School caretakers sign deal

The union representing caretakers and maintenance staff with the Halton Board of Education has agreed to absorb the loss of 23 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions as part of its new contract.

The collective agreement reached by the board and Local 1011 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees was ratified by trustees last week.

The contract is a 14-month deal which expires Aug. 31, 1998.

The 23 FTEs will be removed from the current complement of 300 full and part-time workers by June 30, 1998.

The board believes that layoffs can be avoided through attrition and proposed government changes to the Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement Savings pension plan, presumably which would make it easier for longtime employees to retire.

The agreement also calls for the removal of at least \$50,000 from CUPE's benefits package by no later than Nov. 1, 1997.

Other highlights of the deal include:

· Deletion of job security and cost of living

allowance clauses

A \$500 signing bonus for all full-time staff (prorated for part-time) as of Feb. 1, 1998 in the form of an RRSP contribution. An additional \$500 bonus with the same conditions by the end of June 1998

 Laid-off employees will be given 60 working days notice or pay in lieu. Those working during their notice will be given nine days paid leave to look for alternate work.

CUPE Local 1011 president John McEgan said the deal is about as good as could be expected. "In light of the times we find ourselves in, I believe that this is a reasonable and fair agreement for both parties."

The Halton board now has just two employee groups without collective agreements.

The more than 400 permanent contractual and termspecific instructional assistants do not have a first contract. The two sides have applied for conciliation but don't have a date yet.

Negotiations with the board's 1,040 secondary school teachers and a mediator aren't expected to resume until the first or second week of September.

Seniors' home backers are hoping sales pick up

By KAREN SMITH The Champion

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The Marian Courtyard sales team will pull out all the stops to get their planned seniors' residence off the ground.

Organizers of Holy Rosary Church's \$6.5 million project are seeking other means with which to begin construction since sales of units have been slow, said Martha Gleeson, project chair.

The non-profit residence to be situated beside Holy Rosary on land owned by the Diocese of Hamilton must have 40 of the 51 units purchased before construction can begin. Currently, only about 20 have been sold.

But Ms Gleeson said the volunteer team is looking into other options and hopes construction can begin without reaching the sales quota.

"We think people will be more willing to buy when they see the place," she said.

She added that negotiations are underway, but she couldn't disclose details. Three more units were sold this summer, however, two sales fell through because buyers couldn't wait, Ms Gleeson said.

Organizers had hoped construction would begin this month, but its now anticipated October will be the earliest ground-breaking.

Ms Gleeson said the summer was tough for sales, but she's optimistic that more interest will be shown in the fall.

The one and two-bedroom units range in size from 680 to 1,140 square feet and prices range from \$90,000 to \$160,000. A maintenance fee of \$120 to \$200 will be charged monthly.

A covered walkway will link the four-storey residence to the church offices, Parish Hall, the church and chapel. A dining area, library, games room and underground parking lot will be built and units will have views of a landscaped courtyard or Marian Grotto. For more information call 878-1951.

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