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# Lay-off threat in primary ends, others remain at risk

By **TIM WHITNELL**  
Special to The Champion

Elementary public school teachers in Halton who were facing lay-off can thank a large group of retiring colleagues for indirectly saving their jobs.

The 57 instructors who were issued lay-off notices by the Halton District School Board in early spring have all received letters of recall, most to their current posting, while an unknown number of new teacher hirings is expected, said the co-president of the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA).

"Due to the large number of retirements this year, we could be in a hiring situation. We still have retirement (notices) coming in," said Ron Caldwell.

The HETA co-president said about 80 retirement notices from teachers, principals and vice-principals have been submitted to the board since May 1.

They were prompted in large part, he said, through changes made by the provincial government, which

lowered the retirement factor (age plus years of experience) for teachers to 85 from 90 without imposing a financial penalty.

Mr. Caldwell said the deadline for teachers to declare their retirement intentions was May 31 but that his people were told by Halton board officials they would accept such notices even after that.

Halton board staff services superintendent Paul Anthony said the impending retirement of 18 staffers in elementary administration would add to the number of new teachers needed.

Meanwhile, Mr. Caldwell hopes to maximize the number of new hirings.

"We will be having some but I don't know if it will be 10 or 100."

Mr. Caldwell admitted it will have to be negotiated with the school board and he expects officials there to try to minimize hirings, while he said he will push

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**PROPERTY TAX UPDATE.....**

The 1998 Final Tax due date schedule has not yet been finalized, however, it is known at this time that there will **NOT** be an instalment due during the month of June. Pending receipt of applicable legislation and approval from Council, a tax due date(s) for the 1998 final billing will be established.

Further information will be posted when received.

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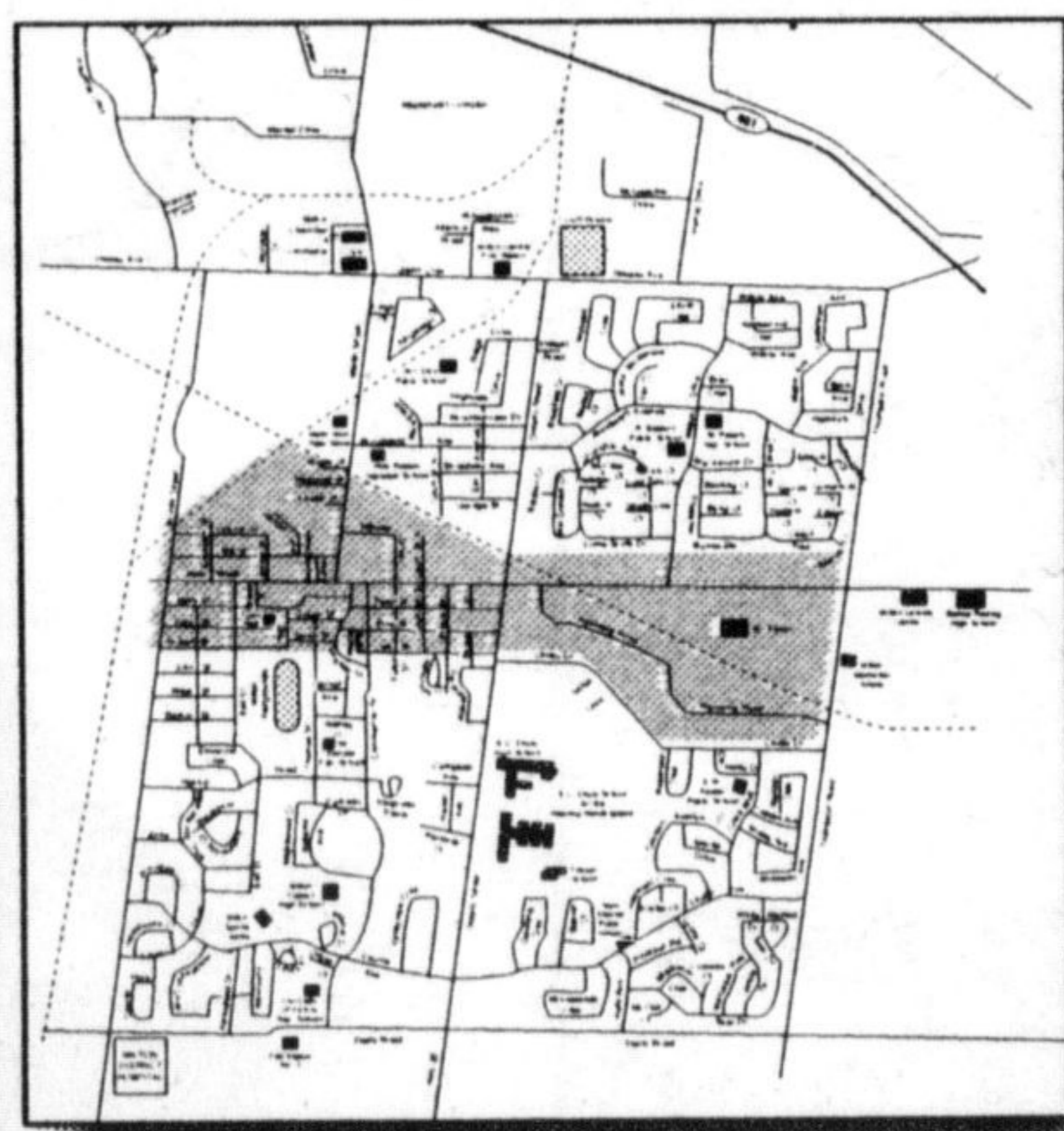
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**We need the community to get involved!**  
The process for the development of the CBD Secondary Plan is designed to reach out and solicit the views of as many individuals and groups as possible. Your participation is essential to the success of the CBD Secondary Plan because the plan must meet the needs of the people who live, work and play in Milton. We have set up three workshops where members of the community can work together with town staff, town council, and the consultants to shape the future of Milton's CBD.

**Join the CBD Secondary Plan team right now!**  
Visit our Internet site at <http://www.town.milton.on.ca/cbd/> or use the form below to register for one, two, or all three workshops. You may also contact Anne Bouck at the Town of Milton Planning Department by phone, fax, or at the e-mail address on the registration form. If you'd like to speak to someone in person please drop by the Planning Department at Milton Town Hall.

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| <p><b>Workshop 1</b><br/>Mapping Community Values<br/>Thursday, June 25, 1998<br/>7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.<br/>Lions Club Hall<br/>(above Memorial Arena)<br/>Objective: Review past work, identify key issues</p> | <p><b>Workshop 2</b><br/>Themes to Concepts<br/>Thursday, June 23, 1998<br/>7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.<br/>Hugh Foster Hall<br/>(next door to Town Hall)<br/>Objective: Generate groups of ideas, themes, and concepts.</p> | <p><b>Workshop 3</b><br/>Development Concepts<br/>Thursday, Sept. 10, 1998<br/>7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.<br/>Hugh Foster Hall<br/>(next door to Town Hall)<br/>Objective: Refine the concepts to create a development plan.</p> |
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**Milton CBD Secondary Plan Workshop Registration Form**  
To register, please fill out the form and return it by mail or fax. You may also register by e-mailing or telephoning Anne Bouck at the phone number below.  
You do not have to register to attend the workshops, but we would appreciate you letting us know in advance. Registering also ensures that you are on the mailing list for the CBD Secondary Plan Newsletter.

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