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Sheila Flook (left) and Ethel Gardiner sign their nomination papers at last week's first official meeting of the new Halton public school board. Ms Gardiner won the election for chair.

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New board will help begin healing process: Gardiner

By TIM WHITNELL
Special to The Champion

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Despite a bit of procedural stumbling and a little more room around the board table, the first official meeting of Halton's new public school board wasn't much different from what came before it.

The Halton District School Board inaugurated its 10 members elected in last November's municipal elections during a ceremony held Wednesday night at the J. W. Singleton Education Centre in Burlington.

Seven of the 10 are rookies. Burlington's Sheila Flook and Halton Hills' Ethel Gardiner are on their second terms while Oakville's Debbie Marklew is starting her third go-round.

The first order of business for the new board was to elect a chair. Ms Gardiner beat out Ms Flook in a secret ballot.

A vice-chair was then elected, but in an unusual manner. Burlington trustees David Abbott and Michael Ellis ended up tied in votes. Mr. Abbott won the position following a blind draw tie-breaker.

The board then set remuneration amounts for the two roles. The chair will receive an annual honorarium of \$10,000 while the vice-chair gets \$7,500. Regular trustees get \$5,000 under new government guidelines.

Ms Gardiner made an opening speech using the themes of change and healing.

"In 1998, this board will face incredible challenge and change. At this point the (provincial government's) funding model has not been released."

Ms Gardiner said trustees may not like the new regulations that will come with their budget, and probably won't like the dollars eventually allocated to the board by the province. But she stressed they will have to find a way to meet their primary goal of providing quality student programs.

"With fewer trustees and larger geographic areas of representation, effective communication in a time of unprecedented change will be important," noted Ms Gardiner. "Visit your schools and see what great things are happening."

The new board chair said a healing process must also take place in Halton.

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NOTICE OF PASSING BY-LAW NO. 8-98

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton, on January 6th, 1998, enacted By-law No. 8-98, being a By-law to establish a fee structure for Live Birth Registrations, Burial Permits and Marriage Licences.

Effective January 6th, 1998, the Clerk's Department will be implementing the fees noted below for the following services:

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| Live Birth Registrations (payable at time Statement of Live Birth is filed) | \$20.00 (Cash, Certified Cheque or money order) |
| Division Registrar Letters of Birth Registration Confirmation (payable at time of issuance of letter) | \$25.00 (Cash, Certified Cheque or money order) |
| Marriage Licences (payable at time of issuance of licence) | \$100.00 (Cash only) |
| Burial Permit (payable at time permit is issued to Funeral Director) | \$20.00 |
| Out-of-Town Death Registration (payable at time permit is issued to Funeral Director) | \$20.00 |

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