

Penman lauds Stephen

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province.

The budget had been \$12 million in 1991, but provincial cuts from the Mike Harris government have brought that amount down to \$5.5 million

Increased user fees at conservation areas such as the Glen Eden Ski Area, along with staff cutbacks and contracting out of some HRCA tasks have all resulted from the funding cuts.

But the HRCA has continued to staunchly resist selling its vast land holdings, said Mr. Penman. "It would be a sin of significant consequence to even consider that."

Bob Edmondson, assistant general manager, has been appointed acting general manager.

How to calculate new property taxes

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new assessment.

If that number is higher than what they actually paid their assessment has risen, if it is lower the assessment has dropped.

The taxes they would have paid last year can then be compared to this year's taxes to see if local tax rates have increased. This year's tax rates have not yet been struck by municipalities.

In Milton the tax rate for 1997 for a residential property was 0.01310. If a property has been assessed at \$200,000 under the new assessment system, taxes for last year would have been \$200,000 multiplied by the tax rate of 0.01310 which equals \$2,620.

If \$2,620 is less than the 1997 property taxes then that property has benefited from the reassessment. If it is more then the property was undervalued

and the owner will pay a higher proportion of the property tax burden.

Taxes would only move away from the 1997 calculated amount if local or regional council decided to increase local taxes.

Other centres

A person with a \$200,000 home in Oakville would have paid \$2,738, the same homeowner in Burlington would pay \$2,770 and in Halton Hills \$2,686.

According to Joe Rinaldo, Halton's commissioner of corporate services, tax impacts due to the reassessment are minor

across Halton because local properties had a relatively recent assessment.

"On an individual basis there are some significant shifts," said Mr. Rinaldo. "Generally speaking multi-residential units will see a decline in taxes, vacant lands will get increased, and farm taxes will decrease because farm tax credits are now effectively rolled into the tax rate."

Halton financial staff calculated a wide range of 1997 property tax rates. In Milton the 1997 tax rate for multi-residential was .02485, commercial .03280, industrial .05665, and for farm lands .00327.

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HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

for September, 1998

Registration for those children who are interested in the French Immersion Program in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, and Georgetown will be held at all designated schools as listed below, on:

Thursday, March 5th, 1998

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- student must be entering grade 5 in September 1998 in a Halton Catholic District School;
- in person only - parent, guardian or other responsible adult with a letter indicating they are acting on the parents' behalf;
- registration to take place at the designated French Immersion school you wish your child to attend;
- enrollment for the French Immersion Program is limited;
- registration is on a first-come, first serve basis

LOCATION OF DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

Area	Designated Schools
North Burlington	St. Gabriel
South Burlington	Ascension
Halton Hills	Holy Cross
Milton	Holy Rosary
Oakville	St. Matthew, St. Bernadette, St. Joseph

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