

# School closure decisions on hold for now: public board

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Special to The Champion

The dreaded school closure lists have been put on ice for at least a few months by the Halton District School Board.

The board has put its school closure policy for elementary schools on hold until June, 2000.

And it has put its secondary school accommodation management committee on hiatus until next September.

Oakville Trustee Debbie Marklew

urged shelving closure and accommodation reviews to stop "the pain and anguish" of communities affected.

"My main concern is that according to the policy, staff would have to bring back a (closure) list of elementary schools by this June," she noted. "We've just completed a look at this policy and I don't think it will turn out any differently."

The board recently voted against a proposal to close three elementary schools — Champlain and Fairfield in

Burlington and Oakwood in Oakville.

The board was considering closing schools at both elementary and secondary levels to obtain provincial funding for new schools.

Ms Marklew has argued since the board isn't willing to close schools, further staff and trustee time shouldn't be wasted on formal accommodation reviews.

Milton Trustee Erica Andrew agreed. "It's just expensive and inefficient and a waste of time and money

at this point."

But Burlington Trustee Michael Ellis said it would be useful to reviewing secondary school accommodation. "I think it's a completely different issue."

Mr. Ellis has argued secondary schools are more flexible in their usage and students needing busing are older than elementary pupils.

Oakville trustee Lynn Roberts made a motion to put the board's secondary accommodation management commit-

tee on hiatus until September.

She said the board needs first to examine the upcoming C.N. Watson consultants' report, plus staff and strategic vision reports.

"Until we have these things done, we haven't given the committee much direction," said Ms Roberts. "We have serious issues to look at."

Superintendent Al Greyson said a preview of the consultant's planning report and projections has just arrived and is being examined by staff.

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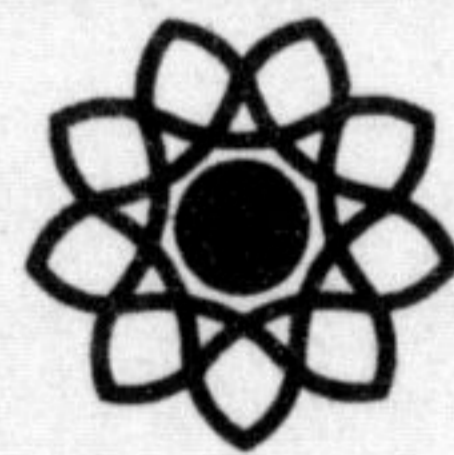
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