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# Deoni will stay on

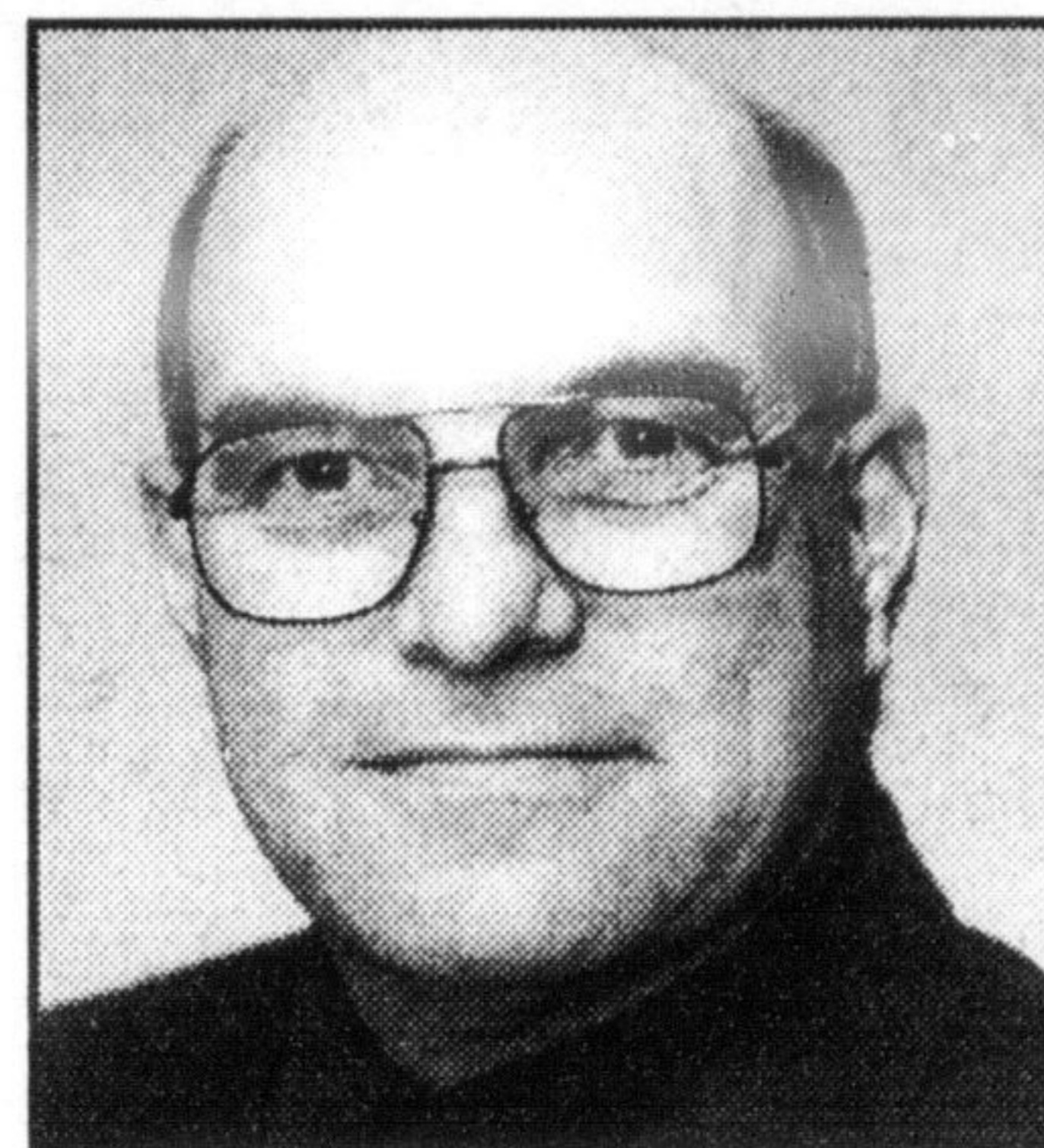
Catholic school Trustee Joe Deoni will return to court in June after making a brief appearance yesterday.

Mr. Deoni, 59, of Steeles Avenue, who faces a fraud charge, was remanded to June 11 in Ontario Court (provincial division) to set a trial date.

Mr. Deoni's lawyer told the court he's still waiting for full disclosure of evidence in the case.

Acclaimed last fall to the position of Milton school trustee (English) for the Halton Catholic District School Board, Mr. Deoni was charged last month with fraud over \$5,000.

The charge alleges that Mr. Deoni took approximately \$43,000 from Industrial Ceramics Ltd. on



Joe Deoni

Nipissing Road, where he worked on contract as a bookkeeper from 1992 to 1997. He was relieved from his contract in February.

Despite the serious charge, Mr. Deoni said at the courthouse yesterday that he plans to continue as school trustee, a move that's within his rights under the Education Act.

Nothing in the Education Act calls for his resignation unless he's convicted so he can resign on his own, apply for a leave of absence or carry on as usual.

Since being charged, Mr. Deoni has attended two Halton Catholic District School Board meetings, but made no mention of his situation publicly.

# Regional strike is over

By **HOWARD MOZEL**  
Special to The Champion

Halton's environmental services workers, out on strike since April 9, have voted in favour of a new three-year contract.

The settlement was ratified at 6:30 p.m. Thursday by Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) union Local 2620.

A memorandum of settlement had been worked out earlier that day between Halton Region and Local 2620, which represents 110 planning and public works staff in the environmental services division.

Workers will receive an immediate 4 per cent raise in wage increases and retroactive payments. Another 2 per cent increase will be gained on Jan. 1, 1999.

Local 2620 president Gerry Dean said he is happy to be going back to work despite not being able to land the contract they originally hoped for: Fifty cents per hour more for three years. The deal struck Thursday works out to about 34 cents more per hour.

"We didn't get what we wanted but it was as far as we could go with this council," said Mr. Dean. "We were not going to get another dime out of them."

Approximately 78 per cent of union members voted in favour of the deal.

The wage package breaks down this way: 2 per cent from Jan. 1997 (the date the union's contract expired), 2 per cent as of Jan. 1998 and the 2 per cent mentioned above effective Jan. 1999.

"This was the fair settlement council was striving

for," said regional chair Joyce Savoline. "This is not only fair to the workers, but fair to the residents of Halton."

Employees were to return to work Monday.

"Regional council and management staff welcome back our employees and look forward to resuming the positive working relationship that we enjoyed prior to this work stoppage," said Ms Savoline.

Mr. Dean said he would like to express his gratitude for all the food, money and moral support those on the picket line received from members of the public and regional staff.

"It kept our spirits up and it was greatly appreciated," he said.

Both sides in the strike had met for a 22-hour marathon session on April 6-7 and eventually hammered out a deal. On April 8 this was taken to the union membership, which rejected it by more than a 70 per cent margin.

Their strike hit a variety of regional facilities and services. They include water purification and wastewater treatment plants, fleet operations (region, police and RCMP), the wastewater collection system and the water distribution system (hydrants, water meters).

The two main sticking points had been the union's appeal for 50 cents more per hour each year for three years and retroactive pay from January, 1997. (The union has been without a contract since then.) Halton had been offering retroactive pay from only January, 1998.



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### NOTICE OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAWS

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton has enacted the following Heritage Designation By-laws pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended c.O.18:

Property Description	By-law Enactment Date	By-law No.
Elliott House, 8445 Third Line	April 6, 1998	28-98
59 Mill Street	April 6, 1998	29-98
Christie-Henderson Lime Kilns	April 6, 1998	30-98

A copy of these Heritage Designation By-laws may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 5H2, or by telephoning 878-7211

Dated at Milton this 7th day of April, 1998.

Helen Lisi, Acting Town Clerk  
Town of Milton

### MILTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (Seven Citizen Appointees Required)

The Acting Town Clerk, on behalf of Milton Council and the Milton Detachment of Halton Regional Police Service, is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving as citizen appointees on the Milton Community Consultation Committee.

The Community Consultation Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, and is a structure by which the community can effectively communicate their concerns to a variety of agencies and/or groups. The Committee's key activity is to develop proactive approaches to both identified concerns and potential problems within the community, serving as a constructive forum for information and discussion between the Halton Regional Police Service, the Town of Milton, and local citizens.

Letters of interest, complete with resumes, are to be submitted to the Acting Town Clerk, by no later than May 7th, 1998.

Helen Lisi, Acting Town Clerk  
Town of Milton  
43 Brown Street  
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905-878-7211 (Extension 132)

## Milton Seniors' Activity Centre

500 Childs Drive, Milton

# Luncheon Meeting

Friday, May 1st  
10 am - Noon

Local MPP, Ted Chudleigh & Minister  
for Seniors, Cam Jackson will discuss  
Seniors issues affected by the  
Provincial Government.

The agenda will include a discussion on housing, long term care beds, hospital restructuring and home care. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the discussion. Lunch will follow the presentation.

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