North, and chairman of the committee.

"We are looking for more information on those problems as well as a satisfactory alternative to the regional government structure," he added.

Although the exact schedule of the public hearings has not been finalized, the first will be held Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge.

At the conclusion of the public meetings, a report will be made on the findings by mid-March. The report will then be used in the development of policy by the Liberal Caucus.

Members included in the committee are: Paul Blundy (Sarnia); Jim Bradley (St. Catharines); Eric Cunningham (Wentworth North); John Eakins (Victoria-Haliburton); Remo Mancini (Essex South); Gordon Miller (Haldimand-Norfolk); and Robert Nixon (Brant-Oxford-Norfolk).

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# HALTON DAIRY PRINCESS

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# Prevent damage

"Don't encourage rabbits and mice to use your garden as their winter home," says R.F. Gomme, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist.

Serious damage caused by rodents each winter can be prevented by taking precautionary measures now.

Mr. Gomme says one of the

most important preventative steps is to make sure your garden is clean. Clear debris, dead leaves and plant tops from around the base of trees, and cut back long grass to make your garden a less desirable home for rodents. He also recommends cultivating the soil around trees and shrubs. To discourage rabbits, Mr. Gomme suggests painting trunks and branches with a repellent containing Thiram.

Set wire tree guards of 1/4 inch mesh around tree trunks to control mice. Make sure the end of the guard is about three inches deep into the soil. For extra protection against mice, mound the end of the guard with crushed stone. Other types of protectors, including spiral plastic guards and aluminum foil, are available at local garden supply centres. Young fruit trees, lilacs, flowering crab, mountain ash and hawthorn trees are particularly susceptible to rodent damage. Rodents will also eat some types of shrubs.

Schools are having Hallowe'en parties this week. The big night for the little people is next Monday, Oct. 31.

# Thomas St. is still without mail service

Postal service will be renewed on Thomas St. but not before satisfactory walking conditions are restored. Postmaster Ed Greenan said in a prepared statement this week.

"I understand the dissatisfaction felt by residents of Thomas and Commercial Sts. who have had their mail

delivery service discontinued due to the construction in those areas. I would like to assure them that their letter carrier service will be resumed just as soon as the construction work has been completed and safe and satisfactory walking conditions have been restored," Mr. Greenan said.

# Chretien speaks to Halton Grits

Jean Chretien, Minister of Finance, will be in Oakville Monday, Oct. 31 to attend the annual meeting of the Halton Liberal Association.

The meeting will be held in the newly opened Oakville Centre which can accommodate up to 500 people. Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook said he "hopes there will be a great public turnout for the 8 p.m. meeting because, in addition to making a speech, Mr. Chretien will answer questions from the audience."

Dr. Philbrook also announced that prior to the public meeting, Chretien

"will sit down to dinner with a group of Liberals who have paid \$100 for the privilege of eating with the Finance Minister. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards campaign coffers.

Following the Chretien speech in the Oakville Centre, the Halton Liberals will hold their annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year.

Some local youngsters will be collecting money for UNICEF when they make their Hallowe'en rounds next Monday.

# TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Notice to Property Owners and Tenants  
Corrections to the School Support List

The Assessment Office for the Province of Ontario has submitted the Annual School Support List and it has been posted on October 12th, 1977, in the Office of the Clerk Administrator, Municipal Administration Building on Trafalgar Road, for inspection.

Residents and property owners are requested to examine this List to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown therein.

Attention is drawn to the necessity to complete the required Form One, available at the Office of the Clerk Administrator, respecting an Application for Alteration of School Support Entry.

All requests for additions, corrections or deletions from the List will be received by the Clerk Administrator at the Municipal Administration Building, commencing on Wednesday, October 13th, 1977, through to Friday, November 11th, 1977, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

The last day for filing forms requesting additions or corrections to or deletions from the List will be Friday, November 11th, 1977, at 4:30 p.m.

G. D. Pritchard  
Clerk Administrator  
Town of Halton Hills

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# MILTON MALL

## 1st ANNIVERSARY

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From all the Retail, Business, Service and Management People of Milton Mall

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people of Milton, Acton, Georgetown and surrounding areas for making our first year in business a very successful one.*

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**ANNIVERSARY SPOT PRIZE WINNERS**

**WINNERS OF DAILY PRIZES**

G. R. McCalmont winner of a hanging basket from Karen's Flower Shop.

Kathryn Phinney winner of the jewel box from Cambridge Jewellers.

Heather Currie winner of a 12 inch pizza from Pizza Delight.

Gillian Slesso is the winner of the silver tipped racoon collar from Open Gate.

Mrs. Dorothy Inglis is the winner of another 12 inch Pizza Delight Pizza.

P. Klippel is the winner of the Stuka Model Kit from Milton Hobby Craft.

Livio Dal Bello winner of a 12 inch Pizza Delight Pizza.

William De Haash winner of the Fruit Basket from Fruit World.

Michael Begus winner of a hanging basket from Karen's Flower Shop.

Sheena Cameron winner of 2 Robbie Probert wall plaques from Kobe's Nook.

Mrs. M. Barnes is the winner of the 7 piece decanter set from Bond's.

Mr. S. Cartwright is the winner of the Polaroid Photo Camera from Milton Photo.

Y. Davis is the winner of the \$15.00 gift certificate from Sherborne & Gabriele.

Mrs. A. E. Jackson is the winner of the dinner for two at the Bavarian Inn.

Mrs. Mae Cooper is the winner of a leather hand bag of her choice from Andrew's Shoes.

Mac Elliott is the winner of the 12 inch Pizza Delight Pizza.

Al Pentland is the winner of the pre-pasted photograph wall from St. Clair.

Charles Cropper is the winner of the sweater cardigan from Jack Fraser-Loft.

Mrs. McIntosh is the winner of the \$15.00 gift certificate from Milton Drug Mart.

Florence Reed is the winner of the \$20.00 gift certificate from Peggy's of Milton.

Jessie Zuest is the winner of the Digital Watch from Zellers.

Shirley Hamilton is the winner of the Carol Baker Album from Uncle Paul's.

Judy DeCastecker is the winner of the \$10.00 gift certificate from Universal Textiles.

J. E. Bell is the winner of the \$20.00 gift certificate from Peggy's.

Larry Bidasse is the winner of a 12 inch Pizza Delight Pizza.

Ruth Taylor is the winner of the hanging basket from Karen's.

Alfred Ford is the winner of another hanging basket from Karen's Flower Shop.

Malcolm Haynes is the winner of a fine hairstyle from Terminal Hairstyles.

N. Nellie Duncan is the winner of a \$20.00 gift certificate from Jean World.

Joe Volfuso is the winner of the 12 inch Pizza Delight Pizza.

Margaret Gandreau is the winner of a Boston Album from Uncle Paul's.

Mrs. W. Maguire is the winner of the \$25.00 gift certificate from Early Years.

Jill Kannegger is the winner of the hanging basket from Karen's.

Joe Poirez is the winner of a 1,000 watt blow dryer from Heady's Haircutting Parlor.

Cliff Houston is the winner of the gift certificate from Retman's.

Andrea Thompson is the winner of another gift certificate from Retman's.

Al Irwin is the winner of an album by Fleetwood Mac from Uncle Paul's.

John MacKinnon is the winner of the Queen Size set of sheets from Bath Experience.

Karen Johnston winner of the gift certificate from Delicatissimo.

Willis Hamilton is the winner of the free hairstyle from Terminal's.

Shirley Watson is the winner of another free hairstyle from Terminal's.

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# MILTON MALL

Ontario St. (Hwy. 25) and Main St., Milton

**MONDAY through FRIDAY**  
10 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**