

Halton Board of Education

Meeting day proposal dies

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A proposal to change the meeting days of the Halton Board of Education has been scuttled because of the problems it would cause local newspapers.

Trustees last week rejected a motion by Oakville member Len Crosier to change the regular meeting nights of the board to the second and fourth Monday of each month rather than the second and fourth Thursday.

In a written rationale, Mr. Crosier said the change would solve

several problems which trustees currently face.

He noted, for example, that many of the school activities trustees are required to attend are held on Thursday nights and many seminars and conventions start on Thursday.

He also argued that decisions made by the board on a Monday night could be implemented the very next day, rather than three days later, as is the current case.

Burlington trustee Bill Priestner said the motion caused a "competition" for the

attention of the local press "and that doesn't make sense."

With the exception of the Hamilton Spectator and Toronto Star, the majority of the newspapers which cover the activity of the Halton Board are weeklies, publishing Wednesday with Tuesday morning deadlines.

Small staffs and municipal council meetings on Monday aggravate the problem that would be caused by the change.

Trustee Cam Jackson

also opposed the suggestion because of the problems it would cause for the newspapers.

"Any changes that we make should allow for more public input," he said, "so it's important if Monday or Tuesday meetings cause problems for the press because they may be the only contact that some people have with the board."

Milton Choristers present orchestral, choral works

The Milton Choristers will combine with the Sheridan Youth Symphony on Sunday Feb. 7, 1982 at Milton's E.C. Drury High School to present A Festival of Orchestral and Choral Works.

The 65 members of the Milton Choristers, under the direction of Judy Hunter, have not previously been accompanied by an orchestra—nor has the Sheridan Symphony previously accompanied a choir.

The symphony, under the direction of John Barnum, is based in Oakville and includes a

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